

Downton Motor Club
2025 Competition Secretary's Report

2025 proved to be a year of records for the Downton Motor Club Speed Championship both for the number broken by the competitors and for the number of entrants the club attracted in the year. We enjoyed a bumper membership due in part to the decision taken in 2024 to combine the membership fee with the championship entry, but in the main due to our social media presence and augmented with a flurry of new members keen to benefit from the club being the only invited club to the Wiscombe National in July.

Looking back on previous years, it's traditional that the championship is closely fought – a testament to the scoring system producing close results from vastly differing machinery. 2025 proved no different and it really did go down to the wire between Steve Jarrett and Richard Burnett. Congratulations to Steve for lifting the overall championship by just 0.29 of a point!

64 registered competitors entered 224 events and amassed 3,126.430 points and established or re-set no fewer than 37 class records.

Encouraging to see was the number of new competitors with 12 novices registered and from personal conversations I've had with many of them, that they enjoyed the welcoming nature of the club and will be back for more in 2026.

A couple of minor adjustments to the regulations for next year means junior competitors will be able to score in the championship if even if they can't run in the DMC class as many venues force them to run in a junior specific class. This will hopefully encourage a better take up in the class and go some way to fulfil the legacy Steve Harris wanted to achieve with the next generation of competitors.

The provisional calendar is taking shape for the 2026 season with many of the dates and venues already confirmed.

Membership and championship entry will remain at £30 for 2026 but will be even better value as both the Gurston and Wiscombe Challenge entries are included at no extra cost.

Looking forward to seeing you all back on the hills and circuits next year!

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