

Unstoppable. Mark Hoppé and Suzuki Alto

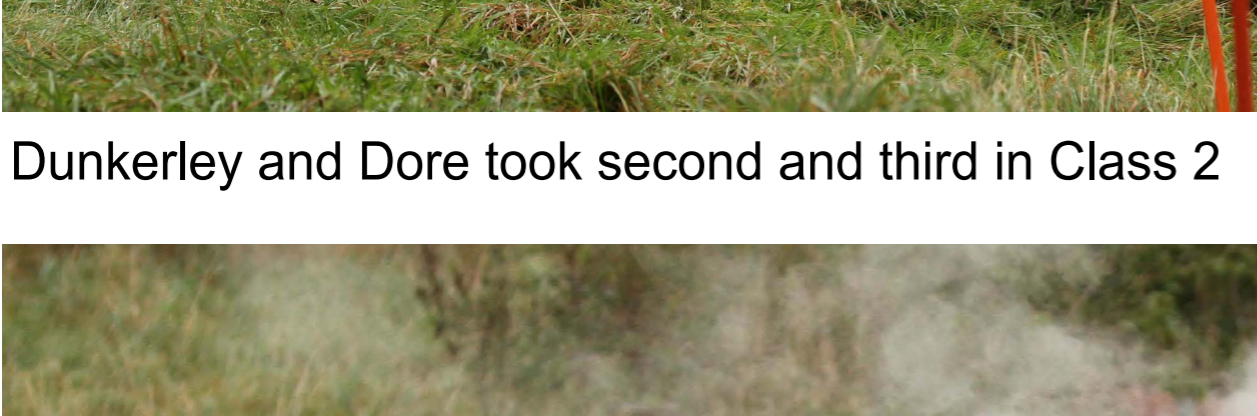


A new season and Mark Hoppé is off to a cracking start with Hogcliff Trophy win

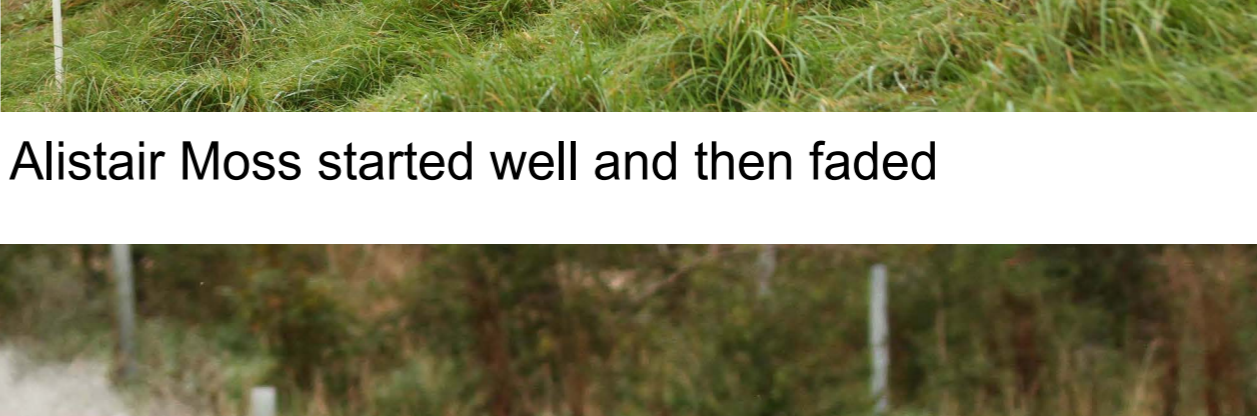
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Just two weeks ago Sherborne driver Mark Hoppé was crowned Woolbridge Motor Club Car Trials Champion for the 2023-2024 season having previously secured the annual autotest title. Just two weeks later the former British Champion started his next campaign in the best possible way with an unchallenged overall victory (decided by an Index of Performance incorporating the scores of his fellow competitors) in the Hogcliff Trophy trial which was held near Maiden Newton. Contesting the two-wheel-drive production car class at the wheel of his diminutive 993 cc Suzuki Alto Hoppé built a slender three-point lead after the first stanza of six tests over motor technician Alistair Moss who was sharing the driving duties with his father David, who occupied third place, in their Ford Fiesta. The leader continued to improve his performance during the second round only dropping three marks and increasing his lead to thirteen with Moss senior reducing the margin to his offspring.

