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

Thank you for all the positive comments regarding the contents of the bulletin. Please do forward it on to any Marshals who say that they have not received a copy (this is usually either because they have opted out of Mail Chimp or because they have not updated their email address).

If you need to update your details, you can do this on the Motorsport UK website. If you have forgotten your login details, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org and we can reset it for you (please remember to include your Motorsport UK number). This is also the correct email address to use for all marshalling matters.

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!

2024 Registration Renewals

Marshal Registration renewals will open in September. As with 2023, renewals will take place online and you will receive an email once the system is live. If you know of any Marshals who do not have internet access, please ask them to contact us and we can post them a form to complete.

British Motorsport Trust

Many Motorsport UK Clubs obtain grant funding from the British Motorsport Trust (BMT) to arrange Marshal training events. In case you missed it, Autosport recently ran an article on the work of the Trust, and you can read it on their website [HERE](#) [*Autosport.com*]. For more information on how the Trust supports motorsport in the UK, or to make a donation, please visit www.britishmotorsporttrust.org

VSCC Marshal's Training Event

Saturday 2 September 2023 at Whitwick, Leicestershire

The VSCC is running an Incident Training course, suitable for motorsport marshals from **all disciplines** on Saturday 2 September at Whitwick Scout Hut, Leicester Road, Whitwick, Coalville, LE67 5GN.

Course director, Alan Page, has assembled a team of experienced trainers and has devised an interesting, useful and exciting day for all participants.

The course will be partly indoors (theory sessions) and partly outdoors with practical sessions providing real 'hands-on' experience. The course content includes:

- Marshals Safety
- Incident Handling
- First Aid for First Person on the Scene
- Practical Fire Training
- Tackling Scenarios

The practical training will include using fire extinguishers and looking at a number of actual incidents using an old trials car to replicate what happened.

Thanks to a British Motorsport Trust grant, the course will be free of charge to all participants. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

For further information on the course please contact Martin Jelley (Chair of VSCC Marshals' Sub Committee) on m.jelley145@btinternet.com or 07757 812703.

To book a place on the course please contact Arron Groombridge (VSCC Competition Department Administrator) on arron.groombridge@vsc.co.uk or 01608 644777.

Stage Commander training

Motorsport UK is currently putting together a new Stage Commander training programme, along with modules for Deputy Stage Commanders and Stage Safety Officers. These modules will have an anticipated release for the end of 2023 and will be delivered by Motorsport UK. Communications will be made to identified individuals so that they can register for a place at a course in the coming weeks.

The Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is Motorsport UK's online learning platform, and many of you will have accessed it since its launch in 2020. There are a variety of learning modules on there, and we are continuing to add

additional content on a regular basis. New this month is the addition of several Marshals Pathway training modules which can be completed online. These are:

GE01E Upgrades & Assessments
GE01F Safe, Fair and Fun
SP01A Introduction to Speed
RC01A Introduction to Race

OT01A Introduction to Off Track
RY01A Introduction to Rally
KT01A Introduction to Kart

The Registered Marshal (Accredited) course was introduced as part of the registration process for new Marshals in August 2020, and we encourage all Marshals to revisit this course from time-to-time as a refresher.

Whilst online learning has its benefits, nothing beats getting hands on at a practical training event. Many Clubs and Regional Associations list their training events on their websites – you can find your local Club of Association on the Motorsport UK website [HERE](#), or feel free to [contact us](#) and we will let you know what's on in your area.

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 – we are here to help. You can find all of the requirements for the Marshals Pathway [HERE](#).

Please be 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. So far in 2023, we have processed 173 upgrades via the previous Grading Scheme or the new Marshal Pathway.

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.

We do accept Personal Record Cards (PRCs) and other paperwork electronically, however, please include the inside of the PRC showing personal information. If posting original paperwork, please make copies as they can sometimes go missing in the post. Please also remember to ensure that there is a photograph on at least the most recent PRC when upgrading, as we are still receiving upgrades with PRCs where there is a space for a photograph, but there isn't one attached.

Upgrade Assessments

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. Please do not just turn up and expect to be put with an Assessor.

However, should you find yourself allocated to an area where there is a Marshal Assessor present (who hasn't been given the maximum of two assessments to do that day) then the Assessor may at their own discretion carry this out and, if successful, inform the Chief Marshal at the end of the day.

Timescales for Receipt of Upgrades

Please remember that some Clubs have their own process of approving upgrades prior to them being sent to Motorsport UK – for instance through regional centers or through their Chief Marshal. This means that it might not be received by Motorsport UK for longer than you might expect.

Furthermore, once received at Motorsport UK, upgrades for Race and Off-Track Grade 2 and above are sent to an external Upgrade Panel which is made up of representatives from the major Race Clubs. This process is carried out to ensure that an individual hasn't had their upgrade refused by one Club and gone to another one instead.

Acquired Rights Scheme

Over 175 people have taken advantage of this scheme in 2023 alone. This means that over 348 Marshals have upgraded so far in 2023, compared to 105 at the same time last year.

However, to clarify, the Acquired Rights Scheme is primarily for people who have not previously registered with Motorsport UK but have been marshalling for a number of years. This also includes those that have attended training and marshalled at events but have never upgraded.

It is also to assist those disciplines such as Kart and Speed where there are less Assessors available, but it is rarely used for Race or Off-Track as Assessors are and have been available for many years and the majority of Marshals in these disciplines are already registered.

Some Race and Off-Track Marshals have attempted to use Acquired Rights rather than going through the upgrade route – this is not the purpose of the Acquired Rights Scheme, and their upgrades have been refused and requested instead to contact their Chief Marshal for an assessment.

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 **31st December 2023**.

Marshalling Abroad

Every year, many hundreds of Marshals travel overseas to volunteer at motorsport events. This year, 217 letters have been issued so that Marshals can confirm the Grade they hold with Motorsport UK.

Anyone wishing to apply to marshal abroad must be a graded Marshal (Grade 1 and above) and you need to inform us which event(s) you are intending to participate in. If you are applying for an event in 2024, you will need to wait until you have renewed your registration.

Full details, and the online application form, can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that, as a new requirement for 2024, you will also be required to provide evidence of having marshalled in the UK within the past 12 months.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- If using your phone to go onto the Learning Hub, please remember to scroll down further as not all phone screens show the whole page.
- In the new PRC, on the inside cover, it has the date obtained for each grade/discipline. Please put the date of the second assessment (depending on if one or two are required), which is easily found by looking at your PRC.
- For those who have obtained the grade via Acquired Rights, then it will be the date when you receive the email saying that your card has been printed.
- 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". Once the 2024 Marshals Renewals open, then look for the 2024 form on the Resource Centre.
- The new Marshal PRC will continue to be provided to Marshals once their upgrade has been approved by Motorsport UK, and you can view a sample of the booklet [HERE](#).
- 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. Once you upgrade, you will receive a copy of the new PRC.

Here to help

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

training@motorsportuk.org – for any training related queries.

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

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

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

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