

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Goodwood

Date: 28th April 2018

Weather: Cloudy, cold

A cloudy almost wintry day but with a track starting to dry after the previous days heavy rain and luckily no more rain.

This event is normally well attended by Speedmoggers but this year there were only three entrants but all new faces. Welcome to Nick Bolton in his 4.6 litre + 8 and to Howard Burton in his 1.8 litre 4/4 and the third new 'face' was the first appearance in the series of a modern +4 Supersports.

Nick had had some competition experience previously but Howard was at his first event. None of us had time to walk the course but Howard had the advantage of borrowing a bmx bike for a quick sprint around the track to learn all the braking points and apexes and was ready for action.



The mandatory noise testing was no problem for the two red cars but the + 8 was only just below the 105 decibel limit and fortunately this did not prove an issue during the day at a venue where noise and the concern of neighbours is always a potential problem.

Two laps of practice were followed by three timed runs and good organisation by the host club, Bognor Regis MC, kept proceedings running well.

Practice was of necessity cautious with the track still a little damp but conditions were good for the rest of the day and times came down considerably. Only near the end did a couple of mishaps cause delay and the later incident occurring to the car in front of Nick deprived him of the completion of his final run.

But both he and Howard had enjoyed a great day and will be back for more.

As for the Supersports it was a delight to drive through the bends and will also be back for more. It would be great to see some more of these super cars in the series.

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