

North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

September 2025



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

AUGUST REPORT

Glorious August, the sun came out to play all month long which always helps with our car events.

It started with a small group of members going to West Somerset Railway Steam & Vintage Rally, what a great event, it had plenty of things to do and see including a short ride on a train if you wanted, with cars, steam engines, tractors and commercial vehicles. Your time seems to go very quickly. It is well run and my thanks go to Mike Simpkins who was the main Club organiser for the event.

We were asked if we could bring along some cars to Bideford Fair to help them celebrate. This had been postponed from an earlier date due to bad weather, not this time though as the sun shone all day and thanks go to Alistair Young who coordinated the cars for the club with a nice display of vehicles.

Then the big event for us and more importantly our charity, the Festival of Transport. With over 350 cars and other transport related vehicles, all the hard work over many months paid off in spades, a great number of members gave up some of their time to make the day the success that it was. I don't need to add any more as an email has already been sent out to the membership giving my thanks but I will repeat that all feedback that has come to us has been about how friendly the whole event was and that they can't wait for next year!

North Devon Show has not had the best weather in the past but Mother Nature was kind this year. This event is not just for our car club but open to all cars that meet the criteria set by the shows organiser and so there were cars that we would not normally see there, which is always nice and adds to the show. Our thanks go to Ann and John Whitehead for their time in coordinating the event.

Witheridge Car Show is an event run by one of our members Wayne Griffiths who was raising money for the Royal Devon Hospitals Charity. We had a Club stand with some lovely cars there and we are glad to help in any way if members think that we can help with their shows in any way. My thanks go to Alistair Young for his time in coordinating the event on our behalf.

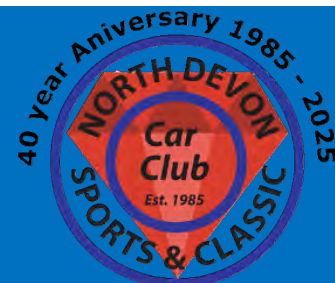
The last show of the month will be Uffculme Show which is a fairly new show to us as a car club and we are looking to raise the profile of our Club further south of the county and see this as a great show to go to. It is in a lovely park setting, so if you have not been to it do look to find the time next year. Many thanks go to Alistair Young again for his time making sure we have a prominent pitch at the event.

On a sad note, we had the passing of Carey Rawlings after a short fight with cancer, he will be missed and so will his car, rest in peace, our friend.

That's it for now,

Mark.

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NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR—2025

IMPORTANT - Please note:

At all Club events, a member of your committee may take details of you and your car. This is for several reasons:-

- 1 — It allows the Club to check that your membership is current and therefore you are covered by our insurance
- 2 — It allows the Club to keep the database of vehicles current
- 3 — It allows us to track attendance to see how viable / popular events are

All information is solely for the use of the Club and no information is passed on to third parties. We trust you will support us in this matter.

If you do not agree, please let the Membership Secretary know.

