

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HOPPÉ

### Mark Hoppé heading towards championship honours?

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'Success breeds success'. A widely used, but often questioned, quotation that appears to have some validity in the case of Mark Hoppé in the world of car trials as the former British Champion has taken three event wins in four trials to strengthen his position at the top of the Woolbridge Motor Club's Car Trials Championship with a 3.3 point advantage over the current British Champion, Tim Dovey, who had recently received his trophy and accolades at the Motorsport UK Night of Champions award ceremony.

The Sherborne driver's triple has been well earned as the duo have enjoyed close competition with small margins determining the victor and the Upwey Cup Trial was no different with a battle fought out across four runs of six tests at the Hogcliff Hill venue. The rivalry is heightened by the fact that both drivers compete in the Class One category (for two-wheel-drive vehicles which are taxed for road use and do not carry ballast) and witness the 'ups and downs' of each other's performances. With both drivers cleaning the first four sections it was Hoppé, at the wheel of his diminutive 993 c.c. Suzuki Alto, who gifted two points to the 2.0 litre engined Renault Clio driver on the penultimate test of the first run whilst the second sextet of hills saw the adversaries trading points but without impact to the agricultural contractor's lead. Shadowing the leaders and just three points adrift of second place was Charlie Dovey. The reigning Woolbridge Car Trials Champion was campaigning a Renault Clio as usual but on this occasion in the same class as his father, having previously contested Class Two for Front-wheel-drive cars which were not eligible for Class One and carrying ballast. With the change of class came a change of car with the new vehicle powered by a diesel 1500 c.c. turbocharged engine.



Gary Morris powers the Corsa onwards and upwards



Indy and Brook Bonome enjoy their first trial



Alistair Moss on his way to another Best Performance by an Under 23 year old driver

The third run saw Hoppé win one point back leaving the leader with a tenuous single point advantage as the final six tests beckoned. The first four of which were drawn with equal penalties. Then the penultimate climb with everything still to play for. Tim Dovey was awarded four penalties against the three of Hoppé meaning they were all square going to the last section which was to prove decisive with a penalty free climb from the driver of the Japanese machine and seven penalties for the erstwhile leader who was obliged to accept the class win four points ahead of his son Charlie as Hoppé was promoted to the overall event win. Eight points in arrears of the class runner-up was Wareham driver David Moss in his Ford Fiesta who across the day could not quite match the climbing prowess of those in front but did hit a purple patch on the third run totalling eight penalties to match Charlie Dovey and Mark Hoppé.



Andy Webb on the power in new Toyota Yaris trials car with smart colour coded wheels!!

An equally enthralling battle was fought out in Class Two with Broadmayne's Vic Rose and Chris Hellings the combatants. Rose at the wheel of his 1600 cc Citroen Saxo took the smallest of leads at the conclusion of the first run and maintained his single point advantage through to the lunch halt. Following the restart Rose experienced two troubled tests amassing seven more penalties than his adversary which appeared to ruin his chances but during the last six tests he pulled back five penalty points to finish runner-up, one point down. Stephen Tite drove to third in class at the wheel of a Peugeot 206.

The rear-wheel-drive category centred around the contest between Reliant Scimitar SS1 drivers David Robinson and Adam Smith. The former built an early lead which the Wool driver reduced to just three points at the halfway stage but Smith could not contain the challenge and lost a further five points during the penultimate round and eventually finished seven down on the master with fellow Wool residents Ryan Whincop and Donal Doyle (Mazda MX5) rounding out the class.


Alastair Stevenson was the sole competitor in Class Five for cars not eligible for the normal classes and completed the event in his Liege having suffered from electrical maladies in recent trials. Ford Fiesta driver Alistair Moss claimed another Under 23 Award defeating Evie Dovey, co-driving with her father Tim, by five points whilst Steve Sims, sharing the Ford Ka with Hyundai i10 driver Mike Flack whilst first-time trialists, Indy and Brook Bonome driving one of the club's loan cars, completed the event with identical scores.




