



TASTER EVENT ONLY

REGULATIONS

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If you've always wanted to enter "**Herefordshire on the Edge**", but thought it a bit too intense, too long or too complex, then here's your chance to try a simpler, shorter event, focusing less on the legendary small lanes but on more open roads. On Sunday June 28th 2026, the Herefordshire and Mid-Wales section of the VMCC, will organise a "**Taster**" event, for those seeking a more relaxing way to explore and enjoy some remote and beautiful corners of one of Britain's most scenic, historic but least visited counties. The event will be held under these Regulations and any subsequent instructions that may be issued before the event.

The locations of 8 waypoints spaced at roughly 12 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 decimal Latitude and Longitude. Riders should plan and follow their own route to visit as many of these waypoints as they choose. Each waypoint will be identified by a clue, which will normally be part of the permanent written information to be found at each location. Proof of passage is proven by resolving the clue or recording information on a route card, which is given to entrants when they sign on at the start.

Four **additional** waypoints (including the start/finish) will be designated as Cardinal Points. To qualify for the finisher's 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. Entrants must spend **at least 30 minutes at one of these stops**. Failure to comply will result in 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. Your custom would be a great way of thanking the owners for their assistance. There are no prizes, but a "finishers" award will be presented to those who visit all 8 of the waypoints as well as the 4 cardinal points.

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 is 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 8 waypoints is expected to be approximately 120 miles. Final route details and waypoint 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.

These regulations, along with entry forms can be found on our Section's website.
<https://herefordmidwalesvmcc.org>

Eligibility:

- Entrants **must**:-

- be members of the VMCC;
 - *1 day guest membership is assumed in the entry fee for non-VMCC members*
- hold a valid licence to ride the of class of machine they intend to use
- have appropriate insurance as required by the Road Traffic Acts;

- Vehicles must: -
 - have no more than 3 wheels;
 - be more than 25 years old on Jan 1st 2026;
 - *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 £10 per vehicle for VMCC members and £16 for non-members. Completed entry forms and payment must be received before June 25th. Fees will not be returned unless the event is cancelled. The event will be limited to **a maximum of 25 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

There are no awards or prizes other than a “Finishers” award for those visiting all 8 waypoints as well as the 4 cardinal points. These will be presented when entrants finish the event. The decision of the Clerk of the course is final and absolute.

Results in this “**Taster**” event will **not** 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** guide or lead riders around their chosen route.

Start and Finish

There are two Start/Finish points. The Southern start/finish is at - Whitchurch & Ganarew Memorial Hall, HR9 6DJ close to Symonds Yat. The Northern start/finish is, at The Lion Hotel, Leintwardine SY7 0JZ. Hot food and drinks will be available at both locations which are also Cardinal Points. There is limited parking for vehicles and trailers. **Entrants must start and finish at the same location.**

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 leave the start no earlier than 08:30. **Start/finish admin will be closed between 10:30 and 16:00.**

Accommodation –

There is a wide range of accommodation in the Ross and Symonds Yat area. You may find this website useful <https://visitrossonwye.com/category/stay/> You are also welcome to stay at the Northern start at the Lion Hotel Leintwardine. Call 01547 540203. There is limited free parking here and in the village. For more information, check their web site www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk There are other hotels, guest houses, B&Bs and camp sites close to both start/finish points.

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