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# DONINGTON



The MMP launched a new reward for 2012, with 12 of the top marshals winning a weekend trip to experience the exhilarating British Touring Car Championship at Donington Race Circuit. Acting on feedback from previous years, the MMP opened the top prize to more marshals, and the response was well received by those marshals who made the trip. Donington, home of the famous Craner Curves, is a superb circuit to enjoy the close action packed racing of the BTCC. With practice, qualifying and 3 BTCC races, as well as a host of support races it was a busy schedule over the weekend. However, some of the marshals took time to visit the jaw dropping collection of Formula 1 cars in the Donington Museum.

But for all the MMP marshals, the highlight of the weekend was a pit visit to the E-Bay Motors garage hosted by Colin Turkington. Colin showed the marshals around the BMW 125i M Sport race car, giving some detail on the technical build and setup before spending some time having a friendly chat. Indeed, Colin went on to have a very successful race weekend taking the maiden race victory for the new E-Bay Motors BMW, and his first win since he was BTCC Champion in 2009!

So don't forget to return your MMP card for 2013, and you could be one of the MMP Marshals to enjoy the craic, banter and racing for a weekend at Donington BTCC!

Among the winners for 2012 pictured with Colin Turkington are:

**Derek Latimer, Brian Wilson, Kevin Lynam, Hamilton Wilson, Ian Liggett, Eugene Cunningham, Trevor Harvey, Jenny Heath, Colin Wilson, Andrew Frater, Stuart Oliver.** Not present in the photo is Louise Patton.

## MMP REWARDS TRIP

# Kirkistown

Time again for the MMP annual reward day at Kirkistown race circuit. This is the highlight of the year for many marshals, and a superb chance for all to experience the thrills from inside a competition car around the fast and challenging track. With another superb line up of rally, race and other competition cars, marshals will not be disappointed when it comes to their turn.

Many of the drivers will be out to "entertain" their passengers, as a small way to say thanks for all the hard work in helping run events throughout the year. As usual, the driving is all about fun rather than all out speed, and that can be easily seen from the smiles on marshals faces.

So, get your name down now, and make sure you get along to Kirkistown on 30 November for another great day's motorsport... Where you the marshal will be in the centre of the action!!



# SUPER DRIVE

## RALLYSCHOOL

A damp, wet and cold day in May didn't stop the 12 winners who won the opportunity of driving a rally car at Superdrive.

For these volunteers it was their 'day off'. Time to take the bid off and burn some rubber!!

Only nine winners including 4 females were able to avail of their prize. As the heavens opened, the MMP winners were only able to use the rally stage, as the Karting Track became submerged under a few inches of water.

This however didn't put a damper in the atmosphere, the smiles and face glowing as they hopped out of the MK2 Escort.

Unfortunately the winner for the Karting has yet to be decided but that's for another day so watch this space.

One winner, a well know marshal, Norman McKittrick sadly passed away a few months later after a short illness. He was well known and liked within the sport and his passion and enthusiasm was very evident every time you meet him. He will be sorely missed.

# MAGNIFICENT MARSHAL!

MMP were delighted when local man Stephen O'Neill won the MSA Marshall of the Year at a glittering awards ceremony in London. Stephen is a very popular club member – gregarious, humorous and always willing to pitch in. Last year he showed his fabulous footwork as a dancer in M.A.D.M.C.'s Strictly Come Dancing Competition, this year he swept the boards in terms of awards for marshalling. Stephen and his two cronies, John Goddard and Paul Doherty can be seen in ditches from here to Cork marshalling at events. We took time to catch up with this modest and magnificent marshal to get his views on his recent success.

**1. STEPHEN, WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN MOTORSPORT – TO DATE, OF COURSE?**

Receiving the JLT MSA 'Marshall of the Year' award in London at the night of champions 2012 and to be only the third person from Northern Ireland to receive it.

**2. YOU VOLUNTEER TO DO SO MANY JOBS IN MOTORSPORT – WHICH JOBS ARE BEST, WHICH ARE WORST AND WHY DO YOU DO IT AT ALL?**

My favourite job in motorsport is timekeeping! Stage setup takes up a lot of time and can put your head away, at the end of the day someone has to do it and it all pays off when the rally runs smoothly.

**3. HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN RALLYING AS A MARSHALL?**

My brother Bernard dragged me out of the house when I was 16, to service for him when he was rallying! It took off from there and I was hooked!

**4. CAN YOU GIVE US A QUICK RACE THROUGH YOUR MOTORSPORT CV?**

Started off as a driver, then navigator up to 4 years ago, Marshal, then to deputy stage commander, stage commander, then chief timekeeper, assistant COC, deputy COC! Just anything in rallying I'll do it.

**5. YOU WORK WITH A CLOSE-KNIT TEAM. WHO IS THE BOSS AND MAKES THE DECISIONS?**

We talk things over but at the end of the day I have the final say!

**6. YOU HAVE TRAVELLED MANY MILES TO MARSHALL AND ACT AS A STAGE COMMANDER AT RALLIES – TELL US SOME OF THE PLACES YOU HAVE BEEN AND THE SIGHTS YOU HAVE SEEN?**

Knockalla, in the Donegal looking at Paul Doc.

**7. THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN OF RECENT YEARS HAS HAD A BIG IMPACT ON RALLYING. HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE OF RALLYING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?**

Rallying has taken a bit hit over the last few years, but rallying will never die! Rally competitors and rally fans are crazy about all aspects of the sport.

