

FORWARD

On behalf of Northallerton Automobile Club and Darlington and District Motor Club we would like to welcome you to the inaugural Swift Signs and Shirts Winter Stages Rally at Croft Circuit.

Firstly, I would like to thank Croft Circuit for giving us an opportunity to bring single venue rallying back to the North East of England and to Kevin Procter of Swift Signs and Shirts for his continued support.

This new event will run on Sunday 27th of November 2022. Northallerton AC and Darlington DMC will hopefully bring the best of Christmas Stages and Jack Frost stages to this event.

This joint venture to preserve single venue rallying in the North East has been worth fighting for, however, to make this event viable we need the backing of you the competitor. Unfortunately, the cost of hiring the circuit, together with other connected costs, have risen significantly since the last events at Croft circuit. Therefore, the entry fee will rise in line with increased running cost for the event. **We cannot stress enough that this event needs a full entry to be viable**, we have set the break even point at a full entry, something we have never done before. If we had set it lower then the entry fee would have been significantly more. We need your entry early, please make sure your payment accompanies your entry.

The viability of the event also depends on a good turnout of spectators, for the first time we will get a percentage of the gate money (we have built this in to our costs). So encourage everyone to come and watch and encourage everyone to pay their way in making this event a success and guarantee its future.

Both clubs are not in a position to make a large loss on this event.

So please join us and let's make it the best day possible.

The Organisers

SWIFT

Signs and Shirts

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- **Print**

- **Promotional Products**

- **Vinyl Labels**

- **Exhibitions**

- **Banners**

- **Vehicle Graphics**



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PLEASE DO NOT PHONE OFFICIALS AFTER 9.00 PM

Official Photographer – Tony Todd - special photo requests please contact Tony prior to event.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

Northallerton A.C. Ltd and Darlington & District Motor Club Ltd will organise a Interclub Special Stage Rally on Sunday 27th November 2022 known as the “Swift Signs & Shirts Winter Stages Rally” The event will be held at Croft Racing Circuit near Darlington.

2. JURISDICTION

The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A., these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.

3. AUTHORISATION

Motorsport UK Permit Number – TBC

4. CLUBS

The event is open to:

- (a) Members of the promoting clubs.
- (b) Members of any Motorsport UK Recognised Motor Club that is a member of either the A.N.E.C.C.C and A.N.C.C Clubs.

5. DOCUMENTATION & LICENCES

All competitors must produce a valid 2022 Competition Licence (H22 & R5.2.1) and Club Membership Cards (R5.2.2) together with Championship Registration cards if applicable.

Competitors are reminded of the Motorsport UK requirements for Entrants Licences as laid down on the licence declaration form and in the 2022 Motorsport UK year book. Documentation will be provided by electronic means where possible & practical. Signing on, upload of documents, Club cards, Licences and self-declaration will be part of the online entry system.

6. TIMETABLE

12 th September 2022	Entries Open 7pm
31 st October 2022	Entries Close for seeding 7pm
20 th November or shortly after	Finals available for download Seeded Entry List Advertised
18 th November 2022	Final Closing Date
26 th November 2022	(1pm –5:00pm) Noise / Scrutineering
27 th November 2022	09:01 Hours car '1' Starts
27 th November 2022	Awards Presentation approx 30 minutes after final stage completion
27 th November 2022	Final results will be available for download on results website www.rallies.info

7. ROUTE

The event will comprise of approx 40 miles which will take the form of 8 special stages on sealed surface roads and tracks. 100% Tarmac. The event will start and finish at croft circuit. Cars will start at 30 second intervals. There will be no mileage on the public road.

8. CLASSES

The event will consist of 6 Capacity Classes.

- Class 1 : All cars up to and including 1400cc
- Class 2 : All cars over 1400, up to and including 1600cc
- Class 3 : All cars over 1600, up to and including 2000cc
- Class 4 : 2 wheel drive cars over 2000cc
- Class 5 : 4 wheel drive cars not complying with class 6
- Class 6 : Homologated or Non homologated current or former World Rally Cars or one derived from one, plus current or former S2000 cars and all FIA R5 cars

Engines using forced induction will be subject to a nominal increase in capacity of 70% to determine their class eligibility in accordance with Motorsport UK regulations. Competitors may only enter one class and if found to be entered in the incorrect class may be excluded.

