

19th September 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Hills Ford Stages; we thank you for supporting this year's event with your entry.

2026 sees a monumental change to the event, with a new home in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Firstly, we must say thank you to our title sponsor's, Hills Ford, for their continued support of this event. Their invaluable assistance has helped to make this event possible. We must also thank the numerous stage sponsors and sponsors of the ceremonial start and service area, that have supported us this year.

It goes without saying that this event has not been possible to bring together without the help of a small army of nearly 500 volunteer Marshals and Officials, we must thank them for all of their help.

We must remind you that some of the roads used for this event are very narrow, with little or no room to pass, please be mindful of baulking other competitors. If you are caught, ensure you allow the competitor that has caught you to pass at the earliest opportunity.

This event relies upon a huge level of PR work with residents prior to the event. The road sections allow competitors ample time to traverse between stages. Please drive carefully on the road sections, named Judges of Fact are in place to judge on driving standards and we are expecting a presence from West Mercia Police, who will be monitoring the road sections. I would like to make you aware that West Mercia Police closely enforce the speed limit on sections of the A5 and M54.

Please make yourselves aware with all Bulletins, particularly Bulletin 1 concerning a self-refuel area being introduced within Leg 2, following competitor feedback.

Please ensure that all helmets are removed when traversing road sections on the public highway. That being said, Scrutineers will be checking that helmets, belts and FHR devices are fitted correctly at stage starts.

Please ensure you have familiarised yourself with the Final Instructions, in particular the details concerning Virtual Chicanes, of which 3 are in use.

On behalf of the organising team, we'd like to wish you both a safe and enjoyable weekend of motorsport.

Dan Lister

Clerk of the course