The die was cast with Hoppé increasing his lead to thirty-two by the close of play after twenty-four tests but David Moss was now his nearest challenger having turned the tables on his son who finished nine points adrift. With the elevation of Hoppé to the overall win class honours went to Moss senior with Alistair second ahead of Weymouth driver Andy Webb in his Toyota Yaris T Sport.



Dunkerley and Dore took second and third in Class 2



Alistair Moss started well and then faded



Will Lawrence is sure that there is some grip to be gained

The outcome of the front-wheel-drive production car category was also beyond little doubt once Will Lawrence defeated the early charge of Ford Ka driver Ben Joslin, who led after the first round with seven penalties against the twelve of the Peugeot 208 driver from Weymouth. Six tests later the story was different with Lawrence six up on Mark Dunkerley who partnered Mike Dore in the latter's 1360 cc Citroen Saxo but by the close of play the margin had increased to thirteen points. Dore finished third seventeen shy of his co-driver. In addition to the class win Lawrence finished second overall.



Tom Waterworth and Chris Briant in WMC loan MX5



VW Polo of Dave Mears just begins to break traction



Class win for David Robinson but Donal Doyle ran him close with a superb final round

The battle for supremacy in the rear-wheel-drive division centred around four sports car drivers with the experienced David Robinson coming under pressure from Donal Doyle from Wool. The former was without penalty in his Renault Scimitar after twelve tests and still enjoyed a fifteen-point advantage three quarters of the way through the event. Doyle had not given up though and drove his Mazda MX5 into second place just three points adrift at the finish line.

The entry included a class for vehicles which were not eligible for the main event and therefore were not included in any index of performance calculations or any championships and was contested by Weymouth drivers Kevin Dewell in his Suzuki engine Ibx sporting trials car and the Liege of Alastair Stevenson. Dewell completed the day with a clean score sheet and an easy win.

Ben Joslin gained reward for his early charge winning the award for the Best Novice Driver.



David Moss took second in Class 2



Top three finish in class for Andy Webb



Donal Doyle closed to three points of class winner Robinson

RESULTS

Woolbridge Motor Club - Car Trial																							
Score sheet																							
Event	Hogcliff Trial			Clerk			Gary Morris																
Date	Oct 6th 2024			Secretary			Anna Knight / Elaine Blake																
Venue	Hogcliff			Permit No.			200370																
Class	Entrant No.	Name	Club	Vehicle	CC	Novice	Expert	Round 1															
								Hill 1	Hill 2	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Hill 6	Rd 1 Total	Cumulative total	Hill 1	Hill 2	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Hill 6	Rd 2 Total	Cumulative total
1	101	Mark Hoppé	Woolbridge	Alto	993	X	0	0	0	2	1	3	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	9
1	102	Richard Wilson	Woolbridge	Corsa	1400	X	3	10	4	8	0	7	32	32	2	5	3	8	1	5	24	56	
1	103	David Moss	Woolbridge	Fiesta	1295	X	2	0	4	8	1	6	21	21	0	0	0	3	0	6	9	30	
1	104	Andy Webb	Woolbridge	Yaris T Sport	1500	X	2	0	4	7	10	4	27	27	2	0	3	2	1	6	14	41	
1	105	Alistair Moss	Woolbridge	Fiesta	1295	X	0	0	0	3	0	6	9	9	1	0	0	7	0	5	13	22	
1	106	Dave Hiscock	Woolbridge	Yaris SR	1299	X	3	0	5	8	1	7	24	24	3	9	3	8	1	7	31	55	
1	107	Wayne Grimshaw	Bournemouth	Corsa	1800	X	3	9	4	8	2	7	33	33	1	5	4	8	1	7	26	59	
1	108	David Mears	Woolbridge	Polo	1390	X	3	10	4	8	11	6	42	42	3	9	4	8	7	5	36	78	
1	109	Mike Flack	Woolbridge	I10	1248	X	2	9	4	9	1	7	32	32	2	5	4	8	1	6	26	58	
2	201	Will Lawrence	Woolbridge	Peugeot	1600	X	0	6	0	2	0	4	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	17	
2	202	Mike Dore	Woolbridge	Saxo	1360	X	1	0	4	0	10	4	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	34	
2	203	Ben Joslin	Woolbridge	KA	1250	X	0	2	0	1	4	7	7	7	0	9	0	7	4	4	24	31	
2	204	Mark Dunkerley	Woolbridge	Saxo	1360	X	0	0	2	10	4	16	16	16	0	0	3	0	4	7	23		
2	205	Dan Osborne	Woolbridge	KA	1250	X	3	10	4	10	2	8	37	37	1	9	3	3	2	4	22	58	
3	301	David Robinson	Windwhistle	Scimitar SS1	1600	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	302	Chris Briant	Woolbridge	MXS	1600	X	3	10	3	6	6	31	31	31	3	9	4	12	1	5	34	65	
3	303	Donal Doyle	Woolbridge	MXS	1600	X	0	10	0	0	0	4	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
3	304	Tom Waterworth	Woolbridge	MXS	1600	X	4	10	8	10	10	8	50	50	3	10	0	8	1	7	29	79	
6	601	Kevin Dewell	Woolbridge	Ibx	1208	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	602	Alastair Stevenson	Woolbridge	Liege R	850	X	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	9	

