

## Off Road Coordinator's Report June 2019

So Just a Quick introduction about me, I am Graham Rieu-Clarke, I am currently a committee member of the Scottish Off-road Club having been Chairman of the club a few years back. I've been with SORC since I started competing in Off-road trials in 2000 with my Range Rover. Since then I have taken part in numerous off-road completions from challenge events to inter association trials. Currently I have a keen interest in Rally Recovery running the MSA Licensed Vulture 2 Recovery. I can also be found helping to setup some of the Off-road motorsport events that happen throughout the year.

The Cross Country season is well under way. With various trials being run by the various