The minimum entry for each class is 3. Should the minimum figures not be reached, the Organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes and awards.

9. SCRUTINEERING

All cars must comply with Motorsport UK Technical regulations. The event will be staged entirely on private property, mileage on the public highway is not included, regulation R46.1.1 is waived in respect of current tax. But vehicles must be presented to scrutineering with the vehicles registration document along with a valid MOT certificate (where appropriate).

At Scrutineering, each car will be inspected to ensure it complies with the 2022 Motorsport UK Tyre, Technical and Safety Regulations as well as for class eligibility.

A validated Motorsport UK Special Stage Vehicle Log Book must be presented at Scrutineering and on demand throughout the event for each car. Failure to produce this form will lead to a Refused Start or Exclusion. In addition competitors must have their competition numbers affixed to both sides of the car prior to scrutineering.

As a requirement of the circuit each car must carry a spare wheel and this must fit front and back wheels of the car. Checks may be carried out at stage starts to ensure compliance.

Auxiliary Lighting may be required as the last stage will run into darkness. If using Auxiliary Lighting it must be fitted for scrutineering for inspection.

10. NOISE TEST

All cars are required to pass a pre-event Sound Test and comply with R4.1 and J5.18 (100 dB(A) at 0.5 metres), and subsequent Sound Test(s) may be carried out during the course of the rally.

The noise test will be carried out **Before** Scrutineering.

Aggressive back firing will be monitored closely throughout the event and a penalty of exclusion will occur if this persists.

11. AWARDS

1st Overall

2nd Overall

3rd Overall

1st in each class

2nd in each class

3rd in each class

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards. Additional awards may be presented and these will be detailed in the Final Instructions.

Competitors may forfeit awards if they fail to attend the awards presentation personally or make arrangements for a representative to collect them

12. ENTRIES

Entries open on 12th September 7pm and close for seeding on the 31st October 2022 at 7pm. Final closing date is the 18th November if places remain, late entries will be accepted up until the closing date. The entry fee is £395. All entries must be made on the official online entry form on rallies.info. Entry forms must be fully completed and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. All entries will be acknowledged and from the point of submission of an entry, full payment must be received with 48 hours. If full payment is not made in this time, the entry will be rejected and will have to be resubmitted. On receipt of full payment, the entry will be formally accepted. Payment can be made only by BACS. Only fully paid entries will be shown on unseeded list.

The maximum entry for the meeting is 90 and the minimum is 90. The minimum for each class is 5, should any of the above figures not be reached the organisers have the right to either cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. The organisers reserve the right to accept or refuse entries at their discretion.

Entries will be selected as follows:- First 80 on receipt, 10 at the organiser's discretion after the closing date. All received entries will be acknowledged by email.

Cancellation of entries must be made in writing to the entries secretary. Entries cancelled in writing before the 31st October 23:59hrs will be entitled to a full refund less £25. Entries cancelled after the closing date may be refunded at the organisers discretion. There will be a £25.00 administration fee for cancelled entries.

The starting order will be determined using information of the drivers past performances you provide on the entry form. If no seeding information is supplied you will run at the back of the field.

Entries Secretary

Nicky Jackson
Telephone No. 07870 222763 (Before 9pm)

Lesley Starkey
Telephone No. 07950 248105 (Before 9pm)

13. DOCUMENTATION

Entrants will be supplied with Stage diagrams and time cards. These documents will provide all the necessary information. Final instructions will be available to download on or shortly after 20th November and Final Event Results after the event

14. SERVICING

Servicing is defined as work being carried out on the car by any person other than the competing crew, or the use of any parts or tools not carried in the competing car. There will be a service area where work may be carried out by the service crew of the competing car. Servicing will only be permitted in areas specifically set aside by the organisers for the purpose of servicing and all servicing must be carried out using a groundsheet. Competitors and their support crews are reminded of the Motorsport UK Health and Safety Guidelines regarding vehicle servicing and the existence of statutory regulations covering the conveyance of petrol and other flammable substances.