MEETING POINTS FOR EVENTS

To keep things simple, the following meeting points will be used for events

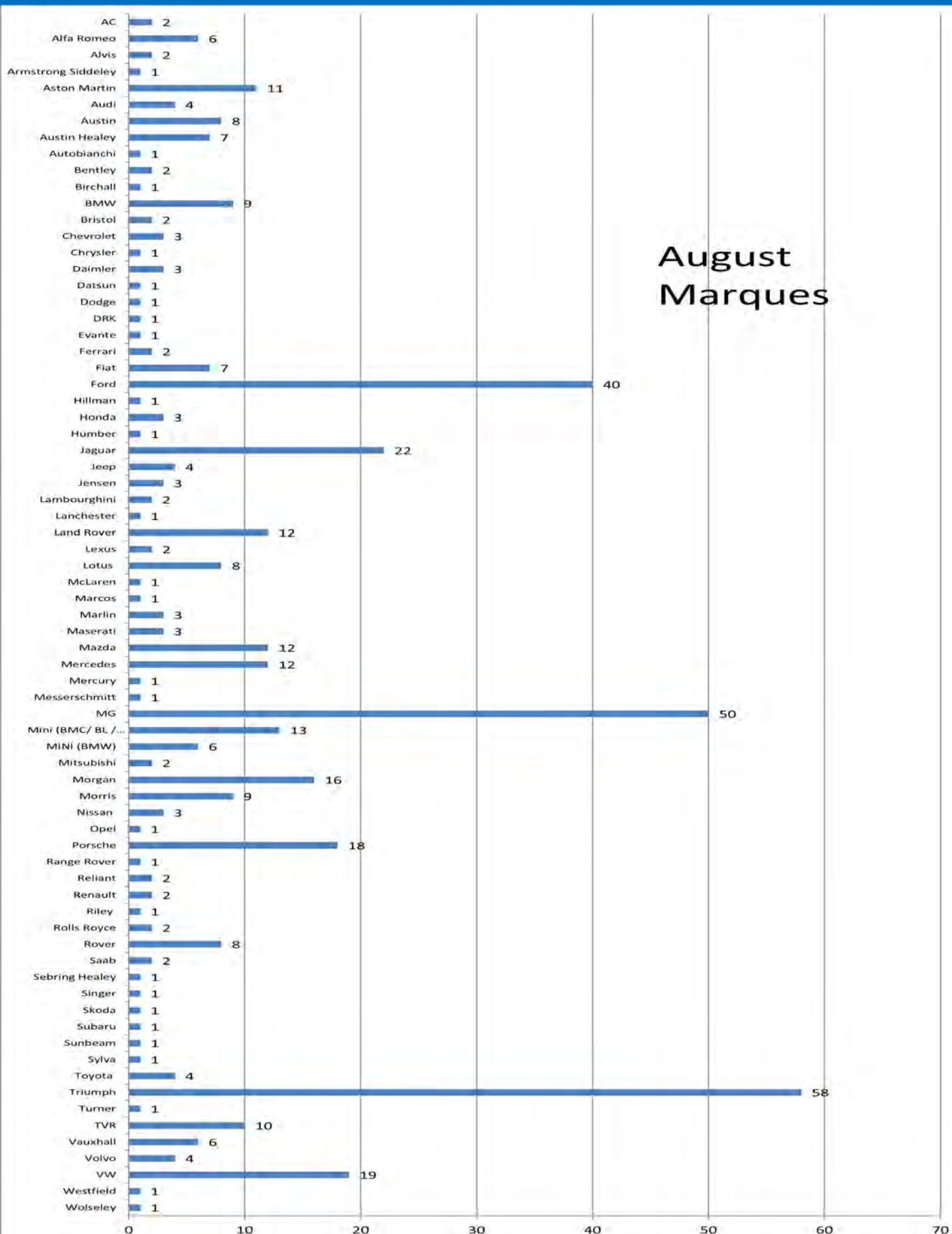
Bideford – Affinity (Atlantic Village) Main Car Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3QU

Barnstaple – Tesco Car Park, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

Tiverton—Homebase Car Park, Lowman Way, Tiverton EX16 6SR

South Molton – Eastbound Truck Stop on A361, South Molton EX36 4RZ

NDSCCC— Members Cars





OFFICIAL DVLA ANNOUNCEMENT - 20 August 2025

- DVLA has announced updated policies to modernise the process for notifying DVLA when a vehicle has been repaired, restored and modified.
- Like-for-like repairs and restorations will no longer need to be reported to DVLA, and more modified vehicles - including electric vehicle (EV) conversions - will be able to retain their original identities.
- Changes will take effect from Tuesday 26 August 2025.

DVLA has today (20 August) unveiled a major update to some of its vehicle registration policies, making it significantly easier for enthusiasts to register repaired, restored and modified vehicles.

The new guidance reflects modern restoration methods and simplifies the registration process, helping classic car owners keep their vehicles on the road while ensuring safety and accurate records.

These changes follow an extensive call for evidence, which received more than 1,350 responses from classic car owners, motoring clubs and the historic vehicle sector. In response, DVLA is replacing its existing policies on rebuilt and radically altered vehicles with two new sets of guidance that will apply to all vehicles, regardless of age.