Class	Entrant No.	Name	Round 3						Round 4						GRAND TOTAL		Class Position	Class Average	Overall position														
			Hill 1	Hill 2	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Hill 6	Rd 3 Total	Cumulative total	Hill 1	Hill 2	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Hill 6	Rd 4 Total	Cumulative total															
1	101	Mark Hoppé	1	1	0	3	0	3	7	16	0	0	1	4	14	48	3	1	2	3	1	4	14	62	32	1	78.8	2	1st Overall				
1	102	Richard Wilson	2	5	0	3	4	5	19	75	1	0	2	3	0	6	12	87	87	5							153.7	13	1st Class 1				
1	103	David Moss	0	0	0	3	0	4	7	37	0	0	1	7	0	4	12	49	49	2							86.6	3	1st Class 1				
1	104	Andy Webb	9	0	0	3	1	5	18	59	0	0	2	3	2	6	13	72	72	4							127.2	11	2nd Class 1				
1	105	Alistair Moss	1	0	0	3	0	7	11	33	10	0	5	0	4	6	25	58	58	3	56.6						102.5	5	2nd Class 1				
1	106	Dave Hiscock	7	9	3	8	5	5	27	92	3	9	4	7	1	7	31	123	123	6							217.3	15					
1	107	Wayne Grimshaw	7	10	4	8	1	7	37	96	8	3	9	7	7	42	138	138	9								243.8	18					
1	108	David Mears	3	1	4	8	1	7	24	102	3	9	3	8	2	7	32	134	134	7							236.7	16					
1	109	Mike Flack	4	8	4	8	5	7	36	94	8	4	8	7	7	42	136	136	8								240.3	17					
2	201	Will Lawrence	3	0	0	0	0	6	9	26	0	2	0	0	4	6	32	32	1														
2	202	Mike Dore	7	0	0	3	0	4	14	48	3	1	2	3	1	4	14	62	62	3	40.6												
2	203	Ben Joslin	7	1	0	0	1	3	12	43	9	5	7	4	5	9	39	82	82	4													
2	204	Mark Dunkerley	1	0	0	0	3	4	27	10	0	2	0	2	0	4	16	45	45	2													
2	205	Dan Osborne	7	9	3	3	1	4	27	86	9	9	7	10	5	9	49	135	135	5													
3	301	David Robinson	3	0	5	3	0	0	11	11	6	0	0	9	1	0	16	27	27	1													
3	302	Chris Briant	3	10	0	3	6	5	27	92	3	9	3	8	9	8	40	132	132	3	27.60												
3	303	Donal Doyle	0	9	0	3	0	0	12	26	1	0	3	0	0	4	30	30	2														
3	304	Tom Waterworth	7	10	8	7	7	7	46	125	9	10	7	10	9	12	57	182	182	4													
6	601	Kevin Dewell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1													
6	602	Alastair Stevenson	3	0	5	4	0	0	12	21	3	2	7	8	2	4	28	47	47	2													

Next Car Trial

Reg Paull Trophy Car Trial, Woolminstone, Crewkerne

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

ASWMC Championship Final



Dave Hiscock's Yaris in need of exfoliation



Wayne Grimshaw trying hard to get past the post



Ben Joslin and Dan Osborne in WMC loan Ka



Leige of Alastair Stevenson



Corsa of Richard Wilson had cooling problems



Not quite 'a one' for Mike Flack in his Hyundai i10