PHIL COLLINGS MEMORIAL SOUTH DOWNS STAGES

Saturday 5th December 2026

Goodwood Motor Circuit



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FOREWORD

A warm welcome to all our competitors joining us at Goodwood Motor Circuit for the 22nd running of the Phil Collings Memorial South Downs Stages.

We are grateful for the continued support of our sponsors and Goodwood Motor Circuit who are excellent hosts and always welcome us with open arms. We couldn't ask for a more supportive team at a venue that throws up some unique challenges.

The event will retain its familiar format of circa 40 miles of competitive rallying. This year we will be running 8 stages and with sunset at 4pm this means there will be guaranteed rallying in the dark!

Goodwood's natural bends are a challenge in themselves with some chicanes on the straights to spice things up. We will also be using a small amount of off-circuit roads similar to previous years.

If you are one of our regular 'family' of competitors we look forward to seeing you again, if this is your first time we are equally happy to welcome you to an event which has a reputation of being one of the friendliest and most accessible. For a taste of what to expect you can find plenty of in-car footage from previous events on YouTube.

We hold the event at a time when the population is facing incredible pressure on the cost of living so we are delighted to be able to remind everyone that spectator access to the venue is free of charge so we warmly encourage people to take advantage of the rare opportunity to come and enjoy an event without having to dig into your pockets.

All information about the event is available on the website www.southdownsstages.co.uk and we are active on Facebook, X, and also Instagram @southdowns_stages so please do interact with us and share your experiences. This year sees us take a step forward by using Sportity for all Competitor communications and notifications, so download the app, our event code is PCMSDS26.

Once again we wish everyone involved with the event an enjoyable day and hope you will be back for more.

The organising team

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1. Announcement

Southsea Motor Club Ltd will organise an Interclub Permit sealed surface Single Venue Stage Rally at Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit on Saturday 5th December, 2026.

2. Jurisdiction

The event is organised under the 2026 National Competition Regulations (NCR's) Edition 5 of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations (SR's), along with any other written instructions that the Organising Club may issue for the event.

3. Sponsor

We are kindly supported by Retro, Race & Rally and Marsh Plant again this year.

4. Authorisation

Motorsport UK Permit Number **209149** has been issued for the event.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The event is open to all fully elected members of the promoting clubs and all clubs affiliated to:

Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs
Association of South Western Motor Clubs
Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs
Association of Eastern Motor Clubs

5.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirement to have valid Competition Licences, Club Membership Cards and Entrants Licences (if applicable). Copies of these will be required to be uploaded as part of the on-line signing on process but should also be available on the day for spot checks.

5.3 The specifics of the scrutineering process will be detailed in the Final Instructions.

5.4 Vehicles will **NOT** be required to be taxed or insured for the public highway.

6. Championships

The event is a round of the:

Hamiton Classic ACSMC Stage Rally Championship
New Hope Rentals AEMC/ASEMC Stage Rally Championship

7. Timetable & Locations

7.1

Friday 9th October 2026	Regulations published
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Entries open @ 09:00
Saturday 31st October 2026	Online signing on opens
Thursday 26th November 2026	Entries close @ 23:59
Monday 30th November 2026	Entry list & Final Instructions published
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Online signing on closes @ 23:59
Saturday 5th December 2026	
06:30	Gates Open
07:00 to 09:00	Noise Test & Scrutineering
08:30	Competitor Briefing - Jackie Stewart Pavilion
08:57	First car due at MTC 1
18:40	Approx time of last car at last MTC

There will be **NO** physical Official Notice Board it will be online via the Sportity app. All official rally communications will be through Sportity and the event code is **PCMSDS26**.

When any information is posted to Sportity by the organisers, all competitors will be deemed to have read it. You are therefore required to enable notifications.



