



The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.  
South Durham Section  
53<sup>rd</sup> BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL  
REGULATIONS  
AMCA Permit No.: AMCA-2026-4679  
Sunday 20 September 2026



### ANNOUNCEMENT

- The South Durham Section of the Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd (VMCC) will hold, on Sunday 20 September 2026, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial for MOTORCYCLES & TRICYCLES manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1980.
- The event is open to members of the VMCC only, who must produce their current membership card at the start.
- **Day membership is available for non-members at an additional fee**
- Young Riders born on or after 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005 may enter without charge other than Day Membership

### 2. DESCRIPTION

- The start and finish of the Trial will be at The New Board Inn, Hill Top, Esh, Co. Durham, DH7 9RL.
- The first vehicle will leave at 09.00am & the remainder will follow at one-minute intervals. The route consists of over one hundred miles of Northern Dales and is based on the Travers Trophy Trial of the 1920's and a South Shields MC Trial of about 1925. There are a number of testing hills, some of which are untarred.
- Entrant's knowledge of the Highway Code and motoring history will be tested en-route. Detailed route cards will be issued at the start and some parts of the route will be marked out but the onus for finding the correct route rests entirely with the rider/driver.
- There will be a lunch stop of one hour at Nenthead.

### 3. ENTRY REQUESTS

- Closing Date for Entry Requests is Monday 30 March 2026.
- **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY REQUEST.**
- Entry Requests may be made online at <https://www.vmccsouthdurham.co.uk/btt-2026>, using the QR code at the top of this page or on the Beamish Trophy Trial Facebook page. Paper Entry Request Forms may be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to the organiser. Address at the bottom of this page.
- Entries will be allocated as follows:
- 25 start places for machines 1<sup>st</sup> registered before 1 January 1930 (1920's Decade Class), 25 start places for machines 1<sup>st</sup> registered on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1930 and before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1940 (1930's Decade Class) and so on.
- Any unfilled places in a given Decade Class will be allocated to the subsequent Decade Class.
- In the event that a Decade Class is over-subscribed preference will be given to any entrant declined an entry the previous year and then subsequently by ballot for the remaining unfilled places.
- Entries will be confirmed with requests for payment by 27 April 2026.
- No entries will be accepted on the day.
- To help us keep administration costs to a minimum we prefer to use email where possible.

### 4. ENTRY FEES – DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY REQUEST

Machine Entry	£23	Fee per machine which includes a £3 donation to LARA*
Day Membership	£3	Non VMCC members Day Membership Fee

*\*LARA's work to protect vehicle access to green lanes is vital to the continuation of the Beamish and similar events. This sum will be donated to the Lara Fighting Fund.*

### 5. COMPETITION

- Observed Driving. To come close to the original Trials, observed sections will be marked on the test hills (off-road). Entrants must make an unbroken climb through these sections and must not stop within sight of the sections, otherwise the following penalties apply:

For stopping in the section	10 points
For footing, pedalling or running alongside	5 points
For failing to pull away without assistance after a baulk	5 points

- Allowance will be made for baulking should this occur. Safe riding practice may be observed at secret check points.
- Check Points. Entrants will be stopped to answer questions on the Highway Code (past & present) and on motoring history.

### 6. TYRES

- Tyres used on the Beamish Trophy Trial must be suitable for On Road use and road legal. The organisers wish competitors to join in the spirit of the event by choosing tyres that are non-aggressive in appearance or destructive in use. The distance between the tread blocks must not exceed 17mm and the maximum tread depth is 10 mm.

- **Road Tyres are defined as having a gap between the tread blocks NOT exceeding 6 mm.**
- **Trials Tyres are defined as having a gap between the tread blocks exceeding 6 mm but not exceeding 17mm.**

- Please ensure that your insurance is in order and covers you for the Trial.
- Be sure your vehicle is in sound condition, especially the brakes, as the route is designed to be testing like the old trials.

## 7. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- Each new entrant will receive a commemorative lapel badge plus date bar. Previous entrants will receive a date bar.
- The date bars will be in Gold for a 1<sup>st</sup> class award, Silver for a 2<sup>nd</sup> class award, Red for all other finishers and Blue for non-finishers. A 1<sup>st</sup> class award will be gained by the top 15% of all finishers & a 2<sup>nd</sup> class award for the next 25%. Passengers will also be eligible for a badge/date bar (they must be named on your entry form).
- Lapel badges and date bars will be forwarded along with the results after the Trial.
- Only those entrants who finish will be eligible for a trophy. The trophies are awarded for one year only and must be returned at the receiver's expense when requested by the organisers. A certificate will be awarded as a permanent memento.
- The trophies to be awarded are as follows:

Richard Hore Memorial Trophy	Best Overall Performance
Colin Myers Shield	Best Performance by a two stroke motorcycle
Whitbank Plate	Best Performance by a military motorcycle
KEP Services Shield	Best Performance by a non-British machine
Sir Tom Cowie Trophy	Best Performance by a new entrant
South Durham VMCC Trophy	Best Performance by a pre-1931 motorcycle (unlimited)
Durham Classic Motorcycle Club Trophy	Best Performance by a 1931-40 motorcycle over 450cc
Dave Watson Bikeman Shield	Best Performance by a 1931-40 motorcycle under 450cc
Nenthead Shield	Best Performance by a 1941-50 motorcycle over 450cc
Cestria Tyres Trophy	Best Performance by a 1941-50 motorcycle under 450cc
Jim Ruck Shield	Best Performance by a 1951-60 motorcycle over 450cc
Armthorpe Fabrications Trophy	Best Performance by a 1951-60 motorcycle under 450cc
D.C.M.C. Crook Members Trophy	Best Performance by a 1961-70 motorcycle over 450cc
Two Plus Four Motorcycle Road Training Trophy	Best Performance by a 1961-70 motorcycle under 450cc
Ken Blacklock N.E.M.C. Trophy	Best Performance by a 1971-79 motorcycle over 450cc
Allenheads Inn Trophy	Best Performance by a 1971-79 motorcycle under 450cc
Merlin Coachworks Sidecar Trophy	Best Performance by a motorcycle combination
Sir Tom Cowie Trophy	Best Performance by a tricycle
Dick Graham Memorial Shield	Best Performance by a light weight motorcycle under 200cc
Northumbria VMCC Trophy	Oldest Vehicle to complete the Trial
HR Blowers Trophy	Oldest combined age vehicle and rider
Pops Hinde Trophy	Best Performance by an entrant aged 65 or over
Allenheads Inn Ladies Shield	Best Performance by a lady rider
Robert Atkinson Cup	Outstanding achievement by a Trial entrant

## 8. TIES

- Should a tie occur the older machine will win.

## 9. BONUS POINTS

- These will count towards all trophies listed above, as follows:

Machine built before 1930	30pts	Two speed	12pts	Single speed	20pts
Machine built 1931-1945	20pts	Each passenger	6pts	Road tyres (normal road tread)	10pts
Machine built 1946-1960	10pts	Sidecar	5pts	Under 200cc	10pts

## 10. ALTERATIONS

- The organisers reserve the right to alter these regulations, should circumstances make it necessary, & can accept no responsibility for any inconvenience this may cause.



ENTRY INTO THE TRIAL IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE  
OF THESE REGULATIONS AND ANY SUPPLEMENTARY  
REGULATIONS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED.

WE ARE  
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