Press-on style exhibited by Charlie Dovey



Adam Smith checks on his progress



**UPWEY CUP TRIAL  
HOGCLIFF HILL**



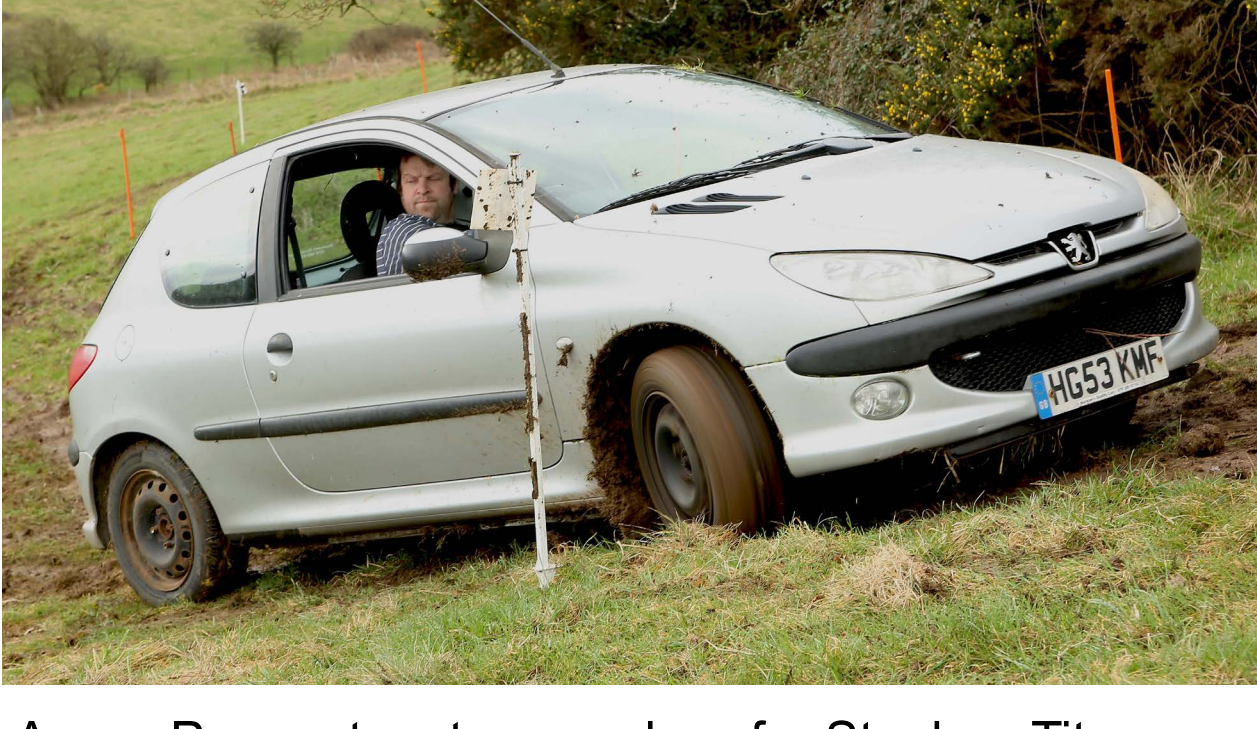
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## RESULTS

Upwey Cup		4th Feb 2024																					
Class	No.	Driver	Club	Car	cc	E/N	J	Round 1						Sub Total	Cum Total	Round 2						Sub Total	Cum Total
								1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	101	Gary Morris	WMC	Vauxhall Corsa	1400	E		0	0	0	1	3	7	11	11	4	4	1	1	3	4	17	28
1	102	Charlie Dovey	WMC	Renault Clio	1500T	E		0	0	0	1	4	6	11	11	0	2	0	0	4	2	8	19
1	103	Alistair Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1300	E	J	0	8	2	3	4	6	23	23	0	2	3	1	4	3	13	36
1	104	Will Lawrence	WMC	Peugeot 206	1587	E		0	2	2	1	5	6	16	16	1	8	2	1	4	4	20	36
1	105	David Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1300	E		0	2	2	1	4	6	13	13	1	2	2	0	4	3	12	25
1	106	Richard Wilson	WMC	Vauxhall Corsa	1400	E		0	1	2	1	5	6	15	15	1	7	3	1	6	4	22	37
1	107	Mike Flack	WMC	Hyundai i10	1250	N		0	11	2	2	5	6	26	26	8	7	7	1	5	4	32	58
1	108	Tim Dovey	WMC	Renault Clio	2000	E		0	0	0	0	1	6	7	7	0	2	0	0	2	3	7	16
1	109	Mark Hoppe	WMC	Suzuki Alto	993	E		0	0	0	0	3	6	9	9	0	1	0	1	2	3	7	14
1	110	Evie Dovey	WMC	Renault Clio	2000	E	J	0	2	3	3	4	6	18	18	1	7	0	1	4	4	17	35
1	111	Dave Mears	WMC	Ford Ka	1400	E		0	2	2	1	4	6	15	15	4	8	2	1	4	4	23	38
1	112	Andy Webb	WMC	Toyota Yaris	1500	E		0	0	3	2	3	6	14	14	2	5	1	1	3	4	16	30
2	201	Stephen Tite	WMC	Peugeot 206	1800	E		0	7	4	1	4	6	22	22	1	8	4	1	5	4	20	42
2	202	Vic Rose	WMC	Vauxhall Corsa	1600	E		0	0	3	0	3	6	12	12	0	7	4	1	4	4	23	35
2	204	Chris Hellings	WMC	Ford KA	1300	E		0	0	3	1	3	6	13	13	0	7	4	1	4	4	20	33
2	205	Indy Bonome	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1100	N	J	0	2	7	1	6	7	23	23	9	5	7	1	5	4	31	54
2	206	Steve Sims	WMC	Ford Ka	1300	N		0	2	4	1	4	6	17	17	0	6	3	1	5	4	19	36
2	207	Brook Bonome	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1100	N	J	0	8	4	5	4	10	35	35	0	3	7	1	4	4	19	54
3	301	David Robinson	Windw	Scimitar SS1	1600	E		0	1	3	0	1	0	5	5	0	8	3	0	5	0	16	21
3	302	Adam Smith	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	E		0	1	4	1	1	3	10	10	0	4	3	1	3	3	14	24
3	303	Donal Doyle	WMC	Mazda MX5	1600	E		10	2	4	1	3	6	26	26	0	8	4	3	4	4	23	49
3	304	Ryan Whincop	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	E		0	3	4	1	1	3	12	12	0	7	4	1	3	4	19	31
5	501	Alastair Stevenson	WMC	Liege	848	E		0	2	7	1	1	6	17	17	0	7	1	0	1	4	13	30