Documents may also be viewable at https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/PCMSDS26

8. Classes

8.1 Cars will be split into the following classes:

Event Class	NCR Class(es)	Summary Description (See Motorsport UK Chapter 13 Appendix 24 Chart 50 for details)
1	1, 2, 4	Homologated (& formerly homologated) FIA R5, Rally2 and S2000 cars, all World Rally Cars and any derivatives of these cars. RHD conversions are permitted. All other 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc. (Not including derivatives of R5/Rally2 cars). Homologated FIA Rally 3 cars and Group N4 that still comply with their homologation.
3	3	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc, plus all FIA RGT cars.
5	5, 6, 7, 10	Homologated FIA Rally 4 and R2 cars with forced induction that still comply with their homologation Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc, forced induction engines up to 1500cc, and all homologated FIA Rally4 and R2 cars with forced induction engines. Homologated FIA Rally 5 and Rally 5-Kit cars Rally Start: Cars over 1600cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App.15 Art.1
8	8, 11	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc, including R2, or forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc Rally Start: Cars over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App.15 Art.1
9	9, 12, 13	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc. Rally Start: Cars over 1000cc up to and including 1400cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App.15 Art.1 Rally Start: Cars up to and including 1000cc that meet the current technical specification of Formula 1000 (as published on ASN website)

8.2 **THE USE OF ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS ON TURBO CARS IS NOT ALLOWED. IF FITTED THE SYSTEM MUST BE SWITCHED OFF. Per SR16.2(x), the penalty for use of anti-lag systems is Disqualification.**

8.3 The event is open to all cars complying with NCR Ch.13 App.16 and App.17. All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Regulations. The organisers reserve the right to re-classify any vehicle where they deem it fair to do so.

8.4 This event will **NOT** cater for hybrid or fully electric vehicles.

9. Route & Format

9.1 The event will take place entirely within the grounds of Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit. The route will comprise 8 stages and approximately 40 miles total.

9.2 The correct route will be defined by Stage Diagrams. Competitors will be given access to a digital copy of the Road Book with Final instructions through Sportity. Competitors are required to print their own stage diagrams.

9.3 At chicanes or other hazards chevron type marker boards will be used to define the correct entry point as per NCR Ch.13 App.23 Drawing 4.

10. Vehicle Identification

Each car must be identified by 23cm high black numbers (NCR Ch.7 App.10 Art.1.1). These numbers should be fixed on a white background measuring not less than 48cm x 33cm on each of the side doors. **Competitors are required to supply their own door numbers.**

Door numbers must be in place before the car is presented for noise test.

High visibility numbers for each of the rear side windows (NCR Ch.13 App.9 Art.5.4) will be supplied by the organisers at scrutineering.

Numbers are **NOT** required for the rear window (NCR Ch.13 App.9 Art.5.8).

11. Controls & Timing

11.1 This is a Target Timed event. Apart from MTC1, subsequent Stage Arrival times will be issued at the Passage Control following the finish of each stage.

11.2 Real time display clocks will be present at all controls.

11.3 Competitors should enter arrival controls during the minute preceding their due time. For example, if your due time is 09:15 then you should enter the control between 09:14:00 and 09:14:59.

11.4 Stages may start at one minute or 30 second intervals. Due to the Goodwood noise restrictions, it may be necessary to delay the start of vehicles due to the way the circuit and local council measure noise build up within a given period.

11.5 Competitors will be timed to an accuracy of 1 second.

11.6 Stages will be timed by digital clocks operated by marshals under the control of the Chief Timekeeper. Should the clocks fail the organisers reserve the right to use any other available means for timing.

11.7 A Stage Bogey Time will be set on all stages at 75mph and a Stage Maximum Time at approximately 30mph.

11.7.1 The stage start will be controlled by automatic lights driven by a single clock and will operate as follows:

15 secs before start – Red Light
10 secs before start – Red & Amber Light
5 secs before start – Red light extinguished and the amber clusters count down.
Start time – Green light

11.7.2 False starts will be detected using a timing beam placed approximately 30cm in front of the start line as per NCR Ch.13 App.10 Art.7.39. Competitors should position their car as directed by the start line marshals and should be aware that false starts will be recorded and reported to the Clerk of Course.

11.7.3 Each crew will be given their time at the stage finish (SSF) control in hours, minutes and seconds. Any crew who fails to stop at the stage finish control must not, under pain of Disqualification, reverse to the stop line but must return on foot.

11.8 To be classified as a finisher, competing crews must report to the final control within the maximum lateness specified, with the car in which they started the event, without incurring the penalty of Disqualification.

