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15<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Starting at Blackmoor Gate,  
Kentisbury  
An event for 2, 3 and 4 wheeled  
vehicles



NORTH DEVON MOTOR CLUB  
EXMOOR TRIAL  
(Motorcycles)

Welcome to the 2026 EXMOOR TRIAL which all began in 1948. As normal we cater for 2, 3 and 4 wheeled vehicles, young and old and those in between. Also beginners are encouraged to enter as are the very experienced. Whatever you ride/drive we hope you enter and have an enjoyable day. If you prefer you are always welcome to observe/marshal.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The North Devon Motor Club will organise an Open Permit Classic Reliability Trial on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, starting at the Exmoor Farmers Market, Blackmoor Gate, Kentisbury, EX31 4NW (MR 180/648432).
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the ACU, these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
3. ACU Permit 206812 has been issued, DOE Authorisation number 29316FE15 has been issued.
4. The event is open to all affiliated members of the ACU Ltd.
5. The event is a round of the 2026 ACTC Pouncy League and Red Rose Bowl Motorcycle Championships.
6. The following documents should be carried for inspection if required - ACU Trials Registration (riders and passengers). **Please note:** One day Trials Registration/Licences are not available for this event. All riders and passengers must possess Club Membership Card, Championship Registration Card (where applicable). If a non-member of an ACU affiliation motor club NDMC Full or Passenger membership is available (see online membership application form).
7. All participants must fill in an electronic entry form on the club's website. Signing on will be at the start control. Scrutineering checks will be carried out on the day. More details may be advised in the Final Instructions. First competitor starts at 8.01am
8. Public roads will be used to link sections. There will be at least 15 sections/tests on public/private land. Details of the sections/tests will be issued via email before the event. The route will be approximately 60 miles on OS map 180.
9. The event will consist of eight classes as follows:
  - A Solo motorcycles of British manufacture with a pre1970 derived engine and frame.
  - B1 Solo motorcycles up to and including 225cc
  - B2 Solo motorcycles over 225cc and up to and including 450cc.
  - B3 Solo motorcycles, not eligible for classes B1 or B2. These are: Honda Montessa 4Ride, TRRS XTrack, GasGas Randonne, GasGas Connect, Ossa Explorer, Scorpa Long Ride and Honda TRL
  - C Solo motorcycles over 450cc.
  - D1 Motorcycles with sidecars as defined in ACU trials regulations.
  - D2 Enduro/motocross derived outfits (with or without nosecones).
  - E Three wheelers (See appendix on page 4).
  - X Any solo or combination motorcycle which does not comply with class regulations and machines not using trials tyres front and rear including Maxxis Trial Max tyres.

Any motorcycle with rear enduro tyres, apart from machines in class C and not with specified tyres will not be allowed to start.

10 Awards will be presented as follows:

- \*The 'Aycliffe Press Trophy' plus Award to the best overall performance.
- \*The 'Rodney Murch Shield' plus Award for best overall performance by a class 'D' rider.
- \*The 'Sheila Norman Shield' plus Award for best overall performance by a class 'D' passenger.
- \*The 'Guy Winsor Trophy' plus Award to the best overall performance by a North Devon Motor Club member

Class Awards to the winner of each Class Except for the overall winner.

First Class Award subject to 5 starters in class. Second Class Award subject to 8 starters in class. Third Class Award subject to 12 starters in class. Novice Award subject to 3 Novice starters.

\*Named Trophies/Shields are the property of the North Devon Motor Club and will be presented at the Club's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation in February 2027. These must be returned to the Club within 10 months or sooner if requested.

11 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and close on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 22.00hrs or when the maximum number of entries have been received along with reserves. The entry fee is £45.00. Entries must be made online which can be found on the [www.ndmc.org.uk](http://www.ndmc.org.uk), however if this is a problem please contact the Entry Secretary. Entry forms, payment and evidence of appropriate documents must be complete by closing date otherwise your entry will not be accepted.

