



BRANDS HATCH WINTER STAGES

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COMPETITOR BULLETIN NO 1

2026 New Hope Rentals AEMC/ASEMC
Stage Rally Championship

2026 Hamilton Classic ACSMC
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2026 RALLY

All servicing will be done in the lower paddock, with the Service (Out) MTC located at the very bottom of the area, leading to a road section through the lower part of the Rally School - see diagram below.

The trailer park has moved since last year to the hard standing area located to the left of Colin Chapman Way (where refuelling was located prior to 2025), before passing the Kentagon, and is well outside the service area.

Scrutineering and documentation are in the same place as in previous years, Competitor Liaison is located in Hailwood's Restaurant (as it was for the 2025 event). The Sound Test is located between the trailer park and scrutineering, approximately the same position as in previous years.

This Bulletin deals primarily with pre-event information needed for competitors and service crews.

The NCRs for 2026 were published after the Supplementary Regulations for the event - the new version has been reviewed and there are no known changes resulting from these. The following Supplementary Regulations are amended:

Reminders:

SR 9 EVENT TIMETABLE:

PLEASE DO NOT PAKN TO ARRIVE BEFORE 14:00 ON FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

SCRUTINEERING/SOUND TEST

Friday	16 th January	15:30 to 1830
Saturday	17 th January	06:30 to 08:00

See the notes and map below for location of Scrutineering/Sound Test and Service Area.

DOCUMENTATION AND NUMBER PACKS

Friday	16 th January	From 15:00 - collecting number packs only 15:30 - 18:45 - all documentation
Saturday	17 th January	06:30 to 08:00 - all documentation

All documentation will take place at the Office next to the Scrutineering Bay.

SR 10 PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SEEDING INFORMATION, MEDIA FORM AND UPLOAD PHOTOS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The event programme will go to press before the entry list closes, this means that initial seeding will be done on Sunday 4th January 2026. Any entries received after this date will be seeded at 'best effort.' Competitors will start the rally at MTC1 according to the Start List which will be published on the Virtual Notice Board on the Sportity App. To be included in the programme, you **MUST** complete a Media/Commentator sheet by 3rd January 2026.

SR13 DOCUMENTATION / SIGNING ON

Signing on is accessible via the entry system, <https://brandshatchstages.co.uk/competitors> until 20:00 on Thursday 15th January 2026.

You must sign on electronically AND provide a copy of your 2026 Competition Licence / QR code and valid Motor Club membership card (or valid Championship Registration Card) as part of the Signing-On process.

Chelmsford Motor Club membership can be obtained at <https://chelmsfordmc.co.uk/Membership> with electronic cards issued by the event entries secretary.

For Competitors from outside the UK & Ireland please refer to SR6 - letter of approval from your ASN also needs to be submitted.

Your Rally Pack will contain a “credit card” with your Car Number on, this is to be exchanged for your Timecard after the Competitor Briefing.

SR 14.5 Entry to MSV Brands Hatch Motor Racing Circuit:

Each Entry will be supplied with 6 Tickets (1 Driver, 1 Co-driver, 4 Service Personnel) about a week before the event.

Two Vehicle Passes will be included in a competitor bulletin to be issued in the week before the event - these will be needed for access to the venue and the service area.

Please note all Vehicles will be checked on arrival and every person must be in possession of the MSV Entry Ticket to be allowed in.

A link to these tickets on MSV's secure website will be emailed in the week preceding the event to the co-driver. Queries should be raised on

tickets@brandshatchstages.co.uk or call 07568 365660

There can be issues with business / corporate email systems rejecting tickets from the MSV system, so please first check your junk mail folders and then make contact as above for replacement tickets to be sent to an alternative email address (ideally personal, e.g. gmail, Hotmail etc).