**8. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE IMPACT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE CIRCUIT/EASTER STAGES THIS YEAR?**

Everyone that I have spoken to, wanted it cancelled due to the farmers losing most of their livestock during the lambing season, and being held in for a number of days due to snow, then being held in for another day for the rally to take place. It will come back in 2014 bigger and better; with more appreciation.

**9. WHICH YOUNG IRISH DRIVERS/NAVIGATORS DO YOU THINK HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS?**

Craig Breen



**10. YOUR DAY JOB IS AS A DRIVING INSTRUCTOR; THIS REQUIRES GREAT PATIENCE AND HAS A STRICT SPEED LIMIT. DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR DAY JOB AND YOUR HOBBY ARE CONTRADICTORY?**

From 45mph (being safe) to an outstanding limit (at a risk) but you need to let your hair down from your day job! If you have hair!

**11. DO YOU ADVISE YOUNG DRIVERS TO “KEEP THE RACE IN ITS PLACE”?**

Yes definitely, I like to promote road safety.

**12. YOU GIVE SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO MOTORSPORT SURELY YOUR WIFE MUST BE READY TO BANG YOU OVER THE HEAD WITH HER ROLLING PIN?**

It used to be the rolling pin now it is the poker .....

**QUICK QUESTIONS:**

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Your greatest success       | (MSA) Marshall of the Year             |
| Your favourite car          | Range Rover Evoque                     |
| Your favourite event        | Donegal International Rally            |
| Your worst rally moment     | Crashing in Wales while 4th overall    |
| Your motorsport Hero        | Ari Vatanen                            |
| Your biggest disappointment | Car broke on Ulster Rally on 1st stage |

**YOUR NEXT AMBITION**

To be C.O.C., I'd love to be Clerk of the Course just to see the 'big picture' of the whole event.

**AND A FINAL QUOTE:-**

Winning the JLT MSA Marshall of the Year Award in 2012 was something special. M.A.D.M.C also in the same year won the MSA Runner Up Club of the Year. Ulster International Rally won the best MSA rally of the year, all in 2012. To be part of all this in one year, is absolutely fabulous. M.A.D.M.C is a fantastic club, it is a club for the clubman in rallying. As long as I am fit to continue, I will continue. Here's to Motorsport in 2014.



# LEWIS LIFTS MMP "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" 2013

Congratulations to Lewis Boyd who has been awarded the Motorsport Marshalling Partnership (MMP) "Volunteer of the Year" award for 2013. Lewis has demonstrated a huge commitment to motorsport over many years in many roles. Lewis is well known as Clerk of the Course for the Ulster Rally, but his drive, energy and enthusiasm has meant that he is a regular marshal helping on many other events during the season.



The Ulster Rally moved to Fermanagh, and Lewis was central to promoting motorsport within the local community through displays at a local shopping centre, town centre shop window competition, a road safety campaign and a schools competition. The Ulster Rally has been voted best round of the British Rally Championship in 3 out of the last 4 years, and this year's event received many positive comments from competitors and motorsport press.

Lewis is also heavily involved in Omagh Motor Club, as part of the committee and organizing team for many club events over the years. He is also involved in running the club's navigation rally classes encouraging new people into the sport, and is currently leading the Northern Ireland Navigation Rally Championship.

Lewis commented, "I am thrilled and honoured to receive this award, but it is award not about me...it is about everyone who goes out there and helps on an event, to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone."

In 2013 Lewis has demonstrated passion and dedication to motorsport as a volunteer. Not only does he have the vision, insight and drive to bring many new ideas to life at the highest levels of the sport, but he is a tremendous role model who is always available and keen to marshal at grass roots level events.

Anybody who is interested in volunteering or marshalling at motorsport events, should visit [themmp.com](http://themmp.com) for more details.

We are in the business of rewards:

Your points get you money off each reward. How much is down to how many rallies you attend!

## Rewards System 2013

### Band 1

1 points + 1 Training

Kirkistown Reward Day



Rucksack

Band 2: only £8

Band 3: only £3

Band 4: FREE

Purchase outright for £12.00

### Band 2

3 points + 1 Training

Kirkistown Reward Day plus choice from rewards catalogue below



1st Aid Kit

Band 2: only £4

Band 3: FREE

Band 4: FREE

Purchase outright for £8.00

### Band 3

12 points + 1 Training

Entered into draw for 1 of 12 places at Karting Grand Prix

(provided not a winner for British Touring Car Trip)



Soft Shell Jacket

Band 2: only £36

Band 3: only £32

Band 4: only £25

Purchase outright for £40.00

### Band 4

15 points + 1 Training

Entered into draw for 1 of 12 places to a British Touring Car Championship in 2014

(subject to confirmation of dates)

If unsuccessful, then names stay in for Karting Grand Prix draw.

| Item              | Overall Price | Band 2 | Band 3 | Band 4 |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gloves            | £5            | Free   | Free   | Free   |
| Cap               | £5            | Free   | Free   | Free   |
| T-Shirt           | £8            | £4     | Free   | Free   |
| 1st Aid kit       | £8            | £4     | Free   | Free   |
| Poloshirt         | £10           | £6     | Free   | Free   |
| Rucksack          | £12           | £8     | £3     | Free   |
| Team Shirt        | £15           | £11    | £7     | Free   |
| Fleece            | £20           | £16    | £12    | Free   |
| Marshals kit      | £25           | £21    | £17    | £10    |
| Hi-Vis Wetsuit    | £35           | £31    | £27    | £20    |
| Soft Shell Jacket | £40           | £36    | £32    | £25    |