



Hogcliff Trophy Trial Hogcliff Hill

Charlie Dovey dominates start of trials season

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Five months ago, Charlie Dovey won the penultimate trial of the season and finished third in the Woolbridge Motor Club championship in addition to securing victory in the Silver League which excludes drivers who have scored multiple event and championship wins. At the beginning of the 2022-23 competition the Winterborne Steepleton driver kick-started the new season in the best possible manner with an emphatic win at the South Dorset Hogcliff Hill venue against over thirty rivals.

The eighteen-year-old contested the Front Wheel Drive class for vehicles carrying ballast in his two-litre powered Renault Clio and with heavy rain affecting the early sections he made a positive start against his class adversaries building a ten-point advantage over Stephen Tite driving his diesel-powered Peugeot 205 and the Citroen Saxo in the hands of Chris Tite at the end of the first six tests. However, in class one, catering for two-wheel-drive cars without ballast, former national champion Mark Hoppé matched the five point penalty tally in his latest mount, a Suzuki Alto, which although powered by a diminutive 993 c.c. engine weighs in at approximately 730 kilos and is compact and manoeuvrable. Hoppé's nearest challenger, David Moss in his Ford Fiesta was nine points adrift with a single point advantage over Bridport driver Gary Morris in his Vauxhall Corsa.

Competition in the Rear Wheel Drive category was even more keenly fought with David Robinson, Adam Smith and Richard Thorne all square with fifteen points lost. The following six tests would again be closely fought but with Reliant Scimitar SS1 driver Smith eking a two-point advantage over the similarly mounted Thorne with Robinson a further point in arrears. The lunch halt, and halfway point of the event, saw Dovey seven points clear of Chris Tite in the Class 2 battle and two up on Hoppé.



Richard Thorne 'burns' in an effort to find grip with the Reliant Scimitar SS1

The third stanza of six tests saw the Renault man increase his advantage over Tite to twelve points whilst Hoppé dropped six further penalties against his young challenger whilst the Toyota MR2 of reigning Woolbridge Motor Club Trials Champion Tim Dovey progressed up the order to share second in the unballasted division alongside Morris, some seven points down of the class leader.

The final round of tests saw Charlie Dovey stamp his authority on the event with the loss of just one more point to take the overall event win which allowed Cerne Abbas driver Chris Tite to claim the class honours having amassed thirty-nine penalties (against Dovey's thirteen) ahead of the Citroen Saxo driven by Graham Timbers. Wool's Adam Smith managed to stay ahead of David Robinson in the battle of the sports cars taking the win by just three points whilst Richard Thorne won the Under 23 Driver award and David Mears was awarded the trophy for the Best Performance by a Novice in his Volkswagen Polo.

The outcome of the class for unballasted cars went down to the final test which had been modified after the previous run, with seven drivers, including Swanage driver David Moss, gaining maximum penalties of twelve points. Critically, although not one of the seven, Hoppé eased away from the start but failed to gain good momentum and was awarded ten penalty marks which dropped him down to third in class with a total of thirty-six points. Morris took his Corsa to the top of the test and was penalty free, as was Tim Dovey and others, claiming second in class just a single point ahead of the distraught Hoppé and seven short of class victor Dovey (T).