Additional support team members (or competitors friends / sponsors etc) can buy tickets at a 20% discount in advance via the Brands Hatch website:

<https://www.brandshatch.co.uk/2026/january/mgj-engineering-brands-hatch-winter-stages>

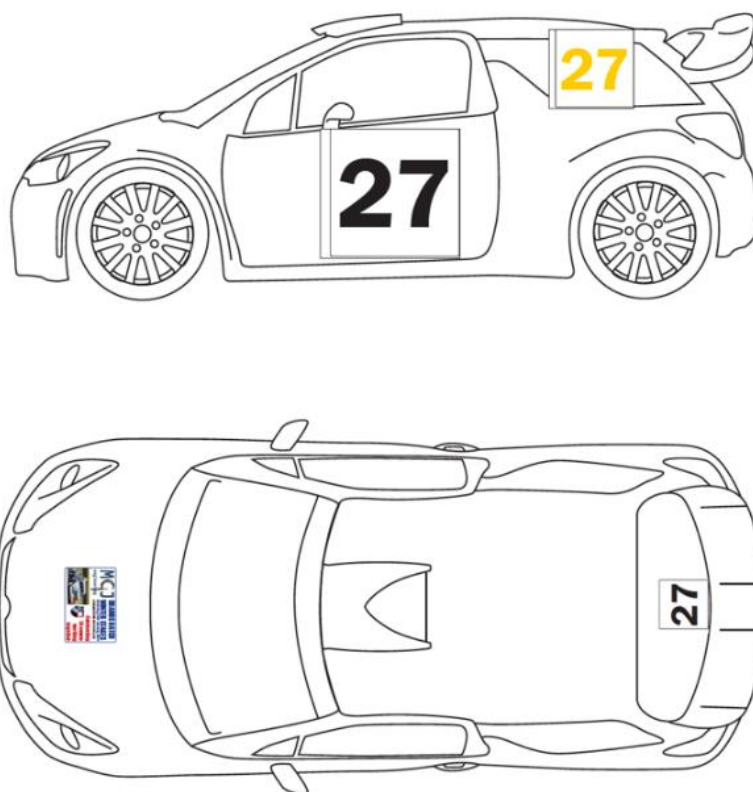
The discount code to enter at checkout is : **CMC26**

SR15 IDENTIFICATION

RALLY PLATE AND NUMBER PLACEMENT

Crews will be provided with a rally plate and numbers which must be fitted prior to scrutineering and displayed as follows:

- The rally plate to be affixed to the front bonnet.
- A pair of black numbers to be placed within each door square.
- A pair of yellow numbers for each rear side window (or equivalent area on smaller vehicles).
- A single square number (printed black numbers on a 18cm x 18cm white background) which must be visible from the rear of the vehicle at eye level but must not impede the rear view via the rear-view mirror.



SCRUTINEERING NOTES

Please check your Overalls, Balaclava, Seats, FHRs and Helmets are of the correct Specification and are in date.

Competition Car Log Books (CCLBs) are no longer valid from 1st January 2026 - all cars must have a valid vehicle passport.

Cars need not be taxed but they must be presented at Scrutineering with the Vehicle Registration Document. A current MOT Certificate must be presented for all cars that are required by law to have one.

Competition number, any auxiliary lights that are intended to be used on the last stage(s) and in-car video cameras must be fitted prior to scrutineering.

Please ensure that if you have your names on the side of the car, they are correct.

REMINDER: RALLY PLATES AND COMPETITION NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED, THESE MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE DOCUMENTATION OFFICE AND FITTED PRIOR TO SCRUTINEERING.

TRAILER PARKING

Trailers must be parked in the trailer park marked on the map below.

Vehicles, including motorhomes may be left in the Service Area overnight and personnel are permitted to stay overnight - Brands Hatch has 24 hour security guarding on-site.

SOUND TEST

The Sound Test is located between the exit from the trailer park and the service area, close to the Kentagon. Once you have unloaded your rally car, please queue up for noise and the proceed down the hill to the scrutineering bay.

SERVICE AREA

PLEASE SERVICE ONLY IN THE AREAS INDICATED ON THE MAP BELOW. IF YOU ATTEMPT TO SERVICE IN ANY OTHER PLACE, YOU WILL BE MOVED.

