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TIMETABLE

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Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 May 2021



THRUXTON CIRCUIT Timetable: version 3 Saturday 8 - Sunday 9 May 2021

Saturday 8 May

Time	Activity	Championship	Laps
09.00 – 09.30	Qualifying	The Mini Challenge Trophy	
09.40 – 10.20	Free Practice	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	
10.40 – 11.00	Qualifying	F4 British Championship	
11.10 – 11.25	Free Practice	Michelin Ginetta Junior Championship	
11.35 – 12.05	Qualifying	Porsche Visit Cayman Islands Sprint Challenge Great Britain	
12.15 – 12.55	Free Practice	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	
12.55 – 13.40	Lunch Break		
13.40 – 14.00	Qualifying	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	
14.10	Race	The Mini Challenge Trophy	20 mins
14.45 – 15.15	Qualifying	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	20 mins
15.25	Race	F4 British Championship	
15.55 – 16.10	Qualifying	Michelin Ginetta Junior Championship	16
16.20	Race	Porsche Visit Cayman Islands Sprint Challenge Great Britain	
17.00	Race	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	14
17.40	Race	The Mini Challenge Trophy	20 mins

Sunday 9 May

Time	Activity	Laps
10.50	Michelin Ginetta Junior Championship	12
11.28	BTCC Pit Lane Opens	
11.40	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	16
12.20	F4 British Championship	20 mins
12.55	The Mini Challenge Trophy	20 mins
13.25 – 13.45	Marshals' / Lunch Break	
13.45	Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge	14
14.23	BTCC Pit Lane Opens	
14.35	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	16
15.15	Porsche Visit Cayman Islands Sprint Challenge Great Britain	16
15.55	Michelin Ginetta Junior Championship	12
16.30	F4 British Championship	20 mins
17.08	BTCC Pit Lane Opens	
17.20	Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship	16

The programme may be brought forward or the programme order may be amended and competitors should listen carefully to the instructions given to them by their Championship Co-ordinator and/or Paddock announcements. It may not be possible to accommodate competitors arriving after the Assembly Area has been cleared.

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BEN TAYLOR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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Welcome back to Thruxton!

It has seemed like a long, dark winter while the country was in lockdown, but it's great to finally get back to racing.

The past six weeks have been really busy with testing, track days and driving experiences, but it's always the race events that get the pulses buzzing. It's also put quite a strain on the team at Thruxton who have been working so hard to get the place ready and looking fantastic for you.

Of course, there won't be any fans here this weekend (even though we all know that the outdoor motorsport venues are perfectly capable of handling large crowds in complete safety), but hopefully this will be the only BTCC event held behind closed doors this season. And we are certainly expecting a bumper audience when the series returns to Hampshire in August.

It goes without saying that we all still need to be vigilant, so please abide by the Motorsport UK guidelines with regard to Covid-19 regulations and social distancing. And if one of our team reminds you to wear a face mask, please be respectful and comply with their request, even if you don't necessarily agree. They are only doing it for all of our benefit.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend, and a fantastic season.

Best wishes

Ben Taylor



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ANDY LANE

MARKETING DIRECTOR - KWIK FIT

I'm delighted to welcome you to the first race weekend of the Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship for 2021. It's very disappointing that we are not yet able to make the one key change from last season we all want to see and welcome fans back to the circuit. However, there is still a lot to look forward to as the drivers get ready to commence battle in the Hampshire countryside.

We've got a fantastic line up of drivers for the coming season with some intriguing subplots. These include the return of previous champions Gordon Shedden and Jason Plato, team changes for the likes of Tom Ingram, Rory Butcher, Tom Chilton and Stephen Jelley and the arrival of championship newcomer Rick Parfitt Jnr.

Of course, all eyes will also be on Ash Sutton as he looks to hold on to the trophy he claimed in dramatic style at Brands Hatch in November, with everyone expecting a major challenge from Colin Turkington, who is aiming for his fifth BTCC title.

Over the last few months the teams have unveiled some great looking cars and we can't wait to see them going wheel to wheel at Thruxton – the fastest circuit in the championship and one where tyre management is especially important.

We were delighted to learn during the close season that Goodyear is extending its partnership with the championship until 2026. Kwik Fit has a great relationship with Goodyear and from our point of view, it is good to see tyre manufacturers engage in motorsport so that they can translate developments from the track into the road going tyres we fit in our centres every day.

The TOCA team has been working with the circuits to create a season calendar which gave the best possible chance of enabling fans to see the action in person. However, like so many organisations, we have to fit with the regulations at each stage of the Government's road map. We remain hopeful that not too many more laps will have been raced before we can all get back to the grandstands or our favourite spots on the banking.

In the meantime, enjoy the races this weekend from the comfort of your sofa. Good luck to all the teams and drivers – here's to another season of fantastic action in the UK's premier championship.

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BTCC SET FOR SUMMER RETURN

The Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship may be running behind closed doors this weekend due to government guidelines but fans shouldn't despair as the series will be open to the public when it returns to Hampshire on August 28/29.

Tickets are on sale for the second helping of tin top thrills and at discounted prices too; head to www.thruxtonracing.co.uk to get yours.

DRIVING ACTIVITIES RESUME AT THRUXTON

Driving activities have resumed around the fastest circuit in the UK. Driving experiences, 4x4, Skid Pan and the Kart Centre are all open for business and back to delivering full-throttle thrills. In addition, Thruxton has renewed its partnership with BMW and Tiff Needell, who now has a brand-new BMW M4 for delivering eye-watering hot laps!

Finally, Thruxton's driving fleet is set to further expand thanks to its close ties with Hendy, who are providing the venue with a raft of new Ford Puma's.

Head to www.thruxtonracing.co.uk to find out more information.



CAR GODS PARTNER WITH THRUXTON

It's not just BTCC team Ciceley Motorsport that has partnered with Car Gods this year, Thruxton has too! New signage displayed on the front and back of the grandstands overlooking the final chicane now bares the iconic Car Gods branding - and it looks rather striking. Car Gods covers all aspects of vehicle detailing, from pre-cleaning and decontamination to protection and restoration.

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BTCC IS BACK

After months of anticipation and excitement, the Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship roars back into life this weekend around the fastest circuit in the UK, Thruxton, and the stage is set for three blockbuster races to kick off what promises to be another sensational season.

Boasting a capacity 29-car entry list made up of proven contenders, young challengers and returning champions, the battle for supremacy in Britain's premier motorsport series is shaping up to be a mouth-watering affair over the course of ten rounds and 30 races.

Kicking the season off at Thruxton for the first time since 2010, current government guidelines means that this weekend will take place behind closed doors. All is not lost though as fans will be able to witness the BTCC at Thruxton in August, when the series makes its second visit of the year to the Hampshire venue.

Headlining this year's stellar line-up is reigning champion Ashley Sutton, who has remained with Laser Tools Racing and the Infiniti Q50. With the coveted number one adorning the side of his rear-wheel-drive machine, the double title winner has his sights set on clinching a third championship and you'd be hard-pressed to be against him. Aiden Moffat and Carl Boardley join him in an expanded entry for the Independent outfit.

Competition for Sutton's crown is set to come from all angles over the course of the year and Colin Turkington will undoubtedly be in the mix. The Team BMW driver is chasing a record-breaking fifth title and he will once again be a force to be reckoned with in his BMW 330i M Sport. West Surrey Racing have swelled to three cars too with Tom Oliphant bidding to establish himself as a title contender and Stephen Jelley returning to where he started his BTCC career back in 2008.



Triple champion Gordon Shedden returns to the BTCC following a three-year sabbatical to partner Dan Rowbottom at Halfords Racing with Cataclean and the Scotsman appears to be back in the groove already. Shedden signalled his title intentions as he topped the times at the official pre-season test at Silverstone last month.

Jason Plato is also back after a one-year hiatus and he's gunning for wins in the Power Maxed Car Care Racing Vauxhall Astra. Joining the tin top legend is Daniel Lloyd, a race-winner in the series, and a driver that has proven he can run at the front when the opportunity arises.

Toyota Gazoo Racing UK steps up its BTCC programme this year as it expands to two cars. Rory Butcher fills the void left by Tom Ingram in the Speedworks Motorsport-run Corolla and he is joined by Sam Smelt, who last competed in the series in 2018.

Ingram's departure from Toyota sparked a frenzy during the off-season and the former Independents' champion has found a new home at Excelr8 Trade Price Cars. Armed with the Hyundai i30N, Ingram has his tail in the air and is hungry for success. He's joined at the now four-strong squad by Chris Smiley, Jack Butel and former British GT champion Rick Parfitt Jnr.

