



The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.  
South Durham Section  
44<sup>th</sup> BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL RESULTS  
Sunday 18 September 2016

29 September 2016

Dear Entrant

The results of the 44<sup>th</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial held on 18 September 2016 are enclosed. Your date bar is also enclosed.

In total there were 130 starters on the day from a total entry of 150. There were 124 finishers. Many thanks to Dave Crone for providing the recovery and to Martin Preston for taking on fuel duties this year.

We were extremely lucky with the weather which was unbroken sunshine and probably one of the best Beamish's for weather in recent years and this is reflected in the ease with which many of the sections were taken. High House Lonnen in particular is very sensitive to weather and this year most people had few problems on it.

The Robert Atkinson Cup for outstanding achievement/gallantry has been awarded to Flynn Leybourne who completed the event on his little Fantic 50. While this is quite an achievement in itself it is even more so when you are only 16 years old. Well done Flynn – hope to see you again next year!

Thanks to all our many helpers including: North Durham Motor Club, The Friends of Killhope Lead Mine, North East Classic Motorcycle Club, BSA Owners Club, Rievers Section VMCC and Northumbria VMCC who marshalled Westgate Ford and High House Lonnen. Thanks also to the many members, partners and friends of South Durham VMCC who worked so hard prior to & on the day to enable all of the sections to be open & the event to be completed successfully.

We are also indebted to the Mark and the team at The New Board Inn, who allowed us to use the pub site for the start/finish again and the facilities at the pub for tea/coffee/meals/toilets. We would also like to thank all of our trophy sponsors. A massive 'thank you' to all the landowners and users who allowed us access to their land and property once again.

The off-site parking arrangements seemed to work. As you know the farmer makes no charge for this facility but we collect for a charity of his choice. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to make a donation of £268-67 to MacMillan Cancer Support. Thanks guys!

As you may be aware we are strong supporters of LARA (Land Access Recreation Association). Their work is vitally important in protecting our use of green lanes. This year we raised £290 as a donation to Lara funds.

There will be an official 'Beamish Awards Night' at our regular venue: Middleton St George Cricket & Social Club, Water View, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1JQ starting at 7:30pm on **Thursday 17 November 2016**. There will be a buffet, distribution of goodies for the marshals, and a still photograph display and the presentation of trophies. We are also inviting all the marshals, observers and helpers so it is an opportunity to thank them. We really hope you can make it.

Looking ahead, Sunday 17 September 2017 is the date for the 45<sup>th</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial. Entry invitations will be sent out in the first week of January 2017.  
Hope to see you next year

Yours sincerely

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