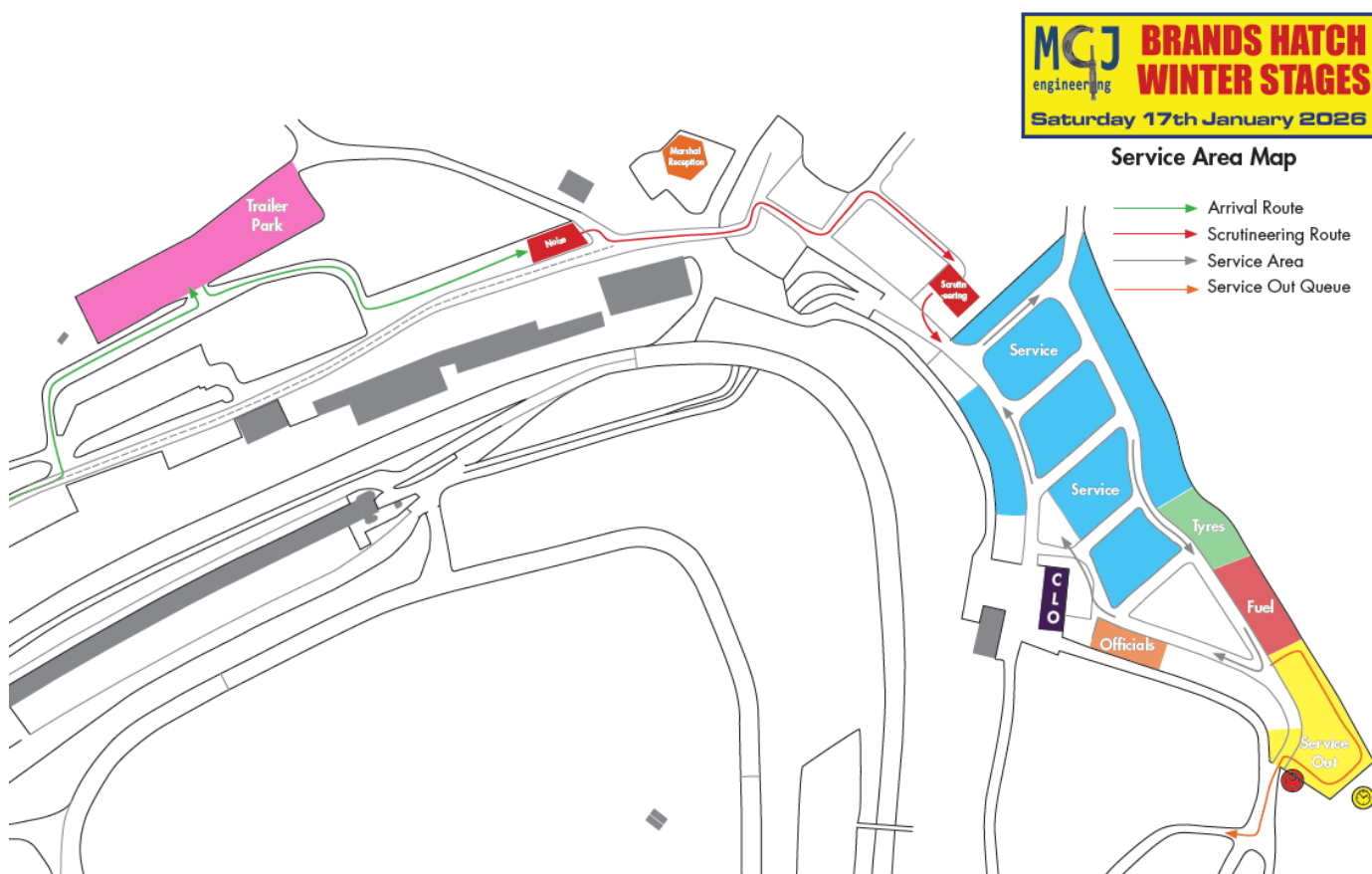
The one-way traffic flow system is defined in the diagram below.