Elsewhere, Ciceley Motorsport have acquired the services of Tom Chilton to partner Adam Morgan and they have parted ways with the Mercedes Benz A-Class. In its place are a pair of West Surrey Racing-built BMW 330i M Sport's and hopes are high for the Car Gods-backed outfit.

BTC Racing are another to have high hopes for the season ahead with good reason too as Josh Cook sticks with the Honda outfit to spearhead its title tilt. Michael Crees had been due to join Cook however he amicably parted ways with the team following the Season Launch. Making a one-off appearance in his place will be Dan Cammish. After splitting from Team Dynamics, Cammish himself had looked set to miss out on competing in the BTCC but a last-minute call-up will see him on the grid and set to add to the fireworks at the front. Jade Edwards gets a full season after debuting last year and you can bet she will grab the opportunity with both hands.

Motorbase Performance and MB Motorsport accelerated by Blue Square are two teams that have joined forces over the winter to field a quartet of Ford Focus's and they will run as Manufacturer/Constructor entrants too. Sam Osborne and Andy Neate will run out of the Motorbase side of the garage whilst Jake Hill and Ollie Jackson will partner up for MB Motorsport.

Rounding off this year's grid is Team HARD., which has brought four brand-new Cupra Leon's to the grid. In what has been a busy few months for the Tony Gilham's team, the early signs look promising after Jack Goff starred at the official pre-season test, setting the second fastest time. Alongside Goff is the returning Aron Taylor-Smith, Glynn Geddie and Nicolas Hamilton.





TEAM BMW

Team | West Surrey Racing
Team Manager | Carl Mitchell
Car | BMW 330i M Sport



COLIN TURKINGTON

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Turkington embarks on his 17th season in the BTCC with a simple target; to regain his title and become the most successful driver in the series' illustrious history. He'll pair raw speed with consistency and you can bet he will be in contention for the title.

D.O.B 21/4/1982
Debut 2002
BTCC Races 449
BTCC Podiums 154
BTCC Wins 56
BTCC Titles 4 (09/14/18/19)



STEPHEN JELLEY

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As WSR once again expands its entry to three cars, Jelley returns to the team where his BTCC career started back in 2008. He produced a string of eye-catching performances in the 1-Series in recent years so now at the wheel of the 3-Series, he'll be a dark horse.

D.O.B 12/5/1982
Debut 2008
BTCC Races 174
BTCC Podiums 8
BTCC Wins 3



TOM OLIPHANT

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Oliphant's enters his third season at the wheel of the BMW and is fully focused on establishing himself as a title contender. After scoring a breakthrough win last year, he'll be hungry for more success and is one to keep an eye on as the season progresses.

D.O.B 21/10/1990
Debut 2018
BTCC Races 87
BTCC Podiums 6
BTCC Wins 1



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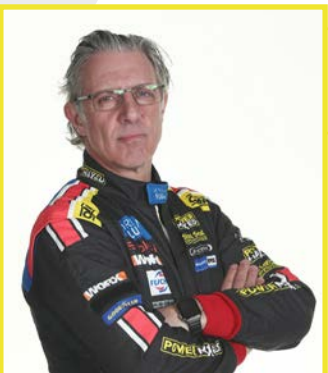
Team | Power Maxed Racing
Team Manager | Martin Broadhurst
Car | Vauxhall Astra

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JASON PLATO

D.O.B 14/10/1967
Debut 1997
BTCC Races 599
BTCC Podiums 233
BTCC Wins 97
BTCC Titles 2 (01/10)

After a year on the sidelines, Plato is back in the BTCC. Undoubtedly box office entertainment, expect the double champion to be in the mix throughout the year as he chases his 100th win in the series. Race one this weekend will be his 600th.

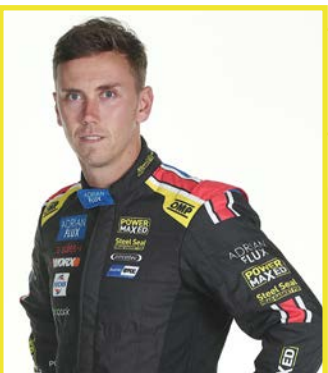


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DANIEL LLOYD

D.O.B 4/3/1992
Debut 2010
BTCC Races 45
BTCC Podiums 1
BTCC Wins 1

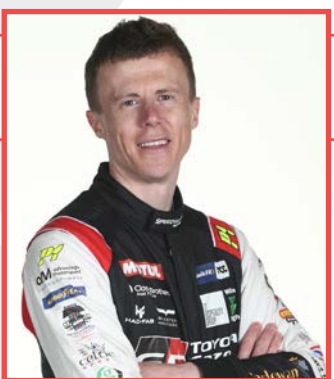
Lloyd is back in the BTCC and set to embark on his first full season in the series. Making sporadic appearances down the years, the one-time race winner has made a name for himself in Europe and will be keen to transfer that success to British soil.





TOYOTA GAZOO RACING UK

Team | Speedworks Motorsport
Team Manager | Christian Dick
Car | Toyota Corolla GR Sport



RORY BUTCHER

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Having established himself as a regular front-runner in recent years, Butcher switches to Speedworks to spearhead Toyota's title challenge. Expect him to be firmly in the mix this season. Race one this weekend will be a milestone 100th in the BTCC for the Scotsman.

D.O.B 16/3/1987
Debut 2017
BTCC Races 99
BTCC Podiums 14
BTCC Wins 6



SAM SMELT

23

Following a few years away competing in British GT, Smelt returns to the BTCC and is aiming to build on the solitary campaign he had back in 2018. With race-winner Butcher on the other side of the garage, Smelt will be optimistic of what he can achieve.

D.O.B 23/8/1996
Debut 2018
BTCC Races 30
BTCC Podiums 0
BTCC Wins 0



LASER TOOLS RACING

Team | Laser Tools Racing
Team Manager | Alan Potts
Car | Infiniti Q50

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ASHLEY SUTTON

D.O.B 15/1/1994
Debut 2016
BTCC Races 147
BTCC Podiums 41
BTCC Wins 19
BTCC Titles 2 (17/20)

Sutton is back to defend his title! The Infiniti ace was on another level last year as he clinched his second crown. He enters this season as the driver to beat, bringing jaw-dropping overtakes, scintillating speed and a never-give-up attitude.

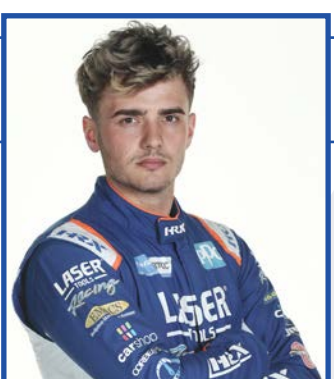


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AIDEN MOFFAT

D.O.B 28/9/1996
Debut 2013
BTCC Races 210
BTCC Podiums 8
BTCC Wins 3

Moffat will be aiming to build on the foundations of a full season in rear-wheel-drive machinery this year. With consistency behind him, the Scotsman will be optimistic that he can mix it towards the sharp end of the grid on a regular basis this year.



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CARL BOARDLEY

D.O.B 7/12/1975
Debut 2018
BTCC Races 59
BTCC Podiums 0
BTCC Wins 0

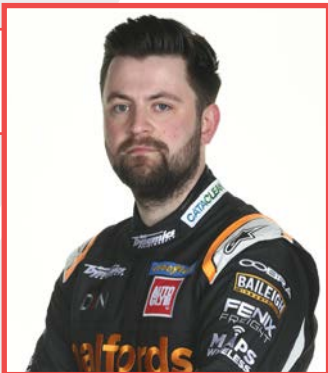
Runner-up in the Jack Sears Trophy last year, Boardley has aligned himself with the reigning Independent Teams' champions for 2021. Behind the wheel of title-winning machinery, this year presents the 46-year-old with his best opportunity of clinching the coveted JST





HALFORDS RACING WITH CATACLEAN

Team | Team Dynamics
Team Manager | James Rodgers
Car | Honda Civic Type R



DANIEL ROWBOTTOM

32

Rowbottom was another driver to sit out the 2020 season but he now returns in one of the most coveted seats on the grid. He has plenty of speed so it will be interesting to see how the former Clio Cup ace gets on as the season progresses in the Civic Type R.

D.O.B 18/2/1989
Debut 2019
BTCC Races 30
BTCC Podiums 0
BTCC Wins 0



GORDON SHEDDEN

52

Flash is back! After three years away, Shedden has returned to the BTCC with Team Dynamics. One of the most exciting drivers to race in the series' history, the triple champion is hungry to clinch a fourth crown so expect him to hit the ground running.