Class	No.	Driver	B/r/wd	Round 3						Sub Total	Cum Total	Round 4						Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Pos'n	Overall Pos'n	Class Average	Index %	Award
				1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	101	Gary Morris	28	0	6	4	1	2	7	20	48	0	0	4	1	4	7	16	64	5	10	50.2	127.58	
1	102	Charlie Dovey	19	0	1	4	1	2	0	8	27	0	0	5	1	4	7	17	44	3	3	50.2	87.71	2nd Class
1	103	Alistair Moss	19	1	2	5	1	3	1	13	49	1	11	5	1	4	6	28	77	7	14	50.2	153.49	Under 23
1	104	Will Lawrence	36	1	6	4	1	3	7	22	58	8	11	10	1	5	7	42	100	11	21	50.2	189.34	
1	105	David Moss	25	0	4	1	3	0	8	33	0	3	5	1	3	7	19	52	4	7	50.2	103.65	3rd in class	
1	106	Richard Wilson	37	0	8	10	1	4	7	30	67	9	6	5	1	4	0	25	92	9	17	50.2	183.39	
1	107	Mike Flack	58	11	5	10	1	4	7	38	96	8	11	10	1	5	7	42	138	12	22	50.2	275.09	
1	108	Tim Dovey	14	0	0	0	1	1	7	9	23	0	0	5	1	4	7	17	40	2	2	50.2	79.73	1st Class
1	109	Mark Hoppe	16	0	2	4	1	1	0	8	24	0	0	5	1	3	0	9	33	1	1	50.2	65.78	1st O/A
1	110	Evie Dovey	35	0	6	4	1	2	7	20	55	0	5	10	1	4	7	27	82	8	18	50.2	163.46	
1	111	Dave Mears	38	1	1	10	1	2	7	22	60	8	5	10	1	4	7	35	95	10	15	50.2	189.37	
1	112	Andy Webb	30	2	0	4	1	2	4	13	43	8	0	5	1	4	7	25	68	6	12	50.2	135.65	
2	201	Stephen Tite	45	1	5	5	1	2	0	14	59	1	0	10	1	4	7	23	82	3	9	64.6	126.94	
2	202	Vic Rose	32	0	6	5	1	2	0	14	46	1	0	10	1	3	0	15	61	2	5	64.6	94.43	2nd Class
2	204	Chris Hellings	33	0	4	1	2	0	7	40	0	0	10	1	3	6	20	60	1	4	64.6	92.88	1st Class	
2	205	Indy Bonome	54	10	9	11	2	3	4	39	93	1	11	10	1	4	7	34	127	6	20	64.6	196.60	
2	206	Steve Sims	38	1	5	10	1	2	7	22	60	1	10	1	1	3	7	33	93	4	13	64.6	143.96	Novice
2	207	Brook Bonome	54	10	3	11	1	3	4	32	86	8	11	10	1	4	7	41	127	5	19	64.6	196.60	
3	301	David Robinson	24	0	6	4	1	1	0	17	33	0	6	4	1	2	6	24	57	1	6	58.4	107.59	1st Class
3	302	Adam Smith	24	0	5	10	1	1	4	12	41	1	0	5	1	4	7	23	64	2	8	58.4	99.59	
3	303	Donal Doyle	49	0	5	10	1	1	4	21	70	8	11	5	1	4	7	36	106	4	16	58.4	181.51	
3	304	Ryan Whincop	31	0	5	10	1	1	0	17	48	0	5	10	1	4	7	27	75	3	11	58.4	128.43	
5	501	Alastair Stevenson	30	0	0	5	1	1	0	7	37	0	0	5	1	4	3	13	50	1				

**Next Car Trial**  
**Lulworth Cove Trophy**  
**March 3rd 2024**  
**Venue to be advised**

A new Peugeot, not so smoky, for Stephen Tite



Steve Sims claimed the Best Novice award



Three wheeling for Will Lawrence and Peugeot 206



Donal Doyle took on the Reliants in Class 3



1250 cc Hyundai i10 of Mike Flack



A relaxed driving style from Vic Rose on his way to a second place finish in Class 2