12. The Entry Secretary for this event is

Mr Derek Drayton  
Mob: 07737 308423  
E-mail: derekdrayton@btinternet.com

13. The maximum entry for the meeting, including reserves, is 130 (initially 65 motorcycles & 65 cars). If either category does not make the maximum number then entries can be offered to those reserves. The minimum entry is 15; the minimum for each class is 2. Should any of the above figures not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. Entries may be refunded less £5.00 administration fee if cancelled via email before the closing date above.

14. Provisional results will be sent in writing via e-mail within 7 days of the event.

15. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with ACU General Regulations.

16. Starting numbers will be issued at the start and must be removed at the finish or upon retirement.

17 Competitors will be identified by numbers that will be provided by the organisers

18 Officials:

Event Stewards	Dave Ellis, Stuart Ayre, Roger Ugalde
Clerk of the Course	Chris Barham (ACU Lic. No.172445)
Secretary of the Meeting	John Barthram (Mob: 07836 386464)
Entry Secretary	Derek Drayton (Mob: 07737 308423)
Chief Marshal	Claire Chapman (Mob: 07772 193620)
Scrutineer	Daniel Tredant
Results	Steve Parker.
Back Marker	Nick Webber.
Child Safe Guarding Officers	Beverly Down (Mob: 07875 462436)
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19. Marking and Penalties will be as stated in the ACU Regulations except the Penalties which will be explained in the Final Instructions.

There are no time penalties for this event. Some hills will be divided into sections, some may also have Stop and Re-start tests, some sections will be ACU marking (1, 2, 3, 5). These will be notified within the route instructions. If a competitor hits a marker this will be deemed the point of failure. In the event of a tie, aggregate times on the Special Tests will decide, if a tie still exists the competitor with the smaller engine cc will be held to be the winner. If a tie still exists, the time on Special Test 1 will decide.

20. All other General Regulations of the ACU Ltd. apply as written.
21. (a) Refreshments will be available at the start venue and finish venue, Old Station House Inn, Blackmoor Gate. Finisher's Certificates will be issued at the 'Sign Off' control.
- (b) There will be no fuel at the start or finish, there will be fuel on route after approximately 26 & 60 miles into the route.
- (c) Any competitor overtaken by the back-marker will be deemed to have retired.
- (d) Any competitor involved in an accident must make a written report to the Secretary of the Meeting within in 2 days after the event.
- (e) Exclude any vehicle or competitor whose appearance, condition or performance is not of a standard appropriate to the event. There may be a noise test.
- (f) Route Cards and Section/Tests instructions will be sent via e-mail during the week prior to the event.
- (g) Tyres must comply with ACU Regulations (see page 5), there may be a tyre pressure limit for this event.
- (h) Order of starting will be Class D, Solo Motorcycles, Class E. Competitors must, as far as possible, remain in numerical order throughout the event.
- (i) **Cutout Device. TSR8 States:-** 'With the exception of Four Stoke Sidecar machines fitted with external magnetos ignitions, all machines used in Youth and Sidecar competitions must be fitted with an operational lanyard cut out device so as to stop the engine/motor should the rider and machine be parted. The lanyard from the cut out device must be securely fitted to the rider and be of a length not greater than 1m when fully extended. It is recommended that all machines used by Adult riders be fitted with a lanyard operated cut out device as described above.' **All Motorcycle's must be fitted with road legal lights. NO LIGHTS - NO START.**
- (j) Competitors are not allowed to view the Sections in advance. Failure to observe this rule will incur 6 penalty points for each offence.
- (k) Any competitor not adhering to a marshal's instruction on any section/test will incur the maximum penalty for that section/test.

