



Crook claims Class One victory

CROOK & EVANS - WINNERS BOTH

January 4X4 Trial Simon's Quarry

Sunday January 19th 2025

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Members of South West All Terrain and their supporters converged on Crossways near Dorchester for an event which was to provide the combination of quarry style sections and those of a more circuitous nature within dense woodland. Undaunted by the high calibre of drivers Evershot driver Ben Crook was more than a match for his adversaries at the wheel of his 3.9 litre V8 Range Rover powered Whitbread Special finishing six points clear of Will Hull in Class One which featured vehicles fitted with non-standard differential locks, fiddle brakes or non-standard suspension with lifts of over 100 mm.



Lift-off for Darren Evans in his 2.5 diesel Land Rover



Shannon Butterfield gives suspension a work out

The event saw Crook evens with Chris Tite from Cerne Abbas, in a similarly powered machine, after three tests with Tite moving ahead when his adversary collected five penalty marks on the final run of the morning. Toby Cameron experienced problems with his Land Rover on the first test and immediately retired from the event having diagnosed a water pump failure. Tite and Crook both cleaned the first test of the afternoon, but the next section saw the demise of Tite when his mount succumbed to a broken constant velocity joint leaving Crook to gap Hull to the aforementioned six points.

Class Two, which catered for vehicles without the mechanical features mentioned above, saw a troubled day for three Suzuki Jeep pilots including Kieran Baxter who barrel rolled his machine on the second test. Derek Callaway was another to roll in the woods within sight of the finish whilst Mark King was sidelined when his vehicle made contact with a tree damaging the track control arm as a result.

At the head of the class a larger margin of victory was evident but the battle was no less competitive with a tie for second place. The 2.5 litre turbo diesel powered Land Rover of Darren Evans was never headed across the eight tests but was level with John Tite and his Land Rover at the halfway stage both having accrued eight penalties. The afternoon was to be a different story with Evans forging ahead with four penalties from the afternoon tests finishing a mere two points ahead of Tom Claydon who, in yet another Land Rover, also enjoyed a strong afternoon to match Tite with twenty-one penalties at the close of play.



Kieran Baxter fears the inevitable as a major change in the balance of his Suzuki brings about a barrell roll



Shannon Butterfield gives suspension a work out



Climb every mountain - Simon Baxter



Graeme Wills making good progress in the woods



A Sunday morning drive in a quarry for Dave Butterfield



SIMON'S QUARRY

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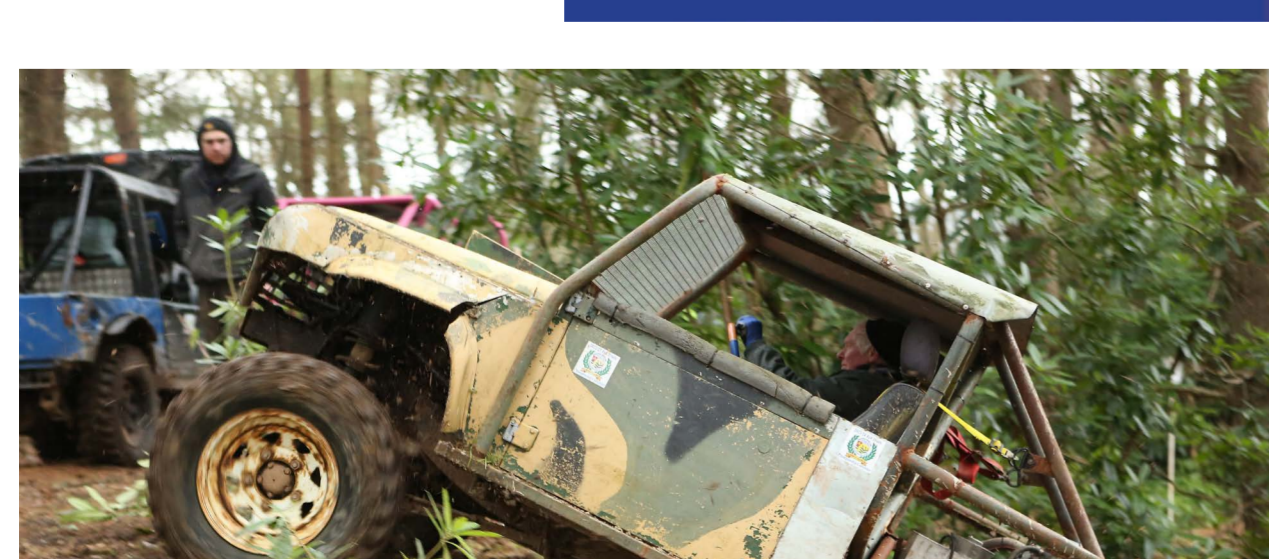
DRIVER	RUN 1				RUN 2				Total	Position		
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4				
Class 1												
1 Ollie Hull	7	1	3	1	12	8	3	1	3	15	27	3rd Class
2 Chris Tite	1	1	0	0	2	0	Ret			0		
3 Simon Baxter	1	7	3	1	12	5	7	5	3	20	32	2nd Class
4 Will Hull	1	2	3	1	7	6	2	3	0	11	18	2nd Class
5 Toby Cameron	6		Ret									
6 Ben Crook	0	2	0	5	7	0	3	2	0	5	12	1st Class
Class 2												
7 Dave Butterfield	2	4	3	6	15	6	7	4	8	25	40	
8 Mark King	2	4	3	1	10	4	3	Ret		7		
9 Ian Simpson	2	8	3	2	15	8	3	2	3	16	31	
10 Derek Callaway	5	7	5	6	23	8	3	5	Ret			
11 Darren Troack	2	4	4	3	13	3	2	2	3	10	23	
12 Shannon King	4	4	3	6	17	8	3	5	3	19	36	
13 Shannon Butterfield	2	4	3	7	16	8	3	5	8	24	40	
14 Graeme Wills	1	4	3	8	16	7	5	1	3	16	32	
15 Mackenzie King	2	8	3	6	19	8	3	7	5	23	42	
16 Tom Claydon	1	7	2	5	15	2	2	1	1	6	21	2nd = Class
17 Darren Evans	1	3	2	2	8	1	2	1	0	4	12	1st Class
18 Kieran Baxter	1	4	7	2	14	7	8	1	3	19	33	
19 John Tite	2	2	3	1	8	7	2	1	3	13	21	2nd = Class



Visitors from S.W.A.T.



Chris Tite reaches for fiddle brake lever prior to constant velocity joint failure



John Tite finished second equal in Class 2.



Through a gap in the trees for Chris Tite

Next Event - Sunday February 16th 2025



Camouflage in the woods