



The Mercury Trophy 12 Car Rally

08th April 2022

Thank you for your entry and welcome to tonight's event (MSA permit number 125459). The start venue is at 143/622½ 089. All route instructions will be issued at the start in sealed envelopes; Novices will get slightly easier navigation. Tonight's route is just short of 80 miles so fuel should not be an issue but if you do need fuel, there is an opportunity between TC9 and TC10 for this as this is a link section.

WHITE ROADS. No white roads are used in tonight's event or in the navigation.

TIMING. Timing for tonight's event will be on official clocks to be carried in the car. Car 0 is due to start at 8.00pm. Your due time will be this PLUS your start number in minutes, ie car 1 is due at 8.01.

O.T.L. is 15 minutes at the first two controls, and 30 minutes at every control after. If you are nearing O.T.L. you will need to cut and run to keep in the event. The final control is at 571 055. There is a re-entry point at TC10 which is at 452½ 068.

GIVE WAYS. All marked Give Way and Stop signs or road markings must be obeyed. Any road that is major to the one that you are on must be treated as a Give Way.

QUIET ZONES. All 20, 30 and 40 mph speed limits are to be treated as quiet zones. This means low revs and no auxiliary lights (spots) on. We have been asked to draw this point to your attention by the RLO and the Norfolk Police liaison, as many new limits are appearing in rural areas. **Please use common sense** i.e. dip lights especially at junctions with a house opposite, or if you have to pull up to plot the route take care where you stop etc.

Please mark the following quiet zones on your map.

Grid squares: 4506, 4604, 4906, 4907, 5004, 5104, 5913, 5914, 6013, 6014, 6210, 6410, 6708, 6709.

Your driving standards are what will enable our sport to continue so please ensure that they do not bring negative attention from the public which may result in a complaint and damage the reputation of our clubs or the future of our sport. A driving standards official is posted in multiple locations tonight and any failures in driving standards will result in a fail on the first occurrence and then disqualification on the second occurrence.

TIME CONTROLS. If a Time Control is unmanned then there will be a 'C' board along with a code board. You should record the code board letters in the marshal's sig. box.

NAVIGATION POINT CONFIRMATION. Please note that the green spot at GR 608½ 140¼ is not included in the navigation.

BLACKSPOTS There are no blackspots on tonight's event

ABBREVIATIONS. Some of the following may be used on the event. NAM not as map, ▲ means go long way round triangle at that junction. CRO means coloured roads only

We will be using roads that are on fen land which are notorious for sinking and creating unexpected and sharp bumps in the road. We have marked the worst of these with caution boards but as a guide, expect all roads after TC5 to have the potential to be bumpy so proceed with caution. Another characteristic of these roads is that they normally have a drain or large dyke alongside them or at the end. We have done our best to put code boards at specific bends where this is a risk. Clearly this only applies if you are on the correct route, so please be aware of this and drive accordingly.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable evening. Please have respect for other road users including fellow competitors who may wish to get by after a delay. The results will be given out back at The Runcton Holme Social Club to which we thank them for their hospitality.
Good luck, see you at the finish. Ed.