Please help to ensure this venue is kept open for rallying and we have MSV's co-operation, by not dropping litter or leaving oil on the ground. Oil absorbent materials will be available for soaking up oil. You must take all rubbish **including tyres** away with you. A Rubbish Sack is in your Rally Pack.

The Service Area is a No Smoking area.

Please see the attached notes issued by Motorsport UK for Service Areas, pay particular attention to the regulation that all cars must service on an Environmental Ground Sheet.

Vehicular access to the service area will be restricted after 08:00 on Saturday 17th.



REFUELLING

Please ensure you fully understand the refuelling procedure as detailed in the Supplementary Regulations (SR 22). Competing cars should be refuelled just before departure to the stage - the refuelling area, one-way system and location of the Service Out control are all designed to make this a simple process.

It is recommended to fuel for a pair of stages (i.e. before SS3, SS5, SS7), as there will be less time in the schedule/for you in service when no stage changes are required, especially before the last stage of the event.

SERVICE AREA RISK MANAGEMENT

All competitors and service crews are required to comply with the Service Area Best Practice Guidelines, specifically the guidelines for the refuelling of competing cars, equipment and working practices. All competitors, including their service crews are required to take reasonable care throughout the event for their health and safety and safety of themselves, all personnel operating on their behalf and all other persons who may be affected by their operations during the event.

1. All entrants must have an environmental ground-sheet in place before work commences on the vehicle.
2. Temporary structures such as motorhomes, awnings and pop-up tents must be erected securely and with sufficient ballast to cope with wind conditions. All structures deemed unsafe by the event organisers must be dismantled and removed.
3. All service vehicles should have an environmental spill-kit, for use in the event of liquid spillage (competing cars must also carry such a kit). Spillage of any liquid should be contained immediately by the crew concerned.
4. Fire extinguishers must be readily available at all times when vehicles are being worked on.
5. Vehicles must be supported by axle stands, chassis sill stands or ramps, all with recommended base plates, when raised in the air by trolley or any other types of jack. Engines must not be running when the vehicle is raised on stands. No other work on the car must be attempted, when raising or lowering of the car is taking place.
6. Re-fuelling is only permitted in the Refuel Area, Competitors must refuel on the way to a stage and not when returning from a stage. The vehicle must be unoccupied e.g., driver, co-driver, service crew, etc, must be outside the vehicle when re-fuelling commences, and the engine switched off. Containers should comply with the relevant British Standard, should be marked "Petroleum Spirit-Highly Flammable" and be kept from any source of ignition.
7. Re-fuelling should be by hand pumping, rather than from hand held containers. If fuel is dispensed from hand held containers a suitable spout for pouring must be used. Open pouring from hand held containers with or without the use of a funnel is not permitted.
8. Where necessary, as part of the service i.e. changing of fuel tank, fuel pump, fuel filter, or any other item of fuel circuit, emptying of the fuel tank is permitted provided that:
 - The work is carried out with the knowledge of the organiser (first point of contact Chief Scrutineer, details in Roadbook).
 - A fire extinguisher with operator is on standby.
 - No other work is carried out on the car during this operation.
 - A safety zone is established within which all sources of ignition are removed.
 - Any removed fuel is stored in a sealed container.
 - Re-fuelling is only permitted in the Refuel Area.
9. Storage & Use of Petroleum Spirit
 1. Containers must comply with the relevant British Standard, must be marked "Petroleum Spirit-Highly Flammable", be labelled with the car number sticker provided in your documentation pack and be deposited in the refuelling area before the start of the rally.
 2. All empty containers must be removed from the venue after the event.
 3. Petrol is to be used as fuel only, not for any other purpose.
 4. All vehicle re-fuelling is to take place in the designated refuelling area. The Service Area is a "No Smoking" area. In the refuel area, an operative must be on standby with a fire extinguisher.

