



The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.
South Durham Section
45th BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL RESULTS
Sunday 17 September 2017

29 September 2017

Dear Entrants

The results of the 45th Beamish Trophy Trial held on 17 September 2017 are enclosed. Your date bar is also enclosed.

In total there were 117 starters on the day from a total entry of 150. There were 114 finishers, a lower attrition rate than usual. Many thanks to Dave Crone and Michael Laidler for providing the recovery and to Martin Preston and Mark Leigh for taking on fuel duties.

We were largely fortunate with the weather until the last hour or so when the heavens opened. Even the early finishers were wet by the time they reached The Board Inn and the later ones were thoroughly soaked.

The Robert Atkinson Cup is for outstanding achievement/gallantry and this year it has been awarded to Bobby Hamilton in his first ever trial in Will Hawkes' sidecar.

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. 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 have been able to present MacMillan Cancer Support with £198.27

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 £288 as a donation to the Lara Fighting Fund.

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 16 November 2017**. 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 23 September 2018 is the date for the 46th Beamish Trophy Trial. Entry invitations will be sent out in the first week of January 2018.

Hope to see you next year

Yours sincerely