Class 1 victory for Tim Dovey



MG Midget of Julian Labouchardiere

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Class	No.	Driver	Club	Car	cc	E/N	J	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sub Total	Cum Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sub Total	Cum Total					
1	100	Richard Jamieson	WMC	Citroen C3	1400	N		6	10	2	6	10	7		41	41									n/a	n/a				
1	101	John Kirby	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1400	E		5	2	1	2	8	6		24	24	4	2	1	9	1	0			17	41				
1	101A	David Jamieson	WMC	Citroen C3	1400	N		6	8	1	4	8	6		33	33									n/a	n/a				
1	102	Mark Hoppe	WMC	Suzuki Alto	993	E		1	2	1	0	1	0		5	5	5	1	1	0	1	0			8	13				
1	103	David Mears	WMC	VW Polo	1390	N		5	1	1	1	1	7		16	16	4	1	1	4	1	7			18	34				
1	105	Andy Webb	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		5	2	1	0	1	7		16	16	4	2	1	2	0	5			14	30				
1	107	Evie Dovey	WMC	Toyota MR2	1800	N	J	5	4	1	1	8	7		26	26	5	3	1	3	1	6			19	45				
1	108	Gary Morris	WMC	Corsa	1398	E		5	1	1	0	1	7		15	15	1	1	1	3	0	0			6	21				
1	109	Tim Dovey	WMC	Toyota MR2	1800	E		5	2	1	0	1	7		16	16	4	1	1	0	0	0			6	22				
1	110	Dan de Chazal	WMC	Peugeot 206	1587	E		5	3	1	0	7	7		23	23	4	1	2	3	9	6			25	48				
1	111	Richard Wilson	WMC	Mini One	1600	N		5	2	1	4	1	7		20	20	5	1	1	3	1	6			17	37				
1	112	Will Lawrence	WMC	Peugeot 206	1587	E		5	2	2	2	1	8		20	20	2	2	2	3	1	5			15	35				
1	113	Dave Hiscock	WMC	Toyota Yaris	1299	E		5	2	1	11	1	6		26	26	5	1	1	5	9	7			28	54				
1	114	Tim Pitfield	WMC	Peugeot 107	998	N		6	4	1	4	1	8		24	24	1	2	1	4	1	5			14	38				
1	115	Alistair Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1298	E	J	5	2	1	3	1	7		19	19	5	1	1	1	1	7			16	35				
1	117	David Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1298	E		4	1	1	1	1	6		14	14	1	0	1	2	1	0			5	19				
2	201	Stephen Tite	WMC	Peugeot 205	1800	E		5	2	1	0	1	6		15	15	1	1	1	4	1	6			14	29				
2	202	Keith Hayman	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1124	N		6	2	1	6	9	7		31	31	4	1	1	3	1	6			16	47				
2	203	Eleanor Tite	WMC	Peugeot 205	1800	N	J	5	3	2	3	8	6		27	27	1	2	1	4	3	7			18	45				
2	204	Chris Tite	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		4	1	1	3	1	6		16	16	1	0	1	0	0	0			2	18				
2	205	Suzy Calder	WMC	Citroen AX	1124	N		5	2	1	3	5	7		23	23	5	2	1	4	1	7			20	43				
2	206	Darcy Tite	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	N	J	5	3	1	4	4	6		23	23	5	1	1	4	1	0			12	35				
2	207	Dave Atkins	WMC	Citroen AX	1124	E		5	2	1	4	9	8		29	29	3	1	1	4	1	7			17	46				
2	208	Graham Timbers	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1360	E		5	1	1	0	1	7		15	15	1	1	1	2	1	0			6	21				
2	209	Charlie Dovey	WMC	Renault Clio	2000	E	J	4	0	1	0	0	0		5	5	1	0	1	4	0	0			6	11				
2	210	Mike Dore	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1360	E		5	1	1	0	8	6		21	21	5	6	1	9	0	6			27	48				
3	301	Ryan Whincop	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	N		5	2	1	3	4	7		22	22	5	5	1	0	1	0			12	34				
3	302	David Robinson	WMC	Mk 1	1172	E		4	2	1	0	1	7		15	15	5	1	1	0	1	5			13	28				
3	303	Adam Smith	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	E		6	2	1	0	1	5		15	15	2	1	1	0	0	6			10	25				
3	304	Nigel Bristow	WMC	Marlin	2000	N									Ret	Ret									n/a	n/a				
3	305	Richard Thorne	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1596	E	J	4	2	1	1	1	6		15	15	2	2	1	0	1	6			12	27				
3	306	Julian Labouchardiere	WMC	MG Midget	1275	N		5	2	2	4	7	6		26	26	5	2	1	0	1	6			15	41				

