

**VMCC Ltd.**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Northumbrian Gathering Entry Form**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**ORGANISER**

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**ENTRY SECRETARY**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Northumbrian Section of the VMCC Ltd. will hold on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 a Road Safety Run for solo and sidecar motorcycles, tricycles and three-wheeled cars manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997.

The event will be known as the 43<sup>rd</sup> Northumbrian Gathering.

There will also be social runs on the preceding Friday and following Sunday.

**ENTRIES**

Completed application forms to be sent to the Entry Secretary before the closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Entries received after this date will be classed as day entries and will not be eligible to order a T-Shirt or Dinner ticket.**

**ENTRIES ON THE DAY ARE ACCEPTED AT EVENT ORGANISERS DISCRETION.**

Signing on and rider's fact sheets will be available at the start of the event.

**VENUE**

The start and finish will be at the HIGHBURN HOUSE CAMPSITE, WOOLER, NORTHUMBERLAND

**ELIGIBILITY**

All riders and drivers must be fully paid-up members of the VMCC Ltd. or affiliated clubs.

Membership cards must be produced at the start and all legal requirements must be complied with.

Event membership is available for the cost of £5.00, redeemable against annual VMCC membership for new members.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Road Safety Run route will consist of about 90 miles of quiet roads to the North, South, East and West of Wooler. Detailed route cards will be provided.

Some parts of the route may be marked but the onus of finding the correct route will rest entirely with the rider/driver.

There will be a coffee stop before lunch, after which the run will then return to Wooler.

**BREAKDOWN**

As always, there will be a van following the bikes which will contain items to (hopefully) get you moving again should you stop. If, however, you suffer catastrophic mechanical failure, you and your bike will be given a lift to the next stop on our route, from which you can arrange your own passage onwards – it may be an idea to check your breakdown cover, just in case!

**CLASSES AND AWARDS**

VETERAN:	machine manufactured before	01/01/1915
VINTAGE:	machine manufactured between	01/01/1915-31/12/1930
POSTVINTAGE:	machine manufactured between	01/01/1931-31/12/1945
POSTWAR:	machine manufactured between	01/01/1946-31/12/1960
POST 1960:	machine manufactured between	01/01/1961-31/12/1971
CLASSIC:	machine manufactured between	01/01/1972-31/12/1996

Trophies will be awarded for each class shown above, plus Three-Wheeler and Overall (not winning a class).

Concours d'elegance trophies will be awarded for each class shown above, plus Three- Wheeler and best BSA.

The Pilgrim Trophy will be awarded for the greatest machine distance travelled to the event.

Ties will be decided by the age of machine and then age of rider.

**Trophies that require engraving will be held by us and then posted out to their recipients after the Presentation. Trophies must be returned at the following Gathering OR after 11 months, if this is not possible.**

## CHECK POINTS

At the start of the Saturday Road Run, riders will be asked questions in their riding number order, and they must be seated on their bike, ready to start immediately after answering. Riders must not leave without attempting these questions. There may also be checkpoints at the lunch stop, along with 'treasure hunt' / observation style questions based on the route you follow. Checkpoint questions will mainly concern road safety and motorcycling history but there may also be a need for some general knowledge!

## CHANGE OF MACHINE

Any change is to be notified in writing to the Organiser before the event.

## PROGRAMME

- Friday:** Signing on from 1pm-7pm at the Highburn House Campsite.  
There will be an informal social run of about 50 Miles, starting from the campsite @2pm.
- Saturday:** Start of the Road Run from Highburn House Campsite at 9.30 a.m.  
Please collect all route cards by 9.15am at the very latest.  
The route will be a run on scenic, quiet, minor roads through the Cheviot Hills to a refreshment stop at Bellingham, then by scenic roads to a lunch stop at Meldon in Northumberland. After lunch we will return to Wooler.  
In the evening, the **Great 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social and Presentation Evening** will take place at the Kirknewton Village Hall (01890850285), including a buffet meal, raffle, quiz and general entertainment! Optional dress code: The Decade of Your Machine. **THIS IS A BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE EVENT.**  
Minibus shuttle service available!
- Sunday:** There will be a short run on Sunday morning, at the end of which we'll meet up at the Milk Bar, Wooler for a chat and to say our goodbyes.

## LOCAL ACCOMODATION LIST

- Highburn House Caravan and Camping Park, Burnhouse Road, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6EE  
Tel: 01668 281344 <http://www.highburn-house.co.uk/> E-mail: relax@highburn-house.co.uk
- The Tankerville Arms, 22 Cottage Road, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6BY Tel: 01668 281573  
<https://tankervillehotel.co.uk> Email: enquiries@tankervillehotel.co.uk
- The Anchor Inn, 2 Cheviot Street, Wooler Tel:01668281412
- The No.1 Hotel and Wine Lounge, 1 High Street Wooler Northumberland NE71 6LD Tel: 01668283089  
<https://www.no1hotelwooler.co.uk/>
- The Black Bull Hotel, 2 High Street, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6BY Tel: 01668 281309
- The Old Court House, 17 Church Street, Wooler. NE71 6DA Tel: 01668 283061  
<http://www.theoldcourthousewooler.co.uk/>
- Cheviot View, 222 Cottage Road, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6BY Tel: 01668 281612 Email: woolercheviotview@btinternet.com
- Firwood, Middleton Hall, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6RD,  
Tel: 01668-283699 Email: welcome@firwoodhouse.co.uk [www.firwoodhouse.co.uk](http://www.firwoodhouse.co.uk)
- St Hilliers, 6 Church Street, Wooler Tel: 01688-281340
- Loreto Guest House, 1 Ryecroft Way, Wooler Tel: 01688-2811350
- Tilldale House, 34/40 High Street, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6BG  
Tel: 01668 281450 E-mail: [tilldalehouse@freezone.co.uk](mailto:tilldalehouse@freezone.co.uk) [www.tilldalehouse.co.uk](http://www.tilldalehouse.co.uk)
- Rockliffe House, 6 Glendale Road, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6DN  
Tel 01668 283992 E-mail: [info@rockliffehouse.co.uk](mailto:info@rockliffehouse.co.uk)
- The Wheatsheaf Hotel, 10 Market place, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6LH  
[Tel:01668 281434](tel:01668281434) E-mail: wheatsheafwooler@btinternet.com
- Hethpool House, Hethpool, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6TW website <http://www.hethpoolhouse.co.uk/>  
6 minutes by road from Kirknewton, 7.7 miles from Wooler. Tel: 01668 216232
- Kirknewton Guest House, B&B, In Kirknewton run by Pauline and Ted Brown. Tel:01668 216219.
- Wooler Tourist Information, Padgepool Place, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6BL Tel 01668282123 Email: wooler.tic@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk  
<http://www.wooler.org.uk/see-and-do/attractions/tourist-information-centres/wooler>
- More accommodation around Wooler. <https://www.lodging-world.com/uk/england/northumberland/wooler>