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

## **Volunteering opportunities**

Whether you have been marshalling for years and are looking for more events, or you're just starting out and aren't sure how to get involved – we've got you covered! 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 – many Clubs will also have their own volunteering platforms, such as the [British Motorsport Marshals Club](#) and [BARC](#)
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... Autotest marshalling**

Marshals are essential to the running of an Autotest. They are placed around different sections of the course to keep everyone safe, and they have the task of recording any faults or failed tests.

### **What do I have to do?**

During an Autotest (or AutoSOLO), Competitors must pass lines, pylons or cones in the correct direction and in the correct order as per the test diagram. Any contact with a route marker should be recorded as a fault – it doesn't need to be knocked over. If a competitor takes a route that is not as per the test diagram, this is classed as a failed test.

For more information click [HERE](#) or why not contact your local [Motor Club](#) to see if they are running an Autotest sometime soon.

## Reminders

### Stay alert!

When carrying out your duties as a Marshal, you must remain alert to the dangers that may present themselves. We have recently seen images of Marshals sitting down whilst on post and leaning on barriers whilst the track is live. These barriers are designed to flex when hit by a vehicle, and this will ripple along the barrier for quite a distance, meaning that you could be hurt by an impact that has taken place further up the track.

### Signing of Motorsport UK Registration Cards

Please remember that your Motorsport UK Registration Card must be signed using the signature strip on the reverse of the card.

### Clothing

If you do not own a set of overalls (such as Proban), please ensure that your clothing is made from natural fibres rather than man-made and that they do not clash with the flags. If you are not wearing orange overalls, you must wear a hi-vis tabard.

It is not necessary to purchase overalls straight away when you start marshalling, and Post Chiefs, please remember that not all Marshals will have them, however they should still be allowed to marshal on your post if they are wearing their Motorsport UK Tabard, or one supplied by the club/circuit. Motorsport UK tabards will only be provided to those who have undertaken the Registered Marshal Accreditation Course or the previous Rally Accreditation Course.

### Kart Marshals

There have been several recent cases where Marshals have been injured having reacted to an incident and run towards the kart before being instructed to do so. In some instances, the Clerk had not yet been made aware of the incident and yellow flags may not have been waved. Clerks of the Course have been asked to cover this in the Marshal's briefing, however, please remember that your own safety is paramount.

## Upgrades

The deadline has now passed for upgrades to be carried out under the old Grading Scheme, but if you have any queries, questions or issues, then please do contact us using [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) – we are here to help. You can find all of the requirements for the Marshals Pathway [HERE](#).

Please be rest assured that we will be looking at all upgrade applications on an individual basis this year to give as many marshals as possible the opportunity to upgrade if they fit the criteria of the previous Grading Scheme, the new Marshal Pathway or a mix of both.

*For upgrades in 2023, event attendance signatures are valid from 2018 onwards. Training module signatures are valid from 2019 onwards and both in person training and online training delivered by Motorsport UK Trainers counts.*

So far in 2023, we have processed 157 upgrades via the previous Grading Scheme or the new Marshal Pathway.

We do accept Personal Record Cards (PRCs) and other paperwork electronically, however, please include the inside of the PRC showing personal information and photograph where applicable. If posting original paperwork, please make copies as they can sometimes go missing in the post.

## Thinking about trying something new?

Whilst marshalling is a fantastic way to participate in motorsport, there are a wide range of other volunteering opportunities available as well. For instance, have you ever considered moving into a Licensed Official role such as timekeeping or scrutineering? Or perhaps helping on the organising team as an Event Secretary?

On the Learning Hub you can find a few introductory modules on different roles, including Event Secretary and Event Steward. You can also find details on how to become each type of Licensed Official on the Motorsport UK website [HERE](#).

If you would like any further information, or have any questions about specific roles, please contact us using [training@motorsportuk.org](mailto:training@motorsportuk.org).

## Acquired Rights Scheme

We have already had an excellent response to the Acquired Rights Process, and this has enabled Marshals who have either never registered, or who have previously chosen not to upgrade, to have their knowledge, skills and experience recognised by a more suitable grade of registration. Over 150 people have taken advantage of this scheme in 2023 alone.

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

All applications under the Acquired Rights Scheme must be submitted to Motorsport UK by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.

## CPR and AED Awareness

Motorsport UK has teamed up with Resuscitation Council UK to provide access to two of their “Lifesaver” online CPR and AED awareness modules. The interactive modules, which meet the National standard for CPR and AED awareness training, put you at the heart of the action as you make critical decisions and learn the essential skills needed to save a life.

To access these modules, and many more, please login to the Motorsport UK website and visit the Learning Hub, where they can be located on the homepage. If you need any assistance, please contact [training@motorsportuk.org](mailto:training@motorsportuk.org)

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- If you have a question regarding your proposed upgrade, or any other marshalling query, please email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) so that we can assist.
- If you require an upgrade assessment, then 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 Resource Centre of the Motorsport UK website [HERE](#) – it’s called “*2023 Application for a Motorsport UK Marshal Application*”.

- 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.
- The new Marshal PRC booklet has been sent to approximately 259 Marshals who have upgraded so far and we will continue to provide them to those upgrading going forward.
- If you are collecting signatures but have run out of space in your PRC, there are continuation sheets available on the Resource Centre, or you can email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org). Once you upgrade, you will receive a copy of the new PRC.
- For the time-being, all newly registered Marshals will continue to receive a welcome email with the Registered Marshal PRC attached to print.

## 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](mailto:training@motorsportuk.org) – for any training related queries

[marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) – for any queries relating to marshalling (such as upgrades or marshalling abroad declarations)

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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