The service area is very restricted and so only one service/support vehicle per entry is permitted. One Service barge plate will be issued to each entry. Trailers will not be allowed in the Service Area, and there will be a separate area for parking trailers. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their service crew understand and comply with the Motorsport UK Health and Safety Guidelines the rules at all times as failure to comply will result in a penalty.

The service area is subject to a maximum speed limit of 10mph, The warming of brakes and tyres by bursts of acceleration within the confines of the service area is not allowed. Penalty for failing to comply will be exclusion.

15. IDENTIFICATION

The event sponsors decals must be displayed on both sides of the car above the competition number. Each car will display competition numbers in accordance with J4 (i.e. traditional numbers). You are reminded that all cars are to display numbers on 'white backgrounds' and any car not doing so will be reported to the Clerk of Course. All identification must be kept in a legible condition throughout the event. **Competition numbers will be supplied**, these will be supplied at Noise Test.

16. CONTROLS AND TIMING

This will be as described in R30.1 to R32.2 with the following modifications.

R30.3.3 will apply at the final time control only. R31.2.5 Total Maximum Permitted Lateness (penalty free) will be 15 minutes between main time controls.

Stages will be timed to an accuracy of less than one minute in accordance with R26.5

Due times for MTC1 will be posted on the event notice board on the morning of the event.

All Special Stages will have a Bogey Time and a Target Time. Competitors will receive penalties as follows:

Under Bogey Time - Bogey Time

Over Bogey, under Target - Actual time taken

Over Target Time - Target Time

Special Stage Start Controls (SS) (R25.7 to R25.7.1)

The starting signal for each special stage will be signalled by traffic lights which will go from RED (15 seconds to go) through AMBER (5,4,3,2,1 seconds to go) finally to GREEN at the start time

17. PENALTIES

Competitors will start with Zero marks. Classification for the order of merit will be by reference to total marks lost, the winner being the competitor with the least total penalty.

Penalties will be as R32.1 to R32.2 except:

The following offences will carry a penalty of '**Exclusion**' from Results:

- 1) Not reporting or not providing proof of visiting a control or check
- 2) Servicing contrary to SR.16
- 3) Causing an obstruction on an access road to, or from, or on a special stage.
- 4) Accumulated lateness (in excess of Target Time) between any two adjacent Main Controls of more than 15 minutes. (R31.2.6)
- 5) Not carrying a spare wheel which fits front and rear wheels
- 6) Not stopping to change a puncture
- 7) If you miss a split and reverse or go in the wrong direction
- 8) Persistent Aggressive back firing

SHORT CUTTING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EVENT IS DEFINED AS:

The deliberate or careless positioning of a competing vehicle such that one or more of the vehicles wheels come into contact with the cultivated grass at the side of the stage route or driving a vehicle off the stage route or access route. This will include the driving of a vehicle through any barrier erected by the organisers to define the stage route e.g. Through straw-bales, road cones, barrels, tyres etc. Penalties will be applied whether the course taken by the competitor works to their advantage or not. Penalty for above will be 30 seconds per incident.

18. REFUELLING

The carriage of fuel on any service vehicle must comply with general health and safety regulations.

19. PACE/ROUTE NOTES

Pre-event practising or testing over special stages on this event is forbidden. The penalty is EXCLUSION..

20. G. R. MODIFICATION

(R31.2.5) Reduced to 15 minutes. Controls will close 15 minutes after due time of arrival of last car.

21. DAMAGE DECLARATION

Competitors must comply with R40.1.3 – you are advised to hand in your declaration at the end of the event or during the event if you retire. Competitors who fail to hand in the damage declaration are required to forward the report to the secretary within 72 hours of the event, unless they have been involved with an accident in which case details must be given to the organisers the same day. Competitors who fail to comply will be penalised by a fine of £100.00

22. JUDGES OF FACTS AND DRIVING STANDARDS OBSERVERS.

Named officials are Judges of Fact. The organisers may appoint further Judges of Fact, whose names will be listed on the official notice board prior to the start of the event. Judges of Fact and Driving Standards Observers will adjudicate on any items detailed in these SR's and R24.7 along with the correct usage of Chicanes and Splits. Stage Start Marshals are empowered to judge if a competitor has made a false start.