10. Hazardous Substances

1. Some vehicle parts, for example brake & clutch linings, contain asbestos. Competitors are encouraged to use non-asbestos substitutes where possible.
2. Where asbestos is used, every effort must be made to prevent dust being released.
3. Some mineral oils may cause skin cancers. Where contact does occur, contamination must be washed off immediately. The wearing of any contaminated clothing must be avoided.
4. Other substances may cause ill health. Suppliers will have information about the possible effects of their products, on request.

11. Electrical Safety

1. All electrical equipment must be maintained in a safe condition.
2. Extension leads & cables should be neoprene, oil resistant flexible cable.
3. All electrical equipment used externally must be weatherproof and tools must be “double” or “all insulated” against electric shock.
4. Electrical equipment and hand tools must not be used where flammable vapours are present.

12. Fire Precautions

1. All competition vehicles must carry a suitable fire extinguisher. All service vehicles should carry a suitable fire extinguisher.
2. Special consideration must be made before lighting any cooking appliance.
3. All sources of ignition must be kept away from any fuel store or re-fuelling area.
4. Fire extinguishers must not be moved from their known location, other than when in use.
5. In the event of any fire, a report must be made to the organisers of the event before leaving the venue.
6. All entrants are encouraged to train their personnel in correct fire prevention and treatment procedures.

13. Compressed Air Equipment

1. Air blasts from over inflated tyres can cause severe injury. Tyres must not be inflated above manufacturers' recommendation figures.
2. Always stand clear when inflating tyres.
3. Compressors & air lines must be inspected regularly.
4. Compressed air cylinders must be stored and used to suppliers' recommendations.

14. General Working Practices

1. All working areas must be kept clean & tidy. All waste & spillage must be cleared up immediately, removed by the entrant at the end of the event and disposed of in a responsible manner.
2. Trailing cables & hoses must not be allowed to create a trip hazard and must not be run across access or roadways.
3. Whenever vehicle engines are being run, adequate ventilation must be in place.
4. All safety notices must be complied with.
5. Any personnel carrying out work must ensure that they adopt safe working practices at all times.
6. Service crews and competitors need to be aware of the long periods of exposure to cold, wet or heat, experienced while on location in service areas and dress accordingly.
7. Children under 16 years of age are to be closely supervised and must not leave your designated area unaccompanied. They are children and as such are your responsibility!!

15. Noise

1. Exposure to excessive noise may result in hearing loss, or other complaints. These may be short term, or after prolonged exposure, permanent. Where exposure to noise is unavoidable, ear defenders must be worn.

16. Manual Handling

1. Lifting, carrying and propelling of loads by bodily force is a major cause of industrial injuries. All entrants are encouraged to train their personnel in safe manual handling techniques.

17. Waste

1. Entrants must remove all waste from the venue, including containers, packaging, tyres, oils etc. They must be disposed of it in a responsible manner.

18. Vehicle Safety

1. A 10 mph speed limit must be observed at all times in a Service Area, other than for Emergency Vehicles which may be attending an incident.
2. There may be pedestrians in Service Areas. Special care must be taken in these circumstances, to avoid collisions.
3. The un-authorised use of mopeds, motorcycles, scooters, go-peds, quads etc. is forbidden in Service Areas.
4. Vehicles may only be driven by persons holding valid driving licences for that class of vehicle.

19. First Aid

1. Any person sustaining injury or illness, must seek treatment from the event emergency services, by initially reporting to the Senior Official in charge of the Service Area, who will ensure the appropriate response.

20. Public Safety

1. Entrants and their associated personnel must act in a manner so as not to put either themselves or any other person at risk of injury.

21. Reporting of Accidents & Incidents

1. All accidents where any person sustains injury, or where damage to property occurs, must be reported immediately to the Senior Official in charge of the Service Area.

22. Further Regulations and Information

1. Entrants are reminded of their obligations to comply with the requirements of the appropriate sporting regulations at all times. These Guidance Notes must be read in conjunction with all relevant regulations.

23. Trade Suppliers Risk Assessments

- Risk Assessments from the various Tyre and Fuel Suppliers are available as separate documents.