CLUB NEWS – November 2026

Hi Club Colleague,

Welcome to this month's edition of Club News!

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Please share Club News with your event organisers.

Safety Rocks Webinars

1. **Who Owns the Risk? Clear Responsibilities at Every Event**
   Monday 7 December, 19:30 to 20:30
   When a venue, an organiser, a promoter, and teams all share one event, it's easy to assume someone else has a risk covered. This session sets out who is responsible for what, why the law puts the burden of proof on you, and the simple records that protect your club. Ideal for event organisers, especially those who run one event a year or less, and open to all members.

   Register HERE

2. **Rediscover the Why: Building a Safety Culture the Whole Sport Can Be Proud Of**
   Thursday 17 December, 19:30 to 20:30
   Rules and paperwork only work when people feel safe to speak up. This session explores what a positive safety culture looks like across the sport and how everyone, at every level, can play their part.

   Register HERE

Motorsport UK Growth Grant: Second round of applications to open on 1 December

Motorsport UK clubs and organisers are encouraged to make the most of the off-season and plan ahead for 2027, with the second round of Growth Grant applications opening on 1 December and closing on 31 December 2026.

Motorsport UK is encouraging clubs and organisers across the country to start thinking about how they could grow and develop ahead of the 2027 season, with the next round of Growth Grant applications opening on Tuesday 1 December 2026 for projects/training in April, May or June.

With up to £250,000 available annually, the Growth Grant Scheme is designed to support grassroots motorsport, helping clubs and organisers turn ambitious ideas into reality, improve facilities, run training sessions, and create new opportunities for their communities.

This year has seen some exciting changes, with the training previously administered by the British Motorsport Trust, and applications accepted just once a year.

Now managed directly by Motorsport UK and now supporting training and development opportunities, the scheme has been restructured to offer four application windows throughout the year, giving clubs and organisers greater flexibility and more opportunities to access funding.

After a successful first round of applications in September, the upcoming December window marks the second round of applications since these changes were introduced, providing another opportunity for clubs to secure financial support for projects that could make a real difference ahead of the new season.

Recognising the vital role clubs, organisers and volunteers play in the sport, the scheme offers funding for projects that encourage participation, improve facilities, enhance safety and strengthen the long-term sustainability of motorsport.

Successful applicants can receive grant funding covering up to 75% of their final actual project costs, with applications assessed on merit.

<u>What can clubs apply for?</u>

The scheme supports projects across three key areas:

- Community and Promotion: Initiatives to increase participation and engagement, including promotional campaigns, mentoring schemes, volunteer recognition and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion projects.
- Venues and Equipment: Improvements to club facilities, venue infrastructure, safety-related equipment, shared resources and club-owned StreetCar vehicles.
- Training: Opportunities to develop the skills of volunteers and officials, including marshal training, rescue and recovery, mentoring and associated training equipment.

Make the most of the off-season

With the 2026 motorsport season drawing to a close, now is the perfect time for clubs and organisers to reflect on the past year and consider what improvements could help them grow in 2027.

Perhaps your club has been thinking about investing in new equipment, upgrading facilities, providing additional training for volunteers or launching an initiative to attract new members.

Whatever your ambitions, the Growth Grant Scheme could provide the financial support needed to take that next step.

And with applications now accepted four times a year, clubs have more opportunities than ever to put forward their ideas and access support.

Applications for the second round open on 1 December and close on 31 December 2026.

Clubs and organisers are encouraged to use the coming weeks to explore the funding criteria, discuss potential projects and prepare their applications ahead of the deadline.

Find out how to apply and further information on the Motorsport UK Growth Grant Scheme web page.

Growth Grant Webpage

Club Renewals

Reminder – Club renewals are now ***live***.