D.O.B 15/2/1979
Debut 2001
BTCC Races 347
BTCC Podiums 124
BTCC Wins 48
BTCC Titles 3 (12/15/16)



Team | Ciceley Motorsport
Team Manager | Russell Morgan
Car | BMW 330i M Sport

CAR GODS WITH CICELEY MOTORSPORT

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TOM CHILTON

D.O.B 15/3/1985
Debut 2002
BTCC Races 384
BTCC Podiums 59
BTCC Wins 14

Chilton switches to Ciceley as he continues his quest for title silverware and this year represents a great opportunity. With a wealth of experience and a WSR-built BMW, the series stalwart will be a potent force from the outset.



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ADAM MORGAN

D.O.B 28/10/1988
Debut 2012
BTCC Races 264
BTCC Podiums 31
BTCC Wins 8

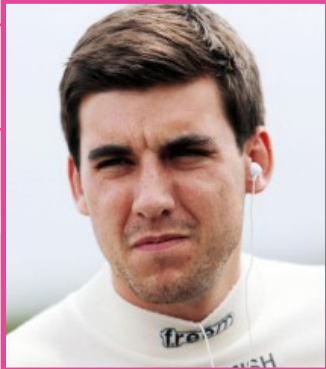
Following seven years in the Mercedes Benz A-Class, Morgan has a new car under him in the shape of the BMW 330i M Sport. Returning to his rear-wheel-drive roots, the Lancashireman will be hoping it is a match made in heaven.





BTC RACING

Team | BTC Racing
Team Manager | Mick Sergeant
Car | Honda Civic Type R



DAN CAMMISH

27

After parting ways with Team Dynamics earlier in the year, Cammish had looked set to not feature in the BTCC this year. However, a last-minute call-up sees him return for one weekend only. With no pressure on him and in a car he knows well, Cammish will be one to watch.

D.O.B 10/4/1989
Debut 2018
BTCC Races 87
BTCC Podiums 31
BTCC Wins 8



JOSH COOK

66

Back with BTC Racing for a third successive season, Cook has his sights firmly set on clinching the Drivers' crown this year. Bad luck hampered his chances of impacting the title picture then so he will be hoping for better fortunes.

D.O.B 15/6/1991
Debut 2015
BTCC Races 176
BTCC Podiums 20
BTCC Wins 8



Team | BTC Racing
Team Manager | Mick Sergeant
Car | Honda Civic Type R

PHSC WITH BTC RACING

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JADE EDWARDS

D.O.B 31/3/1990
Debut 2020
BTCC Races 3
BTCC Podiums 0
BTCC Wins 0

Edwards became the first female in 13 years to compete in the BTCC last year when she debuted at Silverstone, instantly making her mark. Now she has a full season ahead of her and you can bet that she will give it everything she's got. Jack Sears Trophy will be the target.





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TRADEPRICECARS.COM

Team | Excelr8 Trade Price Cars
Team Manager | David Tredinnick
Car | Hyundai i30N



RICK PARFITT JR

Double British GT title winner Parfitt Jr finally joins the grid and will be one to watch. The son of late Status Quo singer and guitarist Rick Parfitt, RPJ is an accomplished musician himself and will be looking to entertain on-track like he does on stage.

D.O.B	18/10/1974
Debut	2020
BTCC Races	0
BTCC Podiums	0
BTCC Wins	0

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JACK BUTEL

Butel made his debut in the BTCC last year and quietly went about his business. Now with a full season under his belt the Jerseyman will be keen to work his way further up the order and he has great team around him to help him do just that.

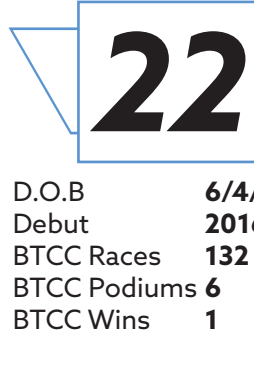
D.O.B	19/3/1996
Debut	2020
BTCC Races	27
BTCC Podiums	0
BTCC Wins	0

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GINSTERS EXCELR8 WITH
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Team | Excelr8 Trade Prices Cars
Team Manager | Marvin Humphries
Car | Hyundai i30N

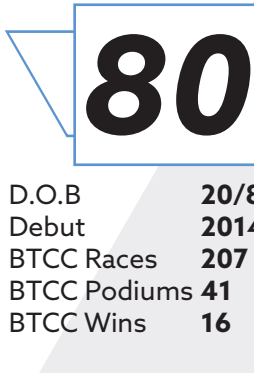


CHRIS SMILEY

Smiley remains at the wheel of the Hyundai for a second season. Scoring a podium on the cars debut was the highlight of last year and with plenty of developments, the Northern Irishman will be eyeing more silverware this time around.

D.O.B	6/4/1992
Debut	2016
BTCC Races	132
BTCC Podiums	6
BTCC Wins	1

22



TOM INGRAM

Tingram provided one of the biggest shocks as he announced he would be joining Excelr8 TradePriceCars. Getting to grips with the car in testing, the former Indie champ will be a man on a mission as he bids for title glory. Expect him to make a statement here.

D.O.B	20/8/1993
Debut	2014
BTCC Races	207
BTCC Podiums	41
BTCC Wins	16

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**MB MOTORSPORT
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Team | MB Motorsport
Team Manager | Oliver Collins
Car | Ford Focus ST



JAKE HILL

24

Hill underlined his talents in the FK2 Civic Type R last year and has established himself as a regular front-runner. Now at the wheel of the Focus, Hill will have his sights set on becoming a credible title contender - and all the ingredients are there for that to become a reality.

D.O.B **22/2/1994**
Debut **2013**
BTCC Races **140**
BTCC Podiums **9**
BTCC Wins **1**



OLLIE JACKSON

48

Jackson was one of the breakthrough stars of 2020 as he powered his way to two sensational race wins. For 2021, he remains in the Ford Focus albeit now with MB Motorsport, and the popular racer will be aiming for further success.

D.O.B **26/4/1984**
Debut **2011**
BTCC Races **233**
BTCC Podiums **4**
BTCC Wins **2**



Team | Motorbase Performance
Team Manager | Malcolm Swetnam
Car | Ford Focus ST

**RACING WITH
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SAM OSBORNE

D.O.B **25/3/1993**
Debut **2019**
BTCC Races **57**
BTCC Podiums **0**
BTCC Wins **0**

Making the jump from MB Motorsport, Osborne will be aiming to really make his mark this year. Now entering his third season in the BTCC, the 28-year-old has a great chance of becoming a regular points scorer and bettering his career-best finish of seventh.



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ANDY NEATE

D.O.B **19/8/1974**
Debut **2001**
BTCC Races **131**
BTCC Podiums **0**
BTCC Wins **0**

Sticking with Motorbase Performance for a second successive season, Neate will be hoping to utilise all that he learnt behind the wheel of the Focus in 2020 to take a big step forward this year. Target will undoubtedly be to become a consistent points finisher.





TEAM HARD.
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Team | Team HARD.
Team Manager | Jamie Warren
Car | Cupra Leon

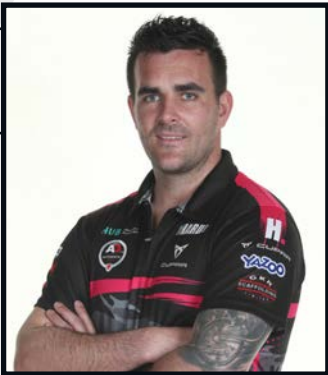


JACK GOFF

Goff has become the cornerstone of Team HARD in recent years and he now has a new car to get to grips with. The multiple race-winner starred at the season launch test and will be keen to kick his season off on the right foot with three strong results this weekend.

D.O.B 6/3/1991
Debut 2013
BTCC Races 232
BTCC Podiums 20
BTCC Wins 5

31



GLYNN GEDDIE

Off the back of making a handful of appearances for the team in the latter stages of 2020, Geddie is set to embark on his first full season in the series this year. With a strong team around him, the former GT ace will be aiming for consistent points finishes.