All timekeepers are Judges of Fact with regard to activity within their Time Control.

23. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON STAGE

Competitors are required to carry an SOS Board and an OK Board. In the event of an accident requiring medical assistance competitors should display the **SOS** Boards to following cars. The following cars should determine the exact location of the incident by reference to their Road Book and the distance to the next junction and inform the Stage Finish Control immediately on arrival there. If medical assistance is not required competitors must display the **OK** Board. Penalty for misuse of the facility is exclusion and reporting to the MSA.

24. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Croft circuit
Swift Signs & Shirts
All Marshal's, Radio Marshals and Officials
All Paramedics, Rescue and Recovery Units
Tony Todd Photography

25. TYRES

All tyres must comply with current Motorsport UK Regulations.

All punctures must be replaced on stage immediately which means a spare wheel must be carried at all times -penalty will apply (This is a condition made from Croft Circuit to prevent damage to the tarmac)

There will be tyre services attending the event on the day of the rally. Although they will have a selection of tyres available this will be limited, so if you require tyres please preorder

Slick Tyres Tel: 0114 2470485
Tyres (South Shore) Tel: 01253 761362

26. INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of competitors to understand the interpretation of all regulations and written instructions, and marshal's will be instructed not to enter into disputes involving such interpretations. Organisers times and mileage's will be deemed to be correct and not the subject of protests.

27. RETIREMENT ON STAGE

Competitors are reminded that in the event of retirement from the competition on a special stage they must not leave the prescribed route of a special stage without the specific permission of the stage commander.

28. CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The child's welfare is paramount, all children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and / or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. Anyone under the age of 18 years, as defined in the Children Act 1989, will be considered as a child for this document.

Any concerns about child protection whilst at this event should be communicated to the Child Protection Officer who details are listed in the officials list.

29. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR CROFT CIRCUIT

CORNER CUTTING – Due to problems in previous events and to preserve grassed areas of the circuit, corner-cutting will not be tolerated. A strict policy concerning corner cutting will be adhered to, any offenders will be reported to the Clerk of the Course.

PUNCTURES – Any competitor unfortunate to sustain a puncture on any stage must stop and change it immediately where safe to do so. Anyone found running a punctured tyre / bare rim anywhere on the circuit will be excluded.

VENUE - Gates into the circuit will be open from 1:00pm on Saturday 26th November competitors may leave vehicles at their own risk or stay at the circuit overnight however the gates will be locked once the organisers leave at 6:00pm.

Gates into the circuit will be open from 6:00am on Sunday 27th November.

Threatening behaviour towards circuit staff or officials will not be tolerated and may result in exclusion and will be reported to Motorsport UK

30. MEDIA

Media accreditation and passes for the event will be handled and processed by Croft Circuit. All media applications must be made to croft circuit.

31. RED FLAG PROCEEDURE

The event will be using a system of red flags on all stages. If for extreme circumstances it is necessary to authorise the movement of a rescue or non competing vehicle ahead of competing vehicles a red flag will be shown at various radio locations. (R 24.4.5)

On passing a red flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals tabard, the driver MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed as well as being prepared to stop at any time; at no time must they overtake any safety vehicle they encounter on the special stage route. The driver must then follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel and maintain this reduced speed until leaving the special stage. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. (R25.6.4)

32. RESULTS & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the last car has completed the last stage. The awards presentation will take place at Croft Circuit once the results are final. Any protest must be lodged in accordance with (C5) Protests.

33. DATA PROTECTION

Pro By entering the event the driver and co-driver agree to allow the organising club to use the data provided on the entry form for the purposes of event data requirements and the future marketing of the event to driver and co-driver.

34. BEHAVIOUR

Abuse either verbally or electronically to any officials and anyone associated with the event will not be tolerated and will be reported to Motorsport UK and may result in exclusion from the rally