



The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.  
South Durham Section  
49<sup>th</sup> BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL RESULTS  
Sunday 18 September 2022

06 October 2022

Dear Entrants

The results of the 49<sup>th</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial held on 18 September 2022 are enclosed. Your date bar and badge (where appropriate) are also enclosed.

In total there were 115 starters on the day from an initial total entry of 150. There were 109 finishers, after 6 riders failed to finish. Many thanks to Dave Crone and Mike Laidler for providing the recovery service. Entrants drop out for a wide variety of reasons but it tends principally to be because their bike is not ready or for health reasons.

The weather throughout the day was overcast, cool and rather windy, but there was a blessed absence of rain.

The off-site parking arrangements at The New Board Inn were as before. The reason for this is that the site is limited in space and the pub must retain parking for their lunchtime paying customers. Those who are camping with the pub's blessing, free of charge, can usually leave their vehicles on the field on the Sunday morning, however there is not enough space to accommodate all entrants vehicles without occupying the pub's car park, hence we arrange overflow parking in a farmer's field about 500 yards away

We printed two separate route cards again this year – one for tarmac only and one including the green lane sections. We also emailed the route cards in advance to all entrants so that they could, if they wished, print them at home before the event. This seemed popular as we had a lot of printed ones left over.

Last year the morning route was quite heavily modified partly to avoid some of the very roughest green lane but also to avoid the main street closure in Alston. The closure is now ancient history but we felt the diversion route was an improvement so retained it in this year's event.

The lunchstop at Nenthead seemed to work very well. Both the burgers and the cakes were excellent, many thanks to the Nenthead community for making us so welcome.

I have been asked how we go about arriving at the final scores for the Beamish Trophy Trial.

### Points.

This event is a little unusual in that we have quiz style questions – the more correct answers the higher the score, whereas the observed sections, traditionally, would be scored by losing marks – the lower the score the better. To get round this, although the marking is the same as any trial – clean, one foot, multiple footing etc, we turn it round and award 20 points for a clean and lesser numbers for the various footing/stopping options. The quiz-type checkpoints generally give a maximum of 10 points and then there are bonus points as listed in the Regulations:-

### 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

Where two riders tie on equal numbers of points the order is decided by machine age.

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## Trophies.

Our trophies are split into two categories – Main Awards and Class Awards. We only award a single trophy to any rider in each category. For example, if you were to win the *Richard Hore Memorial Trophy for Best Overall Performance* and you also happened to be riding the oldest machine in the event you would not be awarded the *Northumbria VMCC Trophy for Oldest Vehicle to complete the Trial* – that trophy would be awarded to the next oldest vehicle to complete the trial. It would be possible for example to win both – *Northumbria VMCC Trophy for Oldest Vehicle to complete the Trial* in the Main Awards as well as *South Durham VMCC Trophy for Best Performance by a pre-1931 motorcycle (unlimited)* in the Class Awards.

In summary, it should be remembered that the Beamish Trophy Trial is first and foremost intended to be a good day out and the competitive element is very secondary.

The **Robert Atkinson Cup** is named after the founder of the event and is for outstanding achievement. This year it has been awarded to Robert Homa. Robert is a resident of Edinburgh and has lived there for 20 years, however he hails originally from Poland. This was his first entry in the Beamish Trophy Trial and I believe he has not ridden in any similar events – so a learning curve! Robert, being Polish, chose to ride a Polish motorcycle – his beautifully restored 1974 WSK M21W2.

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 Northumbrian Section VMCC. 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.

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 £278 as a donation to the Lara Fighting Fund.

In past years we have collected donations on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Support. You may have noticed that this year nobody was rattling a green bucket in your face. This was not deliberate and does not represent any lack of support for an excellent cause. A number of riders noticed the absence and volunteered donations so that we have been able to forward a cheque for £115 to MacMillan

The 'Beamish Awards Night' will be at our regular venue: Middleton St George Cricket & Social Club, Water View, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1JQ starting at 7:30pm on **Thursday 10 November 2022**. 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 2023 is the date for the 50<sup>th</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial. Entry invitations will be sent out by email in the second week of February 2023. We can only do this if we have your email address so if you don't receive periodic emails from us please contact us at [Beamishtt@live.co.uk](mailto:Beamishtt@live.co.uk). If you do not have access to email we can send you a paper entry if you send us a stamped addressed envelope to the address below.

Hope to see you next year

Yours sincerely



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