D.O.B 17/6/1990
Debut 2014
BTCC Races 36
BTCC Podiums 0
BTCC Wins 0

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TEAM HARD. WITH HUB
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

Team | Team HARD.
Team Manager | Jamie Warren
Car | Cupra Leon

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ARON TAYLOR-SMITH

D.O.B 9/11/1989
Debut 2011
BTCC Races 178
BTCC Podiums 18
BTCC Wins 4

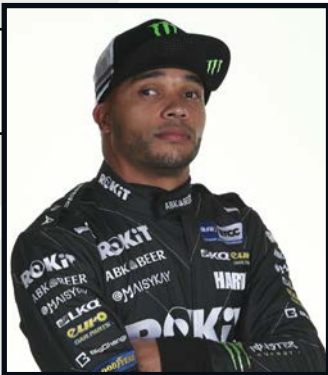
Taylor-Smith makes a welcome return to the BTCC and he is armed with the brand-new Cupra. The Irishman is a proven race-winner and will undoubtedly be one to watch as he gets back to the hustle and bustle of touring car racing upon where he thrives.





ROKIT RACING WITH
IQUOTO ONLINE TRADING

Team | Team HARD.
Team Manager | Jamie Warren
Car | Cupra Leon



NICOLAS HAMILTON

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New car, new look but the same dogged determination. Hamilton embarks on his second successive season with Team HARD and after scoring a maiden points finish in the series last year, he will be hoping to become a regular in the top 15.

D.O.B	28/3/1992
Debut	2015
BTCC Races	58
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SUPREME SUTTON

Ashley Sutton begins the defence of his Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship title this weekend at Thruxton and the Laser Tools Racing driver is revved up for the challenge that awaits him.

In what proved to be an unprecedented yet entertaining 2020 campaign, Sutton produced a superlative season-long performance to be clinch the biggest prize in UK motorsport for the second time in his career, having done so previously in 2017.

Now donning the mantel of defending champion for 2021, the rear-wheel-drive ace is keen to add to his ever-growing trophy cabinet, although he's aware he needs to be at the top of his game.

"Last year was an unforgettable year, for a number of reasons, but to finish it being crowned champion for a second time was very special," Sutton said. "To enter this season as the defending champion and fly the flag by running the number one is a nice reminder of what we achieved, a huge amount of people played a part in making it happen.

"We're now about to begin a brand new season though and the competition is going to be fierce. I'm sure the usual contenders will be in the mix come the end of the year; I'm well aware I'm going to need to be on my A game to retain my title."

Last year was Sutton's first behind the wheel of the Infiniti Q50 and despite

it taking him to both the Drivers' and Independent Drivers' titles, the 27-year-old has admitted plenty of work has gone in to improving them over the winter.

He explained: "Everyone at Laser Tools Racing has worked hard throughout the off-season to evolve the car. There are lots of little things that have been tweaked that you may not see and it seems to have unlocked some more pace.

"We've been methodical with our testing programme and wracked up valuable mileage over the course of a few days so I'm confident we will be in a good place come the season-opener at Thruxton.

"For me personally, I learnt a lot last year," Sutton continued as he focused on himself. "Being consistent over the course of the season and picking up the points is the cornerstone of a title challenge however that inner racer is always going to be there, and I'll never hide it. I want to come away from this year knowing that I did the best job I could."

Beginning the season around the fastest circuit in the UK, where he scored a trio of top five finishes last year, the former Jack Sears Trophy

champion is optimistic that he can kick-start his title defence off on the right foot.

He concluded: "Thruxton is unlike anywhere else we go and I think we are going to see it favouring a few different cars this weekend. Having not had the opportunity to test you never really know where you will be starting out but the cream will undoubtedly rise to the top.

"Our car is better than it was last year and I'm expecting that to translate around Thruxton. It has been a long wait but the testing is done now, I'm ready for the battle that lies ahead and I'm hungry to win a third title so lets get to work."





EDWARDS SET TO MAKE BTCC DREAM A REALITY

Jade Edwards will fulfil a lifelong ambition this year as she takes her place on the grid for her first full season in the Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship.

Following in the wheel tracks of her father Jim Edwards Jnr and grandfather Jim Edwards Snr, the third-generation driver will line up for BTC Racing and become the first female competitor to contest a full campaign since 2007.

Having made her mark during a one-off appearance in the Power Maxed Racing Vauxhall last year, the 30-year-old admits it is a dream come true to secure one of the 29 seats available.

"This is a dream come true for me," Edwards explained. "I've grown up around the BTCC from a young age and watched my Dad compete in the championship so it has always been a goal. I got a taste of it last year when I debuted at Silverstone and loved every second!"

"Over the past few years I've built up a good relationship with BTC Racing and owner Steve Dudman and it was around about last November that he called me to see if I wanted to drive this year. Obviously I'd heard things like that down the years before and it didn't pan out but he is a man of his word, we put the deal together and here I am."

Bolstered by a switch to the TOCA Swindon engine for 2021, BTC Racing may not have completed as much testing mileage as other teams but Edwards has been left buoyed by the running that they have

been able to enjoy prior to this weekend.

She said: "Prior to the Season Launch at Silverstone I had only had one day in the car but we've made some really positive progress. We've tried lots of different things and we left Silverstone happy with where we were. I'm learning every time I get in the car and I've got two experienced team mates which can only be a benefit too."

Down the years Thruxton has proven to be a happy hunting ground for the Honda Civic Type R and it is a circuit that Edwards herself has enjoyed as well.

"I love Thruxton, it is one of my favourite circuits to drive and it really suits my driving style," the former Clio Cup driver enthused. "But, I probably would have liked to start the season off somewhere else. That being said the Honda traditionally goes well there so I'm looking forward to seeing what we can achieve."

Embarking on her first full season in Britain's premier motorsport series, Edwards has one clear aim for the year and that is to follow in the footsteps of drivers such as Michael Crees and her team-mate for the weekend, Dan Cammish.

"The aim is to go for the Jack Sears Trophy!" Edwards stated. "I'm keeping things realistic and I've got my sights firmly set on winning that title. Along with continuing to make progress, anything else will be a bonus. I'd love to get into the top ten!"



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GORDON SHEDDEN



One of the biggest stories to be announced during the off-season in the Kwik British Touring Car Championship was the news that three-time title winner Gordon Shedden would be making a return to the series.

Crowned champion in 2012, 2015 & 2016, the Scotsman is back after three years away to spearhead Halfords Racing with Cataclean's championship challenge and despite the sabbatical, the Honda Civic Type R driver has vowed he isn't here to just make up the numbers.

"It's great to be back after three years," he said. "It's like I've never been away and being able to rejoin Team Dynamics has made it that much easier as I've spent so much of my career with the squad.

"Going off to compete in FIA WTCR was an opportunity I had to take and I feel the experience there will only benefit me. You're always learning, both good and bad, and I feel like I've found more in myself to make me a more complete driver. I'm not here to play about. I'm here to win a fourth title and I'll be giving it everything I've got."

Commenting on getting to grips with the FK8 Civic Type R, Flash added: "I was able to drive the car last year when Matt [Neal] was injured so I already had some knowledge of what it was like to drive. Everything feels very familiar to the FK2 but in a slightly different way and we've worked hard in testing, allowing me to gain more confidence as well."

Shedden signalled his title intentions by topping the times at the Season Launch last month and the 42-year-old is relishing kicking off the season around the high-speed demands of Thruxton.

"We're straight in at the deep end aren't we which I love," he said on opening the year in Hampshire. "I'm pretty happy we've got two visits to Thruxton as it is place where both I and the Civic have gone well at down the years. We'll tighten the belts and see what we can do."

FLASHBACK

PLATO RETURNS

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic forced many people to change their scheduled plans in 2020 and that included Jason Plato, who ended up taking a year out from the Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship. Now, the double champion is back with Power Maxed Car Care Racing and he is hungrier than ever for success.

After claiming victory in the 2019 season finale, the 53-year-old had been due to compete for the Vauxhall squad for a second season last year before the pandemic saw the team change direction, electing to not run a full-season two-car programme and instead field a single car at a number of events for various drivers.

Missing his first full-season in Britain's premier motorsport series since 2003, Plato admits his

hiatus from the grid allowed him the opportunity to take stock and reflect on things.

"Obviously last year was far from ideal for any of us but on reflection we made the correct decision to step away for a season and focus on coming back this year," he explained.

"In this game you never really get time to reflect because you're constantly on the hamster wheel, going from event to event, year after year. Having that opportunity to step away from the racing, spend a lot more time at home with the family and really think about things was a useful exercise.

"Without any pressure I've been able to question myself and become more aware of how I am in and out of racing. The biggest thing is that the fire still burns brightly and I'm itching to get back"



Having completed a number of test days alongside new team-mate Daniel Lloyd, the record BTCC race-winner is confident that the team have made a good step forward with the car.

He said: "Our first test was at Donington Park a month or so ago and within six laps I'd say I was back on the numbers. If you can drive a car, you can drive a car. There was a little bit of rustiness but nothing too major.