Key changes include:

- like-for-like repairs and restorations will no longer require notification to DVLA, providing the vehicle's appearance is the same as when it was originally manufactured and there are no changes to the log book (V5C)
- vehicles that have been subject to significant structural modifications will be able to keep their original Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and registration number, but the registered keeper must notify DVLA of the changes.
- vehicles that have been converted to electric will also be able to retain their original identity, but the registered keeper must notify DVLA of the changes.

Minister for the Future of Roads, Lilian Greenwood said: "We know how much love, time and effort goes into keeping classic cars – and we're right behind the community."

"These changes are about cutting red tape and making life easier for enthusiasts, whether you're restoring a vintage gem or converting it to electric. It's all about celebrating the UK's amazing motoring heritage and helping the industry thrive well into the future."

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OFFICIAL DVLA ANNOUNCEMENT - 20 August 2025 Cont'd

DVLA Chief Executive, Tim Moss, said: "We recognise the time, passion and care that keepers of classic vehicles invest in keeping their cars on the road. That's why we've worked closely with the community to shape these changes.

"These updated policies support historic vehicle keepers, and the wider industry, with clearer registration processes that reflect modern restoration and modification practices, helping safeguard the UK's rich and wonderful automotive history. These changes will allow enthusiasts to focus on what they love most: preserving and enjoying these remarkable vehicles."

The new policies will come into effect on Tuesday 26 August 2025 with the full guidance to be published on GOV.UK on the same day, at: www.gov.uk/vehicle-registration

On Tuesday 26 August 2025, DVLA will replace its existing policies on rebuilt and radically altered vehicles with two new sets of guidance:

Repaired and restored vehicles

There will be no requirement to notify DVLA where a vehicle has been repaired or restored back to its original working standard, providing:

- worn-out components or body panels are replaced on a like for like basis
- the appearance of the vehicle is the same as when it was originally manufactured
- Vehicle log book (V5C) details are not affected.

2. **Modified vehicles**

Vehicles that have had significant structural modifications will be able to keep their original Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and registration number, but the registered keeper must notify DVLA of the changes.

This could include:

- cutting into the chassis monocoque or frame
- changing the vehicle's appearance or dimensions from the original manufacturer's specification
- conversions from an internal combustion engine to electric propulsion

These changes are based on engagement with industry and stakeholders along with feedback from a call for evidence which launched on 9 May 2024. DVLA published the summary of the responses to this on 9 December 2024 and the revised guidance will be published on Tuesday 26 August.

NDSCCC— Members Contribution

Tim Hunt is Driving round Britain for Parkinson's UK



While some members are enjoying a visit to the Haynes Motor Museum on 5th October I will be somewhere on the way from Land's End to Knebworth House, near Stevenage in Hertfordshire and the finish of the Club Triumph Round Britain Reliability Run (RBRR). The event starts from Knebworth House on Friday 3rd October with cars away from 18.00 and, hopefully, arriving back at this venue around 18.00 on the Sunday evening having visited some 16 intermediate controls. As usual, a wide variety of Standard/Triumph models will be involved. Needless to say the most popular steeds are the 2000/2500/2.5Pi saloons and estates with 28 representatives from a current entry of ninety-six cars. Some drivers will have the luxury of a three- or even four-man crew but, for me, nothing compares to the experience of doing the event in a two-seater. The entry list further includes two TR3As, a TR4, three TR4As, a TR5, five TR6s, six TR7s and two TR7V8s. We even have such oddities as a Standard 8, an Atlas van and, believe it or not, a pre-war Triumph Gloria Southern Cross. This car is entered by a crew from Belgium with unfinished business, having had a DNF in this car on the 2018 event but, in fairness, they have successfully completed it twice in a 1950 Renown!