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Class	No.	Driver	B/fwd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sub Total	Cum Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Pos'n	Overall Pos'n	Class Average	Index %	Award				
1	100	Richard Jamieson	n/a								n/a	n/a								n/a	Ret	N/A	N/A	43.7	N/A					
1	101	John Kirby	41	0	2	1	9	1	4		17	58	1	2	1	3	1	12		20	78	10	18	43.7	178.43					
1	101A	David Jamieson	n/a								n/a	n/a								n/a	Ret	N/A	N/A	43.7	N/A					
1	102	Mark Hoppe	13	0	2	1	3	1	0		7	20	0	2	1	2	1	10		16	36	3	4	43.7	82.35	3rd class				
1	103	David Mears	34	0	2	1	4	1	3		11	45	0	1	1	3	1	0		6	51	6	9	43.7	116.67	Novice				
1	105	Andy Webb	30	0	2	1	4	0	0		7	37	0	2	1	3	1	0		7	44	4	7	43.7	100.65					
1	107	Evie Dovey	45	0	3	1	3	0	3		10	55	0	8	1	1	0	3		13	68	9	16	43.7	155.56					
1	108	Gary Morris	21	0	2	1	3	0	0		6	27	0	2	1	4	1	0		8	35	2	3	43.7	80.06	2nd class				
1	109	Tim Dovey	22	0	1	1	0	0	3		5	27	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	28	1	2	43.7	64.05	1st class				
1	110	Dan de Chazal	48	0	2	1	4	1	10		18	66	0	2	1	4	1	12		20	86	12	20	43.7	196.73					
1	111	Richard Wilson	37	0	6	1	5	6	9		27	64	1	2	1	4	1	12		21	85	11	19	43.7	194.45					
1	112	Will Lawrence	35	0	2	1	4	1	2		10	45	0	2	1	3	1	12		19	64	7	14	43.7	146.41					
1	113	Dave Hiscock	54	1	8	1	5	1	3		19	73	1	2	1	4	1	11		20	93	13	23	43.7	212.75					
1	114	Tim Pitfield	38	1	9	1	6	1	10		28	66	1	2	1	4	10	12		30	96	14	24	43.7	219.61					
1	115	Alistair Moss	35	0	2	1	4	1	2		10	45	1	2	1	4	1	12		21	66	8	15	43.7	150.98					
1	117	David Moss	19	0	2	1	4	1	2		10	29	3	2	1	0	1	12		19	48	5	8	43.7	109.80					
2	201	Stephen Tite	29	0	3	1	4	0	9		17	46	0	2	1	3	1	2		9	55	4	17	32.8	167.69					
2	202	Keith Hayman	47	1	8	1	5	1	1		17	64	3	1	1	4	1	12		22	86	8	27	32.8	262.20					
2	203	Eleanor Tite	45	1	2	1	8	1	7		20	65	1	3	1	4	1	6		16	81	7	26	32.8	246.96					
2	204	Chris Tite	18	0	1	1	4	0	0		6	24	0	2	1	0	1	11		15	39	2	10	32.8	118.90	1st class				
2	205	Suzy Calder	43	0	2	1	6	1	6		16	59								n/a	Ret	N/A	N/A	32.8	N/A					
2	206	Darcy Tite	35	1	2	1	4	0	3		11	46	1	2	1	3	1	12		20	66	5	21	32.8	201.23					
2	207	Dave Atkins	46	2	2	1	4	1	10		20	66								n/a	Ret	N/A	N/A	32.8	N/A					
2	208	Graham Timbers	21	0	2	1	4	0	2		9	30	0	2	1	0	1	10		14	44	3	12	32.8	134.15	2nd class				
2	209	Charlie Dovey	11	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	12	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	13	1	1	32.8	39.63	1st Overall				
2	210	Mike Dore	48	0	2	1	4	0	6		13	61	0	2	1	4	1	12		20	81	6	25	32.8	246.96					
3	301	Ryan Whincop	34	0	2	1	3	0	3		9	43	1	2	1	0	4	0		8	51	3	11	39.6	128.79					
3	302	David Robinson	28	0	2	1	0	0	3		6	34	0	0	1	0	4	0		5	39	2	6	39.6	98.48	2nd class				
3	303	Adam Smith	25	0	2	1	0	0	2		5	30	0	1	1	0	4	0		6	36	1	5	39.6	90.91	1st class				
3	304	Nigel Bristow	n/a								n/a	n/a								n/a	Ret	N/A	N/A	39.6	N/A					
3	305	Richard Thorne	27	1	2	2	4	1	2		12	39	2	7	1	0	4	2		16	55	4	13	39.6	138.89	Under 23				
3	306	Julian Labouchardiere	41	2	2	1	4	4	6		19	69	0	3	1	2	4	10		20	80	5	22	39.6	202.02					