"We've done a good bit of testing now though and we've resumed the work we did in 2019. We've had a long list of things we wanted to go through, some of which have worked and other bits that haven't, it's been productive."

Round one this weekend will be a milestone race for Plato as he lines up for his 600th start in the series. However, despite the accolade the Vauxhall man isn't focusing on those sorts of numbers too much.

"It's nice that it's my 600th race but those sorts of numbers are good to look back on when I'm done racing, and that isn't the case," Plato explained. "Those sorts of milestones, like the number of wins, are something to show my girls when I'm done and say that I wasn't too bad at this."

Kicking off the season around the fastest circuit in the UK, Plato is looking forward to getting back into the heart of the battle and his aims are clear.

He admitted: "Thruxton is going to be interesting because we're all going to be in the same boat having not tested her prior to arriving. I love the place and I'm sure after FP1 we'll all need to calm down a bit as it's quite ride.

"I'm fired up to be back and I want to be competitive. If I can be fighting for podiums, spray a bit of champagne and cause some mischief I'll be happy."




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ARON TAYLOR-SMITH

TAYLOR-SMITH'S BTCC HOMECOMING

The Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship has seen a number of familiar faces make a return this year and Aron Taylor-Smith is one of them; and the Irishman is enjoying being back and behind the wheel of the brand new Team HARD. Cupra.

Having decided to step away from the series and there," at the end of 2017, Taylor-Smith has competed in a variety of championships however he has always kept a watchful eye on Britain's premier motorsport series with the aim of one day returning to the grid.

When Tony Gilham's Independent outfit announced that they would be introducing new cars for the 2021 season, the wheels were put in motion for the 31-year-old to seal his return.

"Being back in the BTCC feels like a homecoming," Taylor-Smith enthused. "Since stepping away from the series I've always kept my eye on what has been happening in the championship and I've always wanted to one day come back. When this opportunity with Team HARD. came up the stars aligned and we were able to put a deal together."

Following a busy few months of building four new cars, Gilham's squad hasn't rested on its laurels and has completed a number of test days, all of which have been significant in moving the Cupra programme forward.

"When we rolled the car out for our first day of testing it wasn't too far off the pace and since then we have been finding improvements here

and there."

"This is the newest car on the grid and the benefit we have is that we've got four cars and four different directions to go down in terms of development. I've got a good synergy with Jack [Goff] and Nic [Hamilton] and Glynn [Geddie] have been showing strong pace so the signs look promising."

Kicking the season off around the fastest circuit in the UK this weekend, a venue where he has enjoyed success before, Taylor-Smith is quietly confident about his and the teams chances.

"Thruxton is always a bit of an unknown because you don't really ever get the chance to test their prior to the event, at least that is the case this year," he said. "It is a track I enjoy and I've gone well there in the past so we will see how we get on."

Set to embark on a ten-round, 30-race season, the four-time race winner is confident that Team HARD's day will come in 2021.

"It is a long season and anything can happen," Taylor-Smith stated. "Every dog has its day and our day will come this year, we just have to patient and keep working hard."

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EXCELR8ING INTO A NEW ERA

After a learning year running the ageing MG6 GT back in 2019, last year saw the EXCELR8 team firmly establish itself on the British Touring Car Championship Grid.

The introduction of the new Hyundai i30 N Fastback saw the team break onto the podium for the first time and following on from another busy winter off-track, hopes are high making it onto the top step during the year ahead, starting out this weekend at Thruxton.

The decision to expand to four cars following a tie-up with TradePriceCar.com was a big story in itself following the conclusion of the 2020 season, but even bigger news was to follow with the addition of double Independents' Champion Tom Ingram to the driver line-up.

With previous race winner Chris Smiley staying on for a second season and Jack Butel and British GT Champion Rick Parfitt coming in to complete the four-strong line-up, EXCELR8 is all set for its

biggest BTCC season to date, with all four drivers having been hard at work over the course of pre-season.

As the recent season launch test at Silverstone showed, Ingram has wasted little time in getting up to speed in the Hyundai, whilst both Butel and Parfitt have acclimatised well to both team and car.

Perhaps the most telling thing however is Smiley's enthusiasm about improvements made to the car over the winter, which he says is 'night and day different' to last year.

"We're hugely excited about this season and feel 2021 is the year that we can really make our mark in the BTCC," Team Owner Justina Williams admits.

"We took a big step forwards last season with the new car in very difficult circumstances for us all, and to regularly fight inside the top ten and score our first podium finishes was a great achievement.

"This season we really want to raise our game to the next level, and the expansion to four cars is a sign of our intent, as is the driver line-up we have put in place. In Tom and Chris, we have two drivers who know what it takes to win in the series, and although Jack and Rick don't have the same level of experience in the BTCC, they both share the determination to make a success of the season ahead.

"Having also brought in new commercial partners, we're in a very strong position for 2021 and make no mistake, our target this season is to be fighting for wins from the start."

Signing up with the Armed Forces Covenant, which helps members of the Armed Forces integrate back into civilian life, and a new partnership with Sir Jackie Stewart's, Race Against Dementia charity will also provide EXCELR8 with a chance to support two worthy causes during the year ahead.

"It goes without saying that we are delighted to be involved with both the Armed Forces Covenant and Race Against Dementia this season," Williams added. "We're looking forward to the opportunity to promote two hugely important causes to a wider audience, and are confident that BTCC fans will support their work as much as they support our racing activities on track."



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Fresh from a maiden title in 2020's pandemic-hit season, Fortec boasts an enviable three-car line-up in defence of its crown.

Swedish talent Joel Granfors was dominant in both single seaters and closed wheel competition last year, and he'll be joined in the Daventry-based team's awning by world karting champion Oliver Gray.

Local hero James Hedley also returns for a shot at the championship in his sophomore year and could be one to watch this weekend; avid followers will remember his dominant hat-trick of wins at Thruxton last season...

Two teams boast capacity four-car line-ups; reigning Teams Cup winners Carlin will field newcomers Dougie Bolger, Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak and Kai Askey, whilst Roman Bilinski switches across from Arden for his second shot at the title.

Abbi Pulling will spearhead JHR's challenge and is joined by Fiesta Junior champion Joseph Loake, as well as two graduates from karting in McKenzie Cresswell and Matthew Rees.

Another karting graduate, Thomas Ikin, will be aiming for Rookie honours - in which half of the grid are eligible to contest - and is partnered at Arden by Zak Taylor, who steps across from Ginetta Juniors.

Matias Zagazeta is the other returnee in the field, the Peruvian aiming to build on Argenti's race-winning debut season alongside Marcos Flack and Eduardo Coseteng.

Richardson Racing are back, with a fresh new livery and Ginetta talent Georgi Dimitrov to mark their return to single seaters. Dimitrov won twice on his debut weekend car racing last August, so there's precedent there for a fast start.

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The Quaife MINI CHALLENGE Trophy heads for Thruxton for the second round of the season this weekend, with action aplenty expected from a packed grid of Cooper class cars.

The Snetterton season opener two weeks ago threw up two dramatic races that resulted in former champion Matt Hammond securing the early lead in the standings, with the EXCELR8 Motorsport driver converting pole into victory in race one before just missing out on the podium in race two.

Hammond will be looking to defend his points lead as he races at his home circuit for the first time, but is sure to face a huge challenge from the chasing pack, headed by PerformanceTek Racing's Dominic Wheatley and Graves Motorsport racer Lee Pearce.

Wheatley secured a best finish of third at Snetterton having been a front-runner in both races, whilst Pearce took victory by just 0.010s in the second race of the weekend ahead of defending champion Harry Nunn.

Nunn holds fourth in the early standings and sits level on points with Ricky Page, who returned to action for the first time in six years in the opening round. MRM's Nathan Edwards leads the chasing pack in sixth.

Pearce was the pace setter in testing at Thruxton last month ahead of Alex Jay and Morgan Wroot, both of whom will hope to bounce back from mixed fortunes in the season opener. Jay in particular will be looking to go one better than last year, having finished second in race two of the corresponding fixture.

Others to watch include reigning Junior Saloon champion Lewis Saunders - although he will carry a grid penalty into the weekend - and Louie Capozzoli, who set the fastest race lap of the weekend at Snetterton for LDR Performance. Leonardo Panayiotou, a winner at Thruxton last year, will also hope to fight for a similar result.

Given how key the slipstream was at Snetterton a few weeks ago, expect plenty of drama across the three races this weekend.

