

Chris Tite secures championship victory with another event win



## July 4X4 Trial Simons Quarry

Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

And the winner is ..... **Chris Tite**

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Eighteen drivers gathered to do battle in the final four-wheel-drive trial of the 2022-2023 season at Crossways where testing sections in both woodland and quarry provided the competitors of the Woolbridge Motor Club with a challenging event which exuded a distinct 'end of term' atmosphere as the programme for the day saw a reduction in the number of competitive sections in order to accommodate an afternoon barbeque.

The impending social gathering did little to diminish the ambition of Cerne Abbas driver Chris Tite, who having taken a run of victories during the season to date, was focused on adding a further win to his tally as well as being declared 4X4 overall champion. On both counts he was successful in his self-built Class One specification 3.9 litre V8 powered Land Rover based special fitted with non-standard differential locks which not only provide greater grip but also improve manoeuvrability. Joining Tite in the top class were Simon Crook and Toby Cameron. Crook campaigning, his 3.9 litre Range Rover powered Whitbread Special, started well with a penalty free climb on the first test to gain a single point advantage over Tite who only dropped a further point during the remainder of the event to finish thirteen ahead of Crook, who claimed the Class 1 title in the season-long championship, and twenty points clear of Land Rover Special mounted Cameron at the finish. Handicap points, to nullify the advantage of the Class One machines, were then applied to the scores of this trio, but Chris Tite still maintained an advantage of nine points over his nearest challenger.



More lock needed for Shannon Butterfield

A good performance from Roger Parody in the Landy

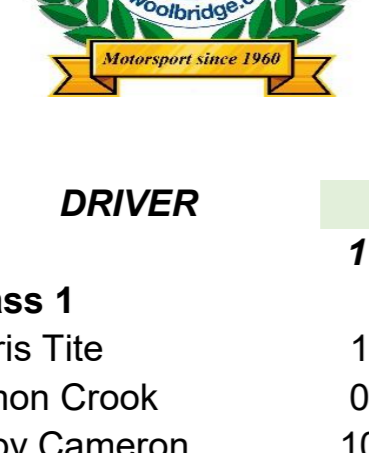
That challenger was seventeen-year-old Georgia Crook, who also claimed the win in Class 2a driving her father's Class 1 Whitbread machine with a dispensation due to age and experience, as did Darcy Tite. Crook, a student at Weymouth College, completed the event with twenty-one penalties and finished two ahead of Roger Parody in his more standard short-wheelbase Land Rover in the division which caters for machinery fitted with standard differentials. Third went to Weymouth driver Dave Butterfield, who lost out to Parody by a single point but gained some consolation from securing the class championship. Fourth was Darcy Tite, a Thomas Hardy School student, who totalled twenty-six on her score card and gained the Best Junior Award for both the event and the 2022-2023 season.

Class 2b, similar to 2a but restricted to vehicles with engines below a two-litre capacity, was battled out between Greg Danks and Derek Callaway in their Suzuki Jeeps. Callaway, from Dorchester, claimed the honours with the duo having identical scores of seven on the first test but then the Bournemouth driver amassed ten penalties on the next section, eight more than his adversary, and that proved to be the winning margin at the end of play. Callaway completed the list of championship winners with the Class 2b title.



After the slope comes the drop for Derek Callaway

Dave Butterfield suffering a deflation



### 4 X 4 TRIAL SIMONS QUARRY

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DRIVER	RUN 1						RUN 2						Grand Total	Position	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6			
<b>Class 1</b>															
Chris Tite	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	plus 10 points					10	12	1st O/A
Simon Crook	0	3	0	1	5	6	15	plus 10 points					10	25	1st
Toby Cameron	10	5	1	3	6	7	32	plus 5 points					5	37	
<b>Class 2a</b>															
John Kirby	10	0	1	1	10	6	28							28	
Emma Kirby	10	5	1	1	7	6	30							30	
Dave Butterfield	10	1	0	1	7	6	25							25	3rd
Kieran Baxter	10	4	5	6	10	6	41							41	
Simon Baxter	10	9	0	3	12	9	43							43	
Roger Parody	4	3	5	3	3	6	24							24	2nd
Dave Clayton	9	5	5	5	3	6	33							33	
Andy Vickery	10	8	1	1	7	6	33							33	
Georgia Crook	5	0	0	3	7	6	21							21	
Darcy Tite	5	0	5	5	5	6	26							26	1st
Graeme Wills	8	5	6	1	7	6	33							33	4th
Shannon Butterfield	9	5	0	4	7	6	31							31	
Ben Crook	10	0	1	4	7	9	31							31	
<b>Class 2b</b>															
Greg Danks	7	10	1	7	8	6	39							39	2nd
Derek Callaway	7	2	6	2	8	6	31							31	1st



Georgia Crook checks that she is clear of the penalty marker on her way to victory in Class 2a



It's all down hill for Kieran Baxter

Greg Danks in the battle for two litre honours



Darcy Tite tackles the first test as her peers look on



Class 1 championship taken by Simon Crook

Steep descent for V8 powered Andy Vickery



2022 - 2023

OVERALL 4X4 CHAMPION - Chris Tite

1st in Class 1 - Simon Crook

1st in Class 2A - Dave Butterfield

1st in Class 2B = Derek Callaway

1st Junior - Darcy Tite



Graeme Wills - Daihatsu being retired

Quarry climbing for Toby Cameron

1st Event of new season - October 15th



Emma Kirby stays on course