## APPENDIX

**THREE-WHEELERS** must comply with the following requirements:-

- a) Seating must be side by side. Passengers must remain seated.
- b) Must have a floor of metal or other substantial materials, and be surrounded by body sides to a minimum height of 12" (30cms) above the uncompressed seat cushion.
- c) The drive may be shaft or chain, driving one wheel only, or two wheels via a differential which is not a torque biasing device.
- d) Engine capacity is limited up to 1300cc.
- e). Must be fitted with a towing attachment.

## 22. ROAD TRAFFIC ACT INSURANCE

Insurance is covered by the ACU at no extra cost.

Vehicles and motorcycles must have a valid motor insurance policy which provides as a minimum, Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act.

Event insurance covering Third Party damage whilst on private land currently carries an excess of £450 per incident. The organisers reserve the right to recover the cost of repair of any damage to third party property up to a maximum of £450 per incident, from the entrant of any vehicle which causes such damage.

### PERMITTED TYRES

Only tyres which conform to the specification of the ACU may be used.

#### **ACU Tyre Regulations.**

Only tyres which conform to the following specification may be used. All tyres will be measured mounted on the rim inflated to a pressure of 14 lbs/sq.in, and must have a nominal aspect ratio of 100/100. Overall width (O) measured at wheel spindle height must not exceed 115mm. (Refer to

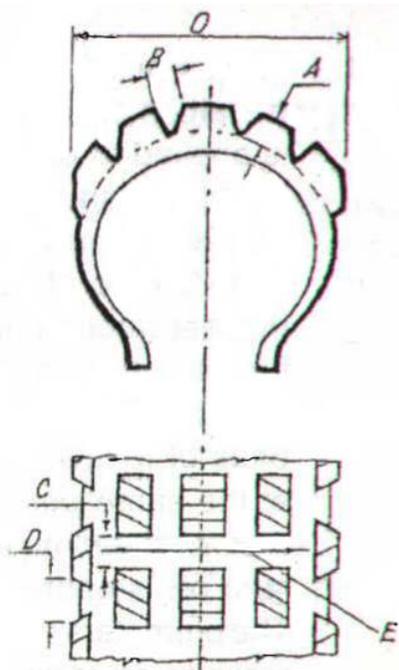


diagram). Tread depth (A) must not exceed 13mm. All tread blocks in the same circumference must be of the same depth. The space between the tread blocks (B) must not exceed 9.5mm across the tyre or 13mm in a circumferential direction (C). The space between the shoulder blocks (D) must not exceed 22mm. The space across the tread (E) must not extend completely across the tyre measured at right angles to the tyre wall unless broken by a block. All main tread blocks must in principle be parallel with or at right angles to the tyre axis. (Tyre must have the same appearance if reversed and conform in principle with these diagrams). The tyre surface must not be fitted with any subsequently mounted elements such as anti-skid devices, chains, etc. NB: Only tyres available from commercial sources and complying with these dimensions are permitted in competitions. Where the event uses the public highway, tyres must be manufactured to comply with European Tyre & Rim Technical Organisation and have the relevant markings.

**Tyres for Long distance Trials** Only tyres normally available from commercial or retail sources for use on the public highway (specification as above under “Tyres”) are authorised. They shall appear on the tyre manufacturers range catalogue or tyre specification list available to the general public. They must be manufactured to comply with European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) requirements in respect of load and speed codes and have a minimum service description of 45M. The use of MX and Enduro-type tread patterns are not permitted. The space between adjacent tread blocks must in principal not exceed 15mm (distance between tread block corners at diagonal groove intersections may exceed this dimension).

Class C. Are permitted to use tyres on the ACTC list. (ref: [www.actc.org.uk](http://www.actc.org.uk))

## **MARSHALS**

The Exmoor trial cannot run unless there are sufficient Observers/Marshals. If you or any of your friends cannot compete but are willing to help, please contact the **Chief Marshal** as soon as possible

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FOR ENTRY FORMS etc; please got to:-

[www.ndmc.org.uk](http://www.ndmc.org.uk)

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