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The headline GT5 Pro class includes a number of recent podium-finishers with potential to mount title challenges this year; Conner Garlick, Josh Steed (both Xentek Motorsport), John Bennett (Elite Motorsport), Magnus Kriklywi (Race Car Consultants) and Connor Grady (Alastair Rushforth Motorsport).

A number of drivers are moving up the Ginetta ladder to make their GT5 Challenge debuts this season. Amongst those are 2020 G40 Cup front-runners Owen Hizey (SVG Motorsport) and Ignazio Zanon (Raceway Motorsport).

Making the step up from Juniors meanwhile are Will Rochford, Haytham Qarajouli (both TCR) and Will Aspin (Elite Motorsport), while young talents Will Orton (ARM) and Harley Haughton (Elite) enter Ginetta racing for the first time.

A competitive GT5 Am entry features three class race-winners from 2020; Phil McGarty, Bal Sidhu (both Xentek) and Karim Sekkat (Elite).

Amongst their competition is G40 Cup graduates Chris White and Paolo Santi (Raceway), and 2019 GRDC race-winner Harry Mangion (Elite).

The G40 Cup Pro line-up features the reigning GRDC rookie champion Marc Warren (Raceway). Amongst those battling against him will be four drivers who joined him on the podium last year, Thomas Holland, Rupert Laslett, Brenden Haffner (all Raceway) and Bren Maude (CTS).

The Am ranks features two more drivers who competed in GRDC last year meanwhile; Jeremy Sussex (SVG Motorsport) and Michael Johnston (CTS Motorsport).

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ALL-ACTION JUNIORS READY TO RACE

The 2021 Michelin Ginetta Junior Championship season will burst into life this weekend at Thruxton with a grid of 27 teenage talents set to battle it out, the largest grid for a season opener in series history.

Elite Motorsport have won four consecutive drivers' titles and will defend their crown with a six car line-up. Leading them is the highest placed returning driver from 2020, Seb Hopkins, who finished fifth overall in his debut campaign. Will Jenkins joins him for a second season in the series, while Joe Warhurst moves to Elite for his first full campaign. Joining them are car-racing rookies Max Hall, Josh Rowledge and Jack Sherwood.

Reigning Teams' champions R Racing are targeting a first drivers' crown this season. They're running two leading rookies from last year in Tom Edgar and Josh Miller, the latter joining the team as the only Junior race-winner on the grid.

GINETTA JUNIORS

The team's six strong entry also features fellow podium finishers Freddie Tomlinson and Aston Millar, plus rookies Callum Voisin, brother of 2020 front-runner Bailey, and Ian Aguilera.

History was made in the Ginetta Junior Scholarship last December when for the first time, two drivers won a fully-funded season in the championship; Robert de Haan (Richardson Racing) and Maurice Henry (Fox Motorsport).

The two other drivers to reach the Scholarship top four, Harri Reynolds and Maxwell Dodds, are on the grid this year too with Assetto Motorsport. Aqil Alibhai (Breakell Racing) and Fergus Chalmers (Preptech UK) reached the final eight meanwhile.

Oliver Flashman and Edward Pearson join De Haan in Richardson's all-rookie entry, while Assetto also house series returnees Jamie Osborne and Joe Wheeler. Liam McNeilly (Fox) and James Higgins (Preptech UK) are back from 2020 too.

Race Car Consultants are making a return to the Junior grid with Jacob Hodgkiss, while joining the action for the first time is Raceway Motorsport with Zac Meakin.

PORSCHE MOTORSPORT GB ROARS INTO 2021 AT THRUXTON

Porsche Visit Cayman Islands Sprint Challenge GB arrives at Thruxton to kick-start the 2021 Porsche Motorsport GB season. This first visit to the Hampshire circuit follows a maiden season in 2020 that saw the championship firmly establish itself as part of the Porsche Motorsport pyramid. The championship uses a race version of the award-winning Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 and runs alongside Porsche Carrera Cup GB – part of the BTCC package since its first race in 2003.

Thruxton is the first of a full calendar of six weekends that will see the championship run in support of the British Touring Car Championship, British GT Championship and Porsche Club GB Motorsport packages in 2021, underlining the progression competitors can take from club level to the pinnacle of British motor racing. The fast Hampshire circuit will see the cars achieve their highest speeds of the year, reaching over 150 mph in the run to Club.

The field of identical 425 hp 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport cars places the focus on individual driver and team performance across two main categories: Pro and Am. The 'Pro' category typically attracts experienced drivers gunning for the outright championship, while 'Am' provides those transitioning into top-line UK motorsport their own benchmark.

Making his return to the championship following a successful 2020 season is 17-year-old Theo Edgerton (Total Control Racing). A maiden win taken at the final weekend of 2020, the culmination of eight podium appearances last season, will have provided a confidence boost for the Worcester-based driver who arrives at Thruxton as a title hopeful. Ethan Hawkey (Team Parker Racing) is another name familiar to the championship. The 18-year old brother of 2020 Porsche Carrera Cup GB Pro-Am category champion, Esmee Hawkey, took two Pro

category podium finishes in his maiden season and now has the experience to mount a serious title challenge in 2021.

Jack Bartholomew (Redline Racing) from Sussex is one of two exciting Pro category newcomers, the 22-year-old arriving with a wealth of sports car racing experience. Matthew Armstrong (Team Parker Racing) is another new name, the Leicestershire-based driver steps up from karting and is already linked to the Porsche motorsport world – Matt's father, Justin Armstrong, competes in Porsche Carrera Cup GB.

Reigning Am category champion Ambrogio Perfetti (IN2 Racing) returns to defend his title. Perfetti's distinctive Chupa Chups livery and his regular appearances on the category podium made him a crowd favourite in 2020 and he arrives as the driver to beat this season. Ian Humphries (Valluga Racing), Nigel Rice (Redline Racing), Peter Chambers (Chambers Runfold) and Carl Cavers (Valluga Racing) all make their returns to the championship having been podium visitors in 2020 – all four have demonstrated the pace to mount title challenges in 2021.

Charles March (Team Parker Racing) and Charles Clark (IN2 Racing) made their championship debuts at the final weekend of 2020 and return for a full season of racing in 2021. Charles Henry Gordon-Lennox, Earl of March and Kinrara, more commonly known as Charlie March, is the son of The Duke of Richmond and continues his move from historic racing into sports cars with the 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport. Clark makes a move up the Porsche Motorsport pyramid, progressing from the Porsche Club GB Motorsport championship where he competed in a Porsche Boxster. Also making their championship debuts are Alex Malykhin (IN2 Racing) and Kurt Leimer (Team Parker Racing), two exciting Am category newcomers looking to make their mark in 2021.



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16	GBR	McKenzy CRESSWELL	JHR Developments	R
21	THA	Tasanapol INTHRAPHUVASAK	Carlin	-
23	GBR	Georgi DIMITROV	Richardson Racing	-
25	JAP	Dougie BOLGER	Carlin	R
31	POL	Roman BILINSKI	Carlin	-
35	GBR	Matthew REES	JHR Developments	R
36	PHL	Eduardo COSETENG	Argenti Motorsport	R
49	GBR	Abbi PULLING	JHR Developments	-
63	GBR	Oliver GRAY	Fortec Motorsport	R
67	GBR	James HEDLEY	Fortec Motorsport	-
84	GBR	Joseph LOAKE	JHR Developments	-
99	GBR	Zak TAYLOR	Arden Motorsport	-

No	Name	Team	Hometown
1	Harry Nunn	AReeve Motorsport	Newmarket
2	Ricky Page	Privateer	Kent
3	Mike Paul	LDR Performance Tuning	Basingstoke
4	Michael Fitzgerald	LDR Performance Tuning	Dublin
5	Tyler Lidsey	MRM	Dartford
6	Alex Solley	AReeve Motorsport	Houghton Regis
7	Dominic Wheatley	PerformanceTek Racing	Hartlepool
8	Nicky Taylor	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Norwich
9	Charlie Mann	Mann Motorsport	Farnham, Surrey
10	Nathan Edwards	MRM Tunbridge	Wells
11	Lee Pearce	Graves Motorsport	Bromley, Kent
12	Tom Ovenden	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Kent
13	Alfie Glenie	Graves Motorsport	Kent
14	Leonardo Panayiotou	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Chesnut
15	James Parker	AReeve Motorsport	Felsted
16	John Mcgladrigan	PerformanceTek Racing	Glasgow
17	Piers Henderson	AReeve Motorsport	Norfolk
18	Morgan Wroot	Mad4Mini	Scunthorpe
19	Joe Wiggin	LDR Performance Tuning	Hertford
20	Paul Manning	Mannpower Motorsport	Quidenham
21	Adrian Norman	PerformanceTek Racing	Ramsgate
22	Brendan Fitzgerald	LDR Performance Tuning	Dublin Ireland
23	Alex Jay	Misty Racing	Burgess Hill
24	ShanelDrewe	AReeve Motorsport	Bristol
25	Barry Holmes	PerformanceTek Racing	Elderslie
26	Josh Porter	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Aylesbury
27	Nelson King	AReeve Motorsport	Knats Valley
28	Jonathan Sargeant	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Surrey
29	Ben Jenkins	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Sheffield
30	Louie Capozzoli	LDR Performance Tuning	Brackley
31	Lewis Saunders	298 Motorsport	Oxon
32	Clark Wells	Lee Pearce Racing	Essex
33	Matthew Hammond	EXCELR8 Motorsport	Salisbury

