

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Goodwood

Date: 1st August, 2020

“We were blessed with wonderful weather for the 2020 Goodwood Sprint: warm and dry, with some cloud cover and a breeze to prevent it getting too hot.

There were 3 Morgan Entrants in the reduced Field of only 121 which was over-subscribed: George Proudfoot running on new stickier rubber this season in his 4/4 Series 1, Nick Bolton in his Plus 8 and Ian Hargrave in his more modern 4/4. George and Ian were close by with very low Race Numbers (3 and 8 respectively) with Nick a little further down the Paddock with Number 54.

It is all very different this year, with “electronic signing-on” and random scrutineering of only 10% of Entrants. Social Distancing did not intrude too much on the day’s fun.

The New Scoring System this year, whilst undoubtedly more equitable, does seem to have pushed the Target Times from aspirational to unachievable. We all started the Practice Lap well over 20 seconds above Bogey!

As the day proceeded all of us improved our times, finding a second here or there with different tyre pressures and cornering techniques. George and Ian were in close proximity both physically and away from their respective Target Times and became quite competitive. After Ian managed to eke closer to take the Morgan lead on the 2nd Run, George gave it his all in the final Run to retake his Crown. The new tyres prevailed! All 3 of us put in our best times on the last run to conclude an enjoyable Day’s Motor Sport at this fabulous Circuit.”

Ian Hargrave