

You thought you couldn't but you can!

# Club Motorsport



**A competition to select two drivers to take part in a year's paid for "Club Motorsport".**

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

From all the applicants twelve drivers will be invited to attend a selection and training day where their driving aptitude and personal attitude will be assessed. All participants will get to drive a suitable car on a series of tests designed to assess car control (not speed that comes later). The participants will also be assessed on their 'determination', 'competitive approach' and 'communication skills'.

From this group - two drivers will then be invited to drive in a series of club AutoSOLO & Autotest events based in the Leicestershire area. All the costs associated with competing will be covered by existing sponsorship.



## Partners

**Loughborough Car Club:** - A district car club notionally centred in Loughborough with a membership drawn from a 50 mile radius. Specialising in the promotion of club level motorsport and the induction of new competitors and officials.

**Motorsport UK:** - the UK's governing body for motorsport. Providing both financial support and enthusiasm

## Outline information

### Eligibility

Aged 14 or more.

Able to control a car using common adaptations listed below.

(Steer, stop and drive with reasonable accuracy). Note this does not require a driving licence.

### Assessment Day

Safety briefing.

Car acclimatisation and practice.

Driving tests and car control assessment.

Individual interview.

Announcement of successful candidates and award ceremony.

### Competitive Events

These are all existing events available to all Loughborough Car Club members.

No special licences are required.

Six rounds of the Loughborough Car Club's Tuesday evening Grass Autotest championship.

Four rounds of the Donington Winterseries, a series of Saturday AutoSolos

### The Car

A suitably adapted small automatic saloon with

a) Hand operated accelerator and brakes

b) A choice of accelerator positions.

c) Additional upper back support to give drivers more stability.

d) A choice of steering wheels with and without a simple spinner.

### Costs

All costs including entry fees, maintenance, fuel and tyres provided by the sponsors. Note participants will be expected to arrange their own travel to and from the events.

### Support

Experienced club members will be in attendance to advise, mentor and provide mechanical support.

The car will be prepared and maintained by members of Loughborough Car Club.

### Important dates for the diary

Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Closing date for applications
Saturday or Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessment Day
Tuesday Evening	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Grass Autotest
Tuesday Evening	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Grass Autotest
Tuesday Evening	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Grass Autotest
Tuesday Evening	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Grass Autotest
Tuesday Evening	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	Grass Autotest
Tuesday Evening	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	Grass Autotest
Saturday Day	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Winterseries AutoSolo
Saturday Day	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Winterseries AutoSolo
Saturday Day	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Winterseries AutoSolo
Saturday Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020	Winterseries AutoSolo

**To obtain an application form contact**

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## Background

There are several popular misconceptions about motorsport of which the most common are that it is very expensive, and not easily accessible. In truth motorsport exists at all sorts of levels and much is considerably more accessible than many believe. There are many branches of motorsport that do not require a highly specialised vehicle.

So why the Scholarship project? The background is that the club got invited to become involved with the formation of a motor club exclusively for disabled competitors. This failed when it soon became apparent that there are a number of disabled competitors already competing at a variety of levels, and those who do compete are adamant that there is no demand for a separate branch of motorsport. The overriding view was that motorsport is an activity where there is no need for a separate division. The range of disabilities that can compete turns out to be quite broad.

Is it a suitable sport for a disabled person? Possibly yes. The key point in this context is that the bulk of performance comes from the mind, given that a driver has reasonable control of a car, motorsport is accessible. Which gives rise to the question, why are there not more competitors. The general answer seems to be lack of awareness.

The scholarship project was conceived in 2008 to demonstrate that many disabilities are not a bar to participating in club motorsport, and to establish that the costs are not prohibitive.

### Past Winners

2008 - Gary Edgecombe & Mick Brennan

2009 - Leanne & Alice Franklin

2010 - Kumar Moorthy & Bee Yew-Booth

2011 – Dave Barrett & Ian Trott

2012 - Mark Edwards & Simon Harrison

2013 - Claire Holdcroft & Alex Tait

2015 Lee Horsley & Mel Nicholls

2016 Josh Dunn (the second scholar had a change of circumstance)

2017 Billy Taylor & Marie Burnside

2018 Andrew Holley & Billy Johnson



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