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No.	Driver	Category	Origin	Team
5	Peter Chambers	Am	Gomshall	Chambers Runfold PLC
7	Charles March	Am	West Sussex	Team Parker Racing
9	Matthew Armstrong	Pro	Leicestershire	Team Parker Racing
15	Nigel Rice	Am	North Yorkshire	Redline Racing
22	Carl Cavers	Am	Nottingham	Valluga
23	Alex Malykhin	Am	Surrey	IN2 Racing
27	Ian Humphris	Am	Birmingham	Valluga
40	Ethan Hawkey	Pro	Kent	Team Parker Racing
51	Ambrogio Perfetti	Am	London	IN2 Racing
54	Theo Edgerton	Pro	Stourport-on-Severn	TCR
77	Charles Clark	Am	Worcestershire	IN2 Racing
88	Kurt Leimer	Am	Switzerland	Team Parker Racing
89	Jack Bartholomew	Pro	Sussex	Redline Racing



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GINETTA GT5 CHALLENGE

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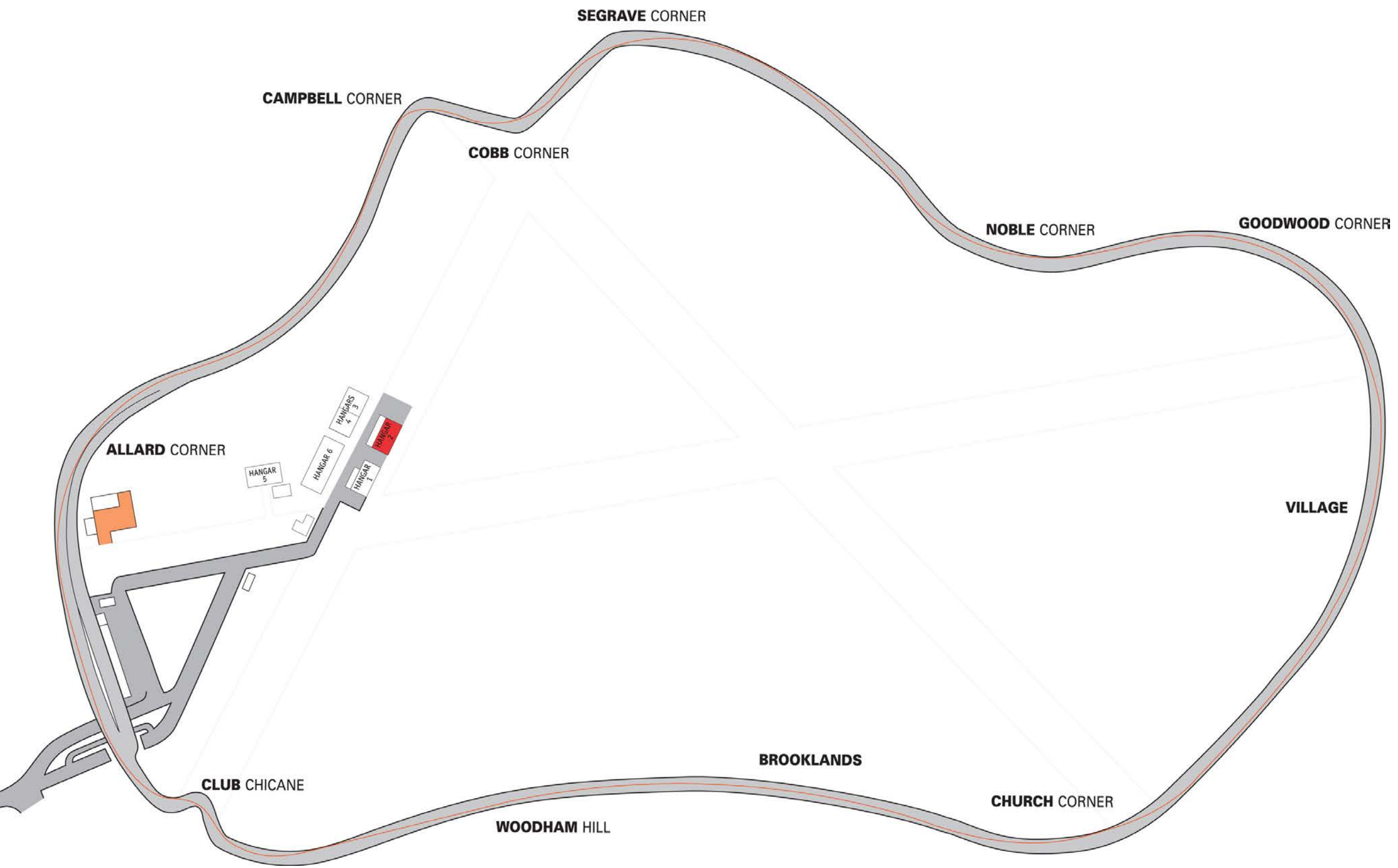
NO	NAME	TEAM	CLASS	COUNTY
5	Rupert Laslett	Raceway Motorsport	G40 Cup Pro	Kent
7	Conner Garlick	Xentek Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Kent
10	Karim Sekkat	Elite Motorsport	GT5 Am	Oxfordshire
11	Connor Grady	Alistair Rushforth Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Surrey
12	Michael Johnson	CTS Motorsport	G40 Cup Am	Scotland
13	Brenden Haffner	Raceway Motorsport	G40 Cup Pro	West Midlands
15	Steven Davies	SVG Motorsport	G40 Cup Am	Derbyshire
16	Bal Sidhu	Xentek Motorsport	GT5 Am	West Midlands
20	Harley Haughton	Elite Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Manchester
21	Will Rochford	TCR	GT5 Pro	Bristol
22	Mark Steel	Toro Verde	GT5 Am	Leicestershire
23	Thomas Holland	Raceway Motorsport	G40 Cup Pro	Somerset
26	Will Aspin	Elite Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Somerset
27	John Bennett	Elite Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Wiltshire
31	Will Orton	Alistair Rushforth Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Nottinghamshire
37	Andrew Willis	Privateer	G40 Cup Am	West Midlands
44	Harry Mangion	Elite Motorsport	GT5 Am	London
47	Jeremy Sussex	SVG Motorsport	G40 Cup Am	West Sussex
48	Ignazio Zanon	Raceway Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Italy
50	Marc Warren	Raceway Motorsport	G40 Cup Pro	Surrey
55	Ben Maude	CTS Motorsport	G40 Cup Pro	Yorkshire
57	Nick White	MRM Racing	G40 Cup Pro	Wiltshire
58	Josh Steed	Xentek Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Hertfordshire
66	Magnus Kriklywi	Race Car Consultants	GT5 Pro	Denmark
71	Max Coates	Breakell Racing	GT5 Pro	Yorkshire
74	Owen Hizzey	SVG Motorsport	GT5 Pro	West Sussex
75	Haytham Qarajouli	TCR	GT5 Pro	Kent
77	Paolo Santi	Raceway Motorsport	GT5 Am	Italy
81	Phil McGarty	Xentek Motorsport	GT5 Am	Manchester
83	Chris White	Raceway Motorsport	GT5 Am	Surrey
88	Mikey Doble	Xentek Motorsport	GT5 Pro	Surrey
95	Nat Hodgkiss	Race Car Consultants	GT5 Pro	Shropshire