This year's will be the 29th running of the RBRR, Club Triumph's flagship event that has been put on regularly since 1966, save for two interruptions - in 1973 due to the oil crisis and 2022, down to Covid. The route of 2,000 miles in 48 hours, via John o' Groats and Land's End with a significant detour into Wales, represents a considerable challenge for drivers and their machinery. Crews are responsible for the event entry fee, all their fuel costs and incidental expenses. I am entered, as Team 33, with my regular co-driver, Mike Hockaday of Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire – it will be our 17th Run together. In all I have completed twenty-one Runs from twenty-three starts to date in my TR4A, more than any other car. The key requirements are a well prepared, reliable vehicle free from any squeaks and rattles, uprated lighting and a co-driver in whom one can have complete trust and confidence. It is necessary to sleep in the car whilst a co-driver is at the wheel for long periods, particularly at night. If of interest, more details of the event can be found by typing www.clubtriumph.co.uk in your browser and then selecting 'Events' followed by 'RBRR' Cont'd

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Having moved to Barnstaple since my last participation on the event I plan to make my way to Hertfordshire and stay local to the start on the Thursday night and again on Sunday after the finish, after all I will be 80 in November and I have to recognise that my car has a lot more RBRRs left in it than I do!!

Since 1990 the RBRR has been run in support of a Charity and to date has raised a total of over three quarter of a million pounds for many worthy causes. This time we have chosen Parkinson's UK to benefit from donations elicited by drivers on the Run. We decided to use the fundraising platform Wonderful.org this time, since they make no administration charge and every penny of a donation will go straight to Parkinson's UK, boosted by Gift Aid if a supporter is a UK taxpayer.

If anyone is minded to support Team 33, please type www.wonderful.org/fundraisers/Nqpmq in your browser

Thanks for reading this,

Tim Hunt



NDSCCC(C)— Adding Calories.... again

Tim Hatcher

About 20 NDSCCC members from the South Molton, Dulverton and Tiverton area decided to fore go the usual 2nd Wednesday of the month evening pub meet at the Anchor Inn at Exebridge and instead took up the invitation of NDSCCC members Keith and Mario to a barbeque at their wonderful house on the outskirts of Dulverton. Keith and Mario really excelled themselves with some fantastic salad dishes as well as the locally sourced burgers and kebabs. And just to finish off there was homemade trifle or apple crumble with custard.....of course some of the more indecisive amongst us just had to sample a bit of both of them. The barbeque was held in aid of the Club's chosen charity the "South West Blood Bikes", and there were also a raffle and a guess the number of balloons in a Keith's 1972 Fiat 500 as well (we probably should have strapped the car down in case it blew away with all the balloons inside!). By the way there were 78 balloons in total.

All in all it was a fabulous evening and all together Keith and Mario raised £344.20 for the Club's Charity. Well done Keith and Mario.....same time next year?



NDSCCC— Where We've Been West Somerset Railway



NDSCCC— Where We've Been

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NDSCCC— Where We've Been NDFoT



NDSCCC— Where We've Been Witheridge

Cosy, relaxed and warm (like your favourite duvet).....thank you to the Club members who turned out on a lovely day to this village event for and on behalf of Royal Devon Hospital Trust

16 cars from the Club together with 25 or so independents from our excellent vehicles and a beach buggy to a roller and a "Bugatti" and of course some fast Fords.

Well organised by Wayne G (one of our members) with a mix of a few stalls, food, a bar and a PR system giving us easy listening music throughout.....diary note for next year - worth attending.



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FOR SALE

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1975 MGB Roadster

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- o MGOC Reconditioned axle/differential.
- o Full repaint (coach/hand painted).
- o New front and rear springs, bushes & shackles.
- o Mesh Wind Blocker.

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FOR SALE

1975 MGB Roadster Cont'd

The MGB comes with a fully documented history/purchases.

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The MGB has always been garaged, everything works, it runs lovely, and is in very good condition throughout.

I am open to sensible offers. If you are interested, please give me a call on 07901 906006 (Gary).



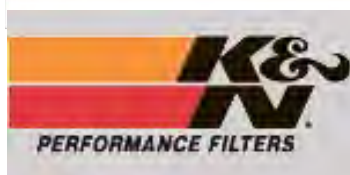
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