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Welcome to this issue of the Marshals' Bulletin – sent to all Marshals registered with Motorsport UK.

Acquired Rights Scheme

There has been a fantastic response to the Acquired Rights Scheme and, so far in 2023, we've managed to help 232 people be recognised by a more suitable grade of registration.

We are pleased to announce that the closing date for applications under the Acquired Rights Scheme has been extended. This is to allow Marshals to obtain any missing modules during the forthcoming training season.

All paperwork must now be submitted to Motorsport UK by **31st March 2023**. After this date, there will be no future extensions to the Acquired Rights Scheme and the standard Marshals Pathway must be followed for upgrades.

Details on the application process can be found in the Resource Centre of the Motorsport UK website, or by clicking [HERE](#).

“Training Event” definition

For many years, it's been a requirement for a Marshal to attend at least one training event every two years to retain their grade of registration. We often get asked what constitutes a “training event” in this context, so, following discussions with the Marshal's Advisory Group and the Training Advisory Group, the following definition has been agreed upon:

Dedicated Marshals' training, delivered by a licensed Motorsport UK Trainer(s), equating to 6 hours in total, of which a minimum of 2 hours must be face to face.

That is to say that, in a two-year period, each Marshal must undertake a minimum of 6 hours of training. This may be completed via Marshal training days (as is the norm), or via a combination of several online sessions and a two-hour face-to-face session. However the 6 hours are achieved, it remains the responsibility of each Marshal to self-certify compliance at the time of renewal.

In next months' bulletin, we'll be giving you some pointers on how to find training events in your local area. In the meantime, head over to the [Learning Hub](#) where you'll find a number of Marshals Pathway modules for you to complete.

Volunteering opportunities

Although the Speed and Circuit Racing season has finished for 2023, Rally and Kart events, along with grassroots motorsport, are still very active all year round! Here are a few tips on how you can find events and get involved in the action:

1. You can use the [Find an Event](#) section on the Motorsport UK website to search for events near you. The search allows you to filter events by discipline and club.
2. Find events via an online volunteering platform such as [Rally Stage Team](#) or [Another Day in Orange](#).
3. [Find your local Club](#) using the Motorsport UK website.
4. Contact your local motorsport venue – you can find contact details for fixed venues in the [Motorsport UK Yearbook](#), starting on page 29.
5. Ask your Regional Association for help – details can be found on the [Motorsport UK website](#)

And if you still need some guidance, you can always contact us, and we'll be happy to point you in the right direction!

Why not try... Cross Country marshalling

Comprising of around 13 different types of event, this discipline can include elements of Rallying and Trials, and is the ultimate off-road experience!

Comp Safari events take place on off-road courses of up to 10 miles in length. Each competitor completes the course several times and is given penalties for exceeding the bogey. As with rallying, the winner is the competitor with the smallest aggregate time penalty. Cross Country Vehicle (CCV) Trials feature courses, called sections, marked out by a series of gates. The further the car gets through each section, the higher the score, with penalties applied for stopping or hitting the gates.



Cross Country events take place all year round, and in all conditions – so if you are planning on marshalling at a Cross Country event, you'd better come prepared! Boots are a must, as the competitive sections can be extremely muddy, or equally dusty depending on the venue. Key duties of a Marshal on a CCV Trial include scoring sections (for example, looking out for markers being hit or judging how far the car travelled), whereas a Marshal's duties on a Comp Safari event tend to be similar to those on a Stage Rally.

Find out more about Cross Country events on the Motorsport UK website [HERE](#), or find your local Cross Country Motor Club by using the online tool [HERE](#).

Two things are for sure – you'll be welcomed by a fantastic community of motorsport fans, and you'll go home at the end of the day with a smile on your face... although perhaps a bit muddy!

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- If you are collecting signatures but have run out of space in your PRC, there are continuation sheets available in the Resource Centre, or you can email marshals@motorsportuk.org. Once you upgrade, you will receive a copy of the new PRC from Motorsport UK.
- Event attendance can be signed by someone of the same grade or higher of the Marshal who requires the signature.
- Upgrade Assessments can only be signed by Marshal Assessors holding the grade for the discipline which they are assessing.
- Training Modules can only be signed by licensed Motorsport UK Trainers.
- The days to obtain the minimum requirements must always be separate to those used when doing assessments.
- A *Knowledge Check* is the Assessor asking questions to ensure that the Marshal has taken in enough information regarding, for instance, flags and flagging for a Race: Grade 2 (Incident) upgrade.
- If you have a question regarding your proposed upgrade, or any other marshalling query, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org so that we can assist.
- For the time-being, all newly registered Marshals will continue to receive a welcome email with the Registered Marshal PRC attached to print.
- If you need to update your details, you can do so on the Motorsport UK website. If you have forgotten your login details, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org and we can reset them for you (please remember to include your Motorsport UK number).
- If you require an upgrade assessment, please give the Chief Marshal of the Event as much notice as possible. It is up to you, the Marshal, to arrange your assessment with the Chief Marshal and it is not something that Motorsport UK is able to assist with.
- The form for upgrading is available on the Motorsport UK website within the Resource Centre. It is called “*2024 Application for a Motorsport UK Marshal Registration*”.
- If posting paperwork for an upgrade, please always remember to take a copy before posting, and put ‘For the Attention of Sue Fletcher’ on the envelope.

Here to help

The Officials’ Pathway Team at Motorsport UK has nearly 100 years of active volunteering experience in motorsport – so if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

You can contact us in the following ways:

training@motorsportuk.org – for any training related queries

marshals@motorsportuk.org – for any queries relating to marshalling

01753 765000 – if you would like to speak to someone over the telephone.

If you would rather post your paperwork for upgrading (once the club that you Marshal with has completed the Club Endorsement), please send to:

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