NO	NAME	TEAM	CLASS	COUNTY
10	Josh Rowledge	Elite Motorsport	Rookie	Northumberland
11	Ian Aguilera	R Racing	Rookie	Mexico
12	James Higgins	Preptech UK	Rookie	Surrey
14	Josh Miller	R Racing		Kent
17	Oliver Flashman	Richardson Racing	Rookie	Essex
18	Seb Hopkins	Elite Motorsport		Hampshire
23	Harri Reynolds	Assetto Motorsport	Rookie	Pembrokeshire
24	Jamie Osborne	Assetto Motorsport		Nottinghamshire
30	Will Jenkins	Elite Motorsport		Staffordshire
33	Max Dodds	Assetto Motorsport	Rookie	Yorkshire
35	Callum Voisin	R Racing	Rookie	Switzerland
41	Edward Pearson	Richardson Racing	Rookie	Surrey
46	Robert De Haan	Richardson Racing	Rookie	Netherlands
47	Aqil Albhari	Breakell Racing	Rookie	South Africa
48	Liam McNeilly	Fox Motorsport		Essex
49	Maurice Henry	Fox Motorsport	Rookie	West Midlands
50	Adam Brown	Privateer	Rookie	Hertfordshire
52	Tom Edgar	R Racing		Northern Ireland
62	Freddie Tomlinson	R Racing		Yorkshire
70	Aston Millar	R Racing		Sussex
71	Fergus Chalmers	Preptech UK	Rookie	Aberdeenshire
78	Jack Sherwood	Elite Motorsport	Rookie	Leicestershire
81	Zac Meakin	Raceway Motorsport	Rookie	Yorkshire
88	Joe Wheeler	Assetto Motorsport		Lancashire
93	Max Hall	Elite Motorsport	Rookie	Gloucestershire
94	Jacob Hodgkiss	Race Car Consultants	Rookie	Shropshire
95	Joe Warhurst	Elite Motorsport	Rookie	Yorkshire



No	Name	Nationality	Entrant	Car	Team/driver status
1	Ashley Sutton	GBR	Laser Tools Racing	Infiniti Q50	Independent
2	Colin Turkington	GBR	Team BMW	BMW 330i M Sport	Manufacturer
3	Tom Chilton	GBR	Car Gods with Ciceley Motorsport	BMW 330i M Sport	Independent
4	Sam Osborne	GBR	Racing with Wera & Photon Group	Ford Focus ST	Manufacturer/Constructor / JS
6	Rory Butcher	GBR	Toyota Gazoo Racing UK	Toyota Corolla GR Sport	Manufacturer
11	Jason Plato	GBR	Power Maxed Car Care Racing	Vauxhall Astra	Independent
12	Stephen Jelley	GBR	Team BMW	BMW 330i M Sport	Manufacturer
15	Tom Oliphant	GBR	Team BMW	BMW 330i M Sport	Manufacturer
16	Aiden Moffat	GBR	Laser Tools Racing	Infiniti Q50	Independent
22	Chris Smiley	GBR	Ginsters EXCELR8 with TradePriceCars.com	Hyundai i30N	Independent
23	Sam Smelt	GBR	Toyota Gazoo Racing UK	Toyota Corolla GR Sport	Manufacturer / JS
24	Jake Hill	GBR	MB Motorsport accelerated by Blue Square	Ford Focus ST	Manufacturer/Constructor
27	Dan Cammish	GBR	BTC Racing	Honda Civic Type R	Independent
28	Nicolas Hamilton	GBR	ROKiT Racing with iQuoto Online Trading	Cupra Leon	Independent / JS
31	Jack Goff	GBR	Team HARD. with Autobrite Direct	Cupra Leon	Independent
32	Daniel Rowbottom	GBR	Halfords Racing with Cataclean	Honda Civic Type R	Independent / JS
33	Adam Morgan	GBR	Car Gods with Ciceley Motorsport	BMW 330i M Sport	Independent
40	Árón Taylor-Smith	IRL	Team HARD. with HUB Financial Solutions	Cupra Leon	Independent
41	Carl Boardley	GBR	Laser Tools Racing	Infiniti Q50	Independent / JS
44	Andy Neate	GBR	Racing with Wera & Photon Group	Ford Focus ST	Manufacturer/Constructor / JS
48	Ollie Jackson	GBR	MB Motorsport accelerated by Blue Square	Ford Focus ST	Manufacturer/Constructor
52	Gordon Shedden	GBR	Halfords Racing with Cataclean	Honda Civic Type R	Independent
62	Rick Parfitt	GBR	EXCELR8 with TradePriceCars.com	Hyundai i30N	Independent / JS
66	Josh Cook	GBR	BTC Racing	Honda Civic Type R	Independent
80	Tom Ingram	GBR	Ginsters EXCELR8 with TradePriceCars.com	Hyundai i30N	Independent
88	Glynn Geddie	GBR	Team HARD. with Autobrite Direct	Cupra Leon	Independent / JS
96	Jack Butel	GBR	EXCELR8 with TradePriceCars.com	Hyundai i30N	Independent / JS
99	Jade Edwards	GBR	PHSC with BTC Racing	Honda Civic Type R	Independent / JS
123	Daniel Lloyd	GBR	Power Maxed Car Care Racing	Vauxhall Astra	Independent

Manufacturer/Constructor = BMW, Toyota, Motorbase Performance/Ford
 JS = Eligible for Jack Sears Trophy



HISTORY OF THRUXTON

FAMOUS DRIVERS WHO HAVE RACED AT THRUXTON



AYRTON SENNA
3 X FORMULA 1
WORLD CHAMPION



NIGEL MANSELL
1992 FORMULA 1
WORLD CHAMPION



DAMON HILL
1996 FORMULA 1
WORLD CHAMPION



JENSON BUTTON
2009 FORMULA 1
WORLD CHAMPION



LEWIS HAMILTON
6 X FORMULA 1
WORLD CHAMPION

GRAHAM HILL EMERSON FITTIPALDI
MIKA HAKKINEN **JACKIE STEWART**

Declared surplus to requirements in 1946, motorsport started in 1950 with motorbikes on a track comprising both the runways and perimeter roads.

Cars joined the bikes in 1952 for only one year as the deteriorating wartime tarmac was breaking up badly. Amazingly, bikes continued racing until 1965, but by then plans were underway to redevelop the site and motor racing returned on a new track in 1968.

The new layout ignored the old runways and followed the lines of the perimeter road with the inclusion of a chicane and further round the track three tight corners in succession: Campbell,

Cobb and Segrave, commonly referred to as the Complex.

Even with these tight corners, Thruxton is the fastest race circuit in the UK. Thruxton soon gained a reputation as a real drivers circuit with its seemingly never-ending high-speed corners around the back of the track where success required total commitment.

Thruxton's fame grew from the Easter Monday Formula 2 meetings where Formula 1 drivers of the day battled with up and coming talent. Household names like Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart and Jochen Rindt all thrilled the crowds in the early races.

Since then Thruxton has seen all the recent Formula 1 drivers race regularly at the track at some time in their career.

It is now the high-speed rounds of the British Touring Car Championship and British Superbike Championship that regularly bring in capacity crowds. If you follow these series you may have seen Thruxton on the television, but as always there is nothing like doing it for real.

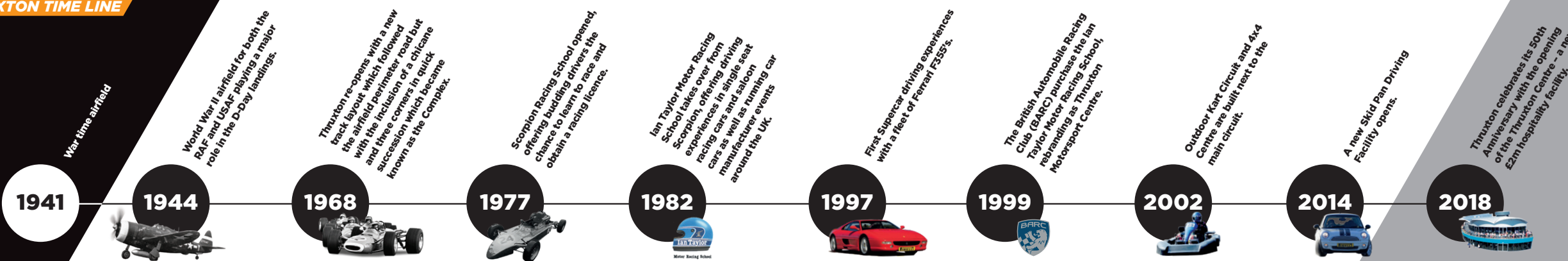
Like many race circuits Thruxton was originally a wartime airfield. Commissioned in 1941 the airfield was host to both the RAF and USAF and played a major part in the D-Day landings as a base for troop-carrying aircraft and gliders.



In 1993 Damon Hill, Formula 1 World Champion, drove a demonstration run in the Williams FW15C, recording an incredible 57.6 second lap of the 2.4-mile circuit - an average speed of 147.25mph.

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57.6sec

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