12. Awards

12.1 Awards will be presented as follows:

1st Overall	Two awards
2nd Overall	Two awards
1st in Class	Two awards
2nd in Class	Two awards
3rd in Class	Two awards (subject to min of 10 entries)
Highest classified Southsea Motor Club crew	Two awards
Best performance by a Novice* crew	Two awards
Spirit of the Rally Award**	One award

*A Novice is defined as any crew in which both members have not taken part in more than three Stage Rallies before they start this event, in the role in which they are entering. The organisers may check past results to confirm eligibility.

**This award will be presented to the crew or individual the organisers feel best demonstrates the ethos and competitive spirit of club rallying.

Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the organising club. Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the finish of the rally. To be eligible for the first placed Southsea MC awards you need to be a member of that club on publication of these SRs.

13. Entries

13.1 Entries for the rally open at 09:00 on Wednesday 14th October 2026 and close at 23:59 on Thursday 26th November 2026.

13.2 The organisers reserve the right to accept entries after this date should the maximum number not be reached.

13.3 The entry fee is £380.

13.4 Entries should be completed using the on-line entry system through Sportity or www.southdownsstages.co.uk and accompanied by the correct fee.

13.5 Entry fees must be paid by online bank transfer/BACS. Bank details with reference details will be given on entry submission. We are unable to accept payments by cheque.

13.6 The maximum entry for the rally is 60 cars. The minimum is 40 cars. Should the minimum number not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event.

13.7 The organisers reserve the right to allocate 3 entries at their discretion, the remaining entries will be accepted as per SR13.8 below.

13.8 Entries will be confirmed in order of receipt so long as a payment accompanies the entry. In order to allow for the differing speeds each bank completes an instant payment, we will wait until the evening of Thursday 15th October to confirm entries.

13.9 An entry will not be confirmed unless at least one member of the competing crew's full contact details are completed and an intended car and class selected at the point of entry. Items such as seeding details and media content are not required at the point of entry but may be updated at any time but will be required before entries close on 26th November.

13.10 Entries cancelled by email, up to and including the closing date will be refunded in full. Entries cancelled after that date will receive a full refund if the place can be taken by a fully paid-up reserve. Cancelled entries after the closing date that cannot be replaced by a reserve will be considered for partial refund at the organiser's discretion.

13.11 Entry fees may not be refunded to any entry who fails to start or meet the noise or scrutineering requirements.

13.12 Competitors will start in the entry list order based upon the seeding information received. If, during the event it becomes apparent that a competitor's performance is substantially greater or less than that which he is seeded, the Clerk of the Course or Deputy Clerk of the Course may re-seed that competitor on safety grounds.

13.13 Final instructions will be available on Sportity in the week before the event.

14. Officials

The officials of the meeting will be:

Event Manager & Secretary	Roger Davidson 07802 213937 secretary@southdownsstages.co.uk
Entries Secretary	Andy Hollingham 07805 222079 entries@southdownsstages.co.uk
Clerk of the Course	Steve Castle 07976 388849 s.castle@virgin.net
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Michael Weeks
Stage Commander	John Taylor
Chief Marshal	Iain Morris 07747 182698 chiefmarshal@southdownsstages.co.uk
Event Safety & Spectator Safety Officer	Matt Fowle
MS UK Steward	TBC
Event Stewards	Mike Hall, Mick Briggs
Radio Controller	Bob Clark
Chief Medical Officer	TBC
Chief Timekeeper	Gary Nicholls
Chief Scrutineer	Vic Palmer 023 9266 4637 palmlixer@aol.com
Scrutineers	Vic Palmer & Mark Palmer + assistants TBC
Results Team	John Stringer, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Collings
Service Area Co-Ordinator & Competitor Liaison	Ian Collings, Andy Hollingham
Child Safeguarding Officer	Keith Shepherd
Chief Equipment Officer	Paul Alderton
Rescue	Goodwood Rescue
Recovery	Westbourne Motors

Please do not phone officials later than 21:00

15. Venue & Service

15.1 Servicing is defined as work being carried out on the competing car by any person other than the competing crew, or the use of any parts or tools not carried in the competing car.

15.2 Servicing is only permitted in the service area. ANY ACTIVITY DEEMED BY THE ORGANISERS AS SERVICING IN ANY OTHER AREA WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. Service crews will not be permitted to go to the assistance of competing cars which break down on a Special Stage. The organisers will try to recover stranded vehicles between stages, but this cannot be guaranteed.

