

## **15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Race Co-ordinator's Report**

After 2 truncated years due to COVID-19 I am pleased to report that a full season of racing at Knockhill is planned for 2022 by both the SMRC and KMSC, commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> April with a Scottish Championship raceday organised by the SMRC. Both Club's are reporting a healthy level of interest and registrations across the various classes.

Both Clubs will be taking part in Motorsport UK's Scrutineering trial designed to develop new Scrutineering protocols whereby competitors will be subject to more thorough but less frequent physical inspections supplemented by a continuation of the pre-event self-declarations. The trial runs until August when it is hoped that best practices can be rolled out to other disciplines and included within the 2023 General Regulations.

The annual race marshals training day took place at Knockhill on 19<sup>th</sup> February, organised by the SMRC and was attended by 53 marshals. 4 Training Instructors were also assessed during the day and all passed.

The SMRC have been granted approval to organise a race championship specifically for Junior competitors aged 14-17, one of only a maximum of 4 such championships permitted in the UK. The car will utilise the BMW 116i chassis built to a tightly controlled FIA specification. The first of these, owned by the SMRC, is currently in the final stages of build, ready for inspection by the Motorsport UK Technical Commission. Taster sessions with coaching for prospective competitors are planned at Knockhill in May and June ahead of the first scheduled race in August.

A number of visiting race championships from south of the border will also be hosted by both Clubs during the year, together with a dedicated race weekend at Knockhill in September organised by the BRSCC for their portfolio of Caterham Championships. Additionally Knockhill's headline car event, the BTCC and support championships, returns in July to complete a packed schedule at the circuit.

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