Before renewing, there are a few key points to remember:

- **Update Club Contacts –** You are now able to add and remove your own Club officials on Sport:80, so please make sure they are up to date. You can find guidance on how to do this here.
- **Club Documents –** Your Club Constitution, Safeguarding policy, GPDR policy etc will save from the previous renewal, but if they have changed then please make sure to update them in Sport:80.
- **Club Safeguarding Officer –** All Clubs that organise permitted events must have a 2027 licenced Club Safeguarding Officer in place before they can be renewed. If your CSO is needs help to renew, please contact safeguarding@motorsportuk.org.

Permits for 2027 cannot be approved until the Club is renewed, so make sure you're quick to renew if you have events planned in January!

Also, a reminder for Kart Clubs, you will need to be fully compliant with the Safeguarding and Welfare Agreement for Kart Clubs before renewing. Please contact club.development@motorsportuk.org if you need any guidance with your Clubs' application.

For those that have already renewed, you will receive your certificate in the new year.

Stage Rally Safety Requirements – Edition 9

The latest edition of the Stage Rally Safety Requirements (SRSRs) has been published, introducing important updates to support the safe running of stage rally events across the UK.

Key changes include updates to Safety Car requirements, new guidance on AI Safety Cameras, changes to rally media accreditation, updated service area and refuelling requirements, and clarification of officials' roles and responsibilities.

The updated requirements come into effect on 7 February 2027. We encourage clubs organising stage rally events to review the full requirements and accompanying change log ahead of the new season.

Click here to view the Stage Rally Safety Requirements and changes.

Carbon Calculator Guide

The Sustainability team has created a useful guidance document for Clubs on how to use the Carbon Calculator tool.

You can access the guide here.

The Carbon Calculator is a free tool which calculates the approximate amount of emissions produced by your club's events. The Motorsport UK Carbon Calculator was designed specifically for motorsport and allows your Club to measure, and therefore manage, your Club's emissions.

Measuring your carbon footprint provides your club with a starting point at understanding how many emissions your produce. By calculating and measuring, you can then look at the areas where you can improve your Club's sustainable efforts.

If you would like to set your Club up with Carbon Calculator account, or if you have any questions about the Calculator, please contact sustainability@motorsportuk.org.

Junior Competitive Safari Guidance

The Junior Competitive Safari has been introduced as an entry-level Cross Country discipline, providing a progressive route for young competitors to develop the skills, knowledge and experience required for participation in Competitive Safari.

This guidance has been produced to assist organisers in the planning and delivery of Junior Competitive Safari events and is available now in the Knowledge Hub.

Junior Competitive Safari Guidance

Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding Training

With one final *Introduction to Safeguarding in Motorsport* training session taking place in 2026, we encourage anyone who has not yet attended to sign up.

The session will be held on **Tuesday 8th December, 6:00pm-9:00pm**, and will take place **online via Zoom**. To register, **click here**.

If you have already signed up for this course, please look out for an email containing joining instructions by **Friday 27th November**.

We are pleased to confirm that this course will continue throughout 2027, with new dates to be released soon. As a reminder, the training is open to everyone involved in motorsport, regardless of role, making it a great opportunity to develop your understanding of safeguarding responsibilities within the sport. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the final session of 2026 and into 2027.

Club Safeguarding Support

As clubs begin planning their activities for 2027, we'd love to hear how the Safeguarding Team can support you.

Whether you'd like us to attend an event, deliver safeguarding training, provide advice on safeguarding and welfare matters, or develop resources to support your volunteers and members, we're here to help.

If there is any safeguarding-related support that would benefit your club, please get in touch with the Safeguarding Team so we can work with you to build it into our plans for the year ahead.

We look forward to continuing to support clubs across the sport in creating safe, positive and inclusive environments for everyone involved.

Updates for Clubs from the Sporting & Safety Team

Please click below to read updates from the Sporting & Safety Team regarding various different disciplines and information for event organisers.

Sporting and Safety Updates

Club Calendar

This month's calendar offers a variety of learning opportunities. Take a look at the calendar to see if any sessions are suitable for you.

To view the calendar, click here.