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**REGULATIONS** On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Herefordshire and Mid-Wales section of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club will once again organise “*Herefordshire on the Edge*” - an enjoyable, non-competitive, long distance event, designed to challenge entrants’ riding and navigation skills and to test their machines over a wide range of surfaced roads. The event will be held under these Regulations and any subsequent instructions that may be issued before the event. The 7<sup>th</sup> running of this unique event will provide entrants with the opportunity to explore some remote and beautiful corners of one of Britain’s most scenic, historic but least visited counties.

The locations of 28 waypoints spaced at roughly 6 mile intervals around the borders of Herefordshire will be published two weeks before the event, in the form of post codes, “what3words”, 10 figure OS grid references and Latitude and Longitude. Riders should plan and follow their own route to visit a sufficient number of these waypoints in order to achieve either a bronze, silver or gold award. Code boards will be displayed clearly at each waypoint. Proof of passage is established by recording the codeboard information on a route card, which is given to competitors when they sign on at the start.

Four **additional** waypoints (including the start/finish) will be designated as Cardinal Points. To qualify for any award, entrants **must** visit all 4 Cardinal Points (North, South, East and West). The Cardinal Points, which are all pubs or cafes, are designated rest stops where entrants must dismount from their vehicles. Your custom would be a great way of thanking the owners for their assistance. Entrants must spend **at least 30 minutes at one of these stops**. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification. Proof of passage at the Cardinal Points will require route cards to be punched with an orienteering punch which will be located at the Cardinal Point.

**Entrants may use any appropriate equipment to plan and follow their route (i.e. Satnavs are allowed).**

There will be no prescribed route. This is not a treasure hunt, our aim being to make these waypoints as simple to find and record as possible. The event is not timed, although any entrant deemed to have exceeded an average speed greater than 26 mph will be excluded from the awards. The shortest route visiting all 4 Cardinal Points and 20 waypoints (Gold Medal standard) will be around 160 miles. Final route details and code board locations will be sent electronically 2 weeks before the event and will also be available at the start.

Event newsletters will be published from time to time in the run up to the event, which will update these regulations and provide other helpful information to entrants.

2023 entry forms plus reports, photos and results of previous events can be found on our website

<https://herefordmidwalesvmcc.org>

**Fund Raising** Entrants are encouraged to raise funds for St Michael’s Hospice via a “**Just Giving**” link or by simply collecting in the traditional way. For more information, look here -

<https://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/donate-now/>

#### **Eligibility:**

• Entrants **must:** -

- be members of the VMCC;
  - *1 day guest membership is assumed in the entry fee for non-VMCC members*
- hold a driving licence for the appropriate class of vehicle; and
- have appropriate insurance as required by the Road Traffic Acts;

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• Vehicles **must:** -

- have no more than 3 wheels;

- be more than 25 years old on Jan 1st 2023;
  - *Exemptions may be allowed, but awards will not be given.*
- comply with current noise levels;
- be maintained in roadworthy condition for the duration of the event; and
- be road legal. **It is a rider's or driver's responsibility** to ensure that they and their machine comply with current road traffic law.

### **Entries:**

Entries cost £7 per vehicle for VMCC members and £15 for non-members. Completed entry forms and payment must be received before 23<sup>rd</sup> June (see entry forms for details). Fees will not be returned unless the event is cancelled. The event will be limited to a maximum of 125 vehicles. **Late entries will be accepted up until 10:30 a.m. on the day, but will be subject to an additional charge of £5.**

### **Results and awards**

Bronze medals will be awarded to finishers visiting the 4 Cardinal Points plus 10 other waypoints. Silver medals will be awarded to finishers visiting the 4 Cardinal Points plus 15 other waypoints. Gold medals will be awarded to finishers visiting the 4 Cardinal Points plus 20 other waypoints. There is no award and no requirement for entrants to visit all 28 waypoints.

#### **There will be special awards for:**

- combined age of rider and machine equalling or exceeding 150;
- combined age of rider and machine equalling 50 or less.
- oldest bike to gain a medal of any colour;
- oldest rider to gain a medal of any colour;
- smallest or most unlikely bike to gain a medal of any colour; and
- the machine we (the organisers) would most like to take home.

Following their successful introduction in 2018, at least 4 of the waypoints will have **alternative** locations, sited on non-damaging unsurfaced legal rights of way and possibly involving a water splash. Entrants choosing to visit all 4 of these alternative waypoints qualify for a **"Herefordshire on the Ragged Edge"** ribbon in addition to any other award they may earn. **NB: these waypoints are alternatives and not additional ones.**

Awards will be presented when entrants finish the event. The decision of the Clerk of the course is final and absolute.

Results in **"Herefordshire on the Edge 2023"** will count towards the VMCC Western Region Road Trial Championship.

**Vehicle Identification** - Two official event stickers, bearing the entrant's riding number, will be given to all starters. They must be affixed to the vehicle at all times during the event. Vehicles not bearing stickers will be deemed to have retired.

**Outside assistance** may be given to riders during the event, but **supporters must ensure that their activities are conducted in a safe place** whilst giving due consideration and priority to local residents and other road users. On penalty of exclusion, supporters' vehicles **must not** lead riders around their chosen route.

### **Start and Finish**

There will be two Start/Finish points. The Southern start is at the Traveller's Rest HR9 7QJ, on the outskirts of Ross-on-Wye and the Northern Start/Finish is at The Lion Hotel, Leintwardine SY7 0JZ. Both Start/finish points are also Cardinal Points. Hot food and drinks will be available at both Starts and Finishes. There is parking for vehicles and trailers at both starts but there is a charge of £5 per day at the Traveller's Rest,

#### **Signing on**

Entrants may sign on at any time between 08:00 and 10:30 and must finish between 16:30 and 18:30 when the two finish checkpoints will close. Entrants can start no earlier than 08:30. **Start/finish admin will be closed between 10:30 and 16:00. Entrants must start and finish at the same location.**

**Accommodation** – You can reserve rooms (and park for free!) at the Southern start, the Premier Inn, adjacent to the start at the Traveller's Rest. Contact them by phone 0871 527 8944 or online at <http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/herefordshire/ross-on-wye/ross-on-wye.html>

You are also welcome to stay at the Northern start at the Lion Hotel Leintwardine. Call 01547 540203, quoting HOTE2023. There is limited free parking here and in the village. For more information, please check their website [www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk](http://www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk) There are other hotels and camp sites close to both start/finish points.

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