15.3 All servicing must be carried out on a non-porous ground sheet which exceeds the size of the car.

15.4 Due to the fixed layout of the paddock area at Goodwood there will only be room for the competing car and one service vehicle in the service area. Trailers and other associated vehicles must be parked in the designated areas. Information to this effect will be provided in the Final Instructions.

To assist with our planning, the organisers request that any competitors bringing a large service vehicle (such as 7.5T lorries, camper vans, etc) notify us in advance.

As a condition of the use of the circuit, refuelling may only be carried out in the designated areas. All competitors and their service crews are reminded of the requirements under the Health & Safety At Work Act regarding the refuelling of vehicles. **Re-fuelling should be undertaken using some form of pump, rather than pouring from handheld containers**. Penalties will be applied as detailed in Ch.13 App.8 Part 1.3(t).

15.5 All entrants/competitors must ensure that all persons connected with their entry have read and fully understood the following statement: *'Every person participating in this event, whether employed or voluntary, shall take reasonable care for health and safety of themselves or other people who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions during the operation of the event'.*

15.6 It is a condition of the circuit that no fires, barbecues or naked flames are permitted in the service area. Anybody found contravening this regulation not associated with a competing crew will be asked to leave the venue, and if found to be associated with a competing crew, penalties will be applied to the competing crew as per SR16.2(w).

15.7 Contravention of any of the above may result in a 3 minute penalty or Disqualification as per SR16.2(w).

16. Marking & Penalties

16.1 Timing and marking will be as per NCR Ch.13 App.13.

16.2 Penalties will apply as per NCR Ch.13 App.8 Art.1 (Target Timing) except for the following which are modified or added:

(m) Excessive vehicle sound (SR17.2)	Disqualification
(o) Breach of NCR Ch.13 App.18 Art.1.3 &1.7	Disqualification
(v) Hitting or driving through chicane/course markers	15 seconds
(w) Contravention of SR 15.3 - 15.6	3 mins (1st offence)
	Disqualification (subsequent offences)
(x) Contravention of SR17.2	Disqualification
(y) Contravention of SR19.1	Disqualification
(z) Contravention of SR 24.5	Disqualification

16.3 NCR Ch.13 App.8 Art.1(c) is deemed to include deliberately hitting a chicane in order to gain an advantage and taking wrong routes at split junctions.

16.4 Competitors who miss a control will now receive a 30 minute penalty as per NCR Ch.13 App.8 Art.1(a).

17. Modifications to NCR

17.1 NCR Ch.6 App.1 Art.9 Competitors may be required to carry advertising material supplied by the organisers on behalf of their sponsors.

17.2 NCR Ch.7 App.8. Art.2.7 Competing cars may be subject to additional noise tests at any time during the event.

ALL CARS MUST BE ABLE TO PASS <u>BOTH</u> THE STANDARD MOTORSPORT UK NOISE TEST (100dB at 4500 RPM) <u>AND</u> THE GOODWOOD NOISE TEST OF 105DB AT 3/4 MAX REVS.

Any vehicle failing to meet the required level will be given up to 30mins to effect permanent repairs (e.g. wire wool is not acceptable). If after that time the vehicle still fails the noise test it will be excluded from the event.

Cars will also be subject to a drive-by test with a maximum level of 101db.

Any vehicle producing spurious noises (e.g. backfires or popping of any kind) may be subject to immediate withdrawal until eliminated.

THE USE OF NOISE GENERATING ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS IS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED. USE OF SUCH DEVICES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

As per NCR Ch.13 App 2 Art 4.43, Judges and/or DSOs will be appointed to report on sound levels. Excessive sound will include instantaneous occurrence of noise such as that produced by backfiring caused by anti-lag systems. The penalty for excessive sound may go as far as Disqualification.

If any competitor has any concerns about the noise of their vehicle, or the testing methods in use, they should contact the Event Manager prior to entering to discuss the matter.

17.3 NCR Ch.13 App.13 Art.3.2 Controls will open at the due time of Car 0.

17.4 NCR Ch.13 App.13 Art.9.1(e) Maximum lateness will be 5 minutes which is penalty free.

17.5 NCR 13.12.4.1c No advanced warning arrows will be used before the run-off areas, as this can cause more confusion than needed

18. Judges of Fact

18.1 Judges of Fact will be appointed as per NCR Ch.5 Art 21 to adjudicate and report on breaches per Ch.13 App.2 Art.4.40 and Ch.13 App.10 Art 7.27.

18.2 Per Ch.13 App.2 Art.4.42 - Checks operated by Judges of Fact or DSOs need not be manned for the whole period during which Competitors may report and so may operate on a random basis.

18.3 Named Judges of Fact will be displayed on the official notice board on the Sportity App.

18.4 The start line marshals will be Judges of Fact with respect to false starts. The marshals at the split and merge junctions will be Judges of Fact with respect to splits and merges.

19. Safety

19.1 <u>Split junctions</u>

Since each stage may consist of more than one lap, there will be several cars circulating at one time. There will be a split junction and a merge on some stages.

There will not be any countdown markers as the distance is so short, less than 50m, between the Split or Merge Ahead warning sign and the Split or Merge Now sign. Countdown markers would make it cluttered and potentially confusing. Competitors should ensure that they know which route to take on each lap. A Marshal will be placed on each of these junctions; any crew who overshoots and reverses will be DISQUALIFIED, and licences may be endorsed.

Additionally, crews who overshoot the split must not cut through the cones to take the other route; any crew who cut through the cones will be DISQUALIFIED.

19.2 Red Flags

On any special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to authorise the movement of non-competing or rescue vehicle before the stage is cleared of competing cars, a system of Red Flags will be used. In accordance with NCR Ch.13 App.10 Art.7.31 on passing a Red Flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals' tabard, the driver MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed. The driver will then maintain this reduced speed, whilst being prepared to stop, until the end of the special stage and follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the stewards.

20. Cameras

20.1 In-car cameras for personal / non-commercial use are permitted. Any cameras must be fitted in their intended position, in a secure mounting, before the car is presented for scrutineering, and the mounting must be approved by the scrutineer.

20.2 Any footage taken must be made available to the organisers if requested, for either promotional or judicial purposes.

21. Results, Ties and Protests

21.1 Live results will be available throughout the day through Sportity and displayed on the event website www.southdownsstages.co.uk.

21.2 Ties will be resolved in accordance with Ch.13 App.13 Art.14.3.

21.3 Protests must be in accordance with NCR Ch.2 App.9 and Appeals in accordance with NCR Ch.2 App.4.

22. Tyres

21.1 Competitors will be required to comply with the NCR Ch.13 App.16 Art.7. The maximum number of tyres allowed for the event is 12.

Where there is significantly heavy rainfall the Clerk of the Course may issue a Bulletin Declaring a 'wet' event, the use of wet tyres will be permitted outside of the specified allowance on the grounds of safety.

At the conclusion of the event Competitors must complete an online Tyre Declaration through Sportity confirming the number and type of tyres they have used on the event.

The Tyre Declaration form is the lower half of the Damage Declaration form.

23. Damage Declaration

Competitors at the conclusion of the event shall sign an online Damage Declaration through Sportity that they have not been involved in any accident that may have caused damage to persons or property, or alternatively give details of such incidents. Failure to comply will be penalised under NCR Ch.13 App.8 Art.1(q) and may be reported to Motorsport UK for further action.

Competitors who retire will be required to submit this form online to the Event Secretary within 72 hours of the event. Failure to return this form may be penalised by a fine of up to £100.

Competitors causing damage to any third party property will be liable for any excess the organisers have to pay to the Motorsport UK insurers.

24. Additional Information

24.1 Stage maps, seeded entry list, and time schedule will be available via the Sportity App in the week before the event.

24.2 Competitors may wish to fit auxiliary lighting as stages may be run in the dark. **These must be fitted for scrutineering.**

24.3 Any misbehaviour deemed as bringing motor sport into disrepute may result in the removal of team members from the venue.

24.4 No dogs are permitted in the service area or anywhere on the inside areas of the track. Goodwood welcomes dogs on the spectator banking on the outside of the track.

25. Services

Catering availability is currently unconfirmed, details will be available in the final instructions.

Permanent toilets are available on site.

No fuel is available at the site. The nearest petrol stations are Sainsburys at 197/876057 or on the Chichester By-pass Eastbound at 197/860037.

26. Acknowledgements

We thank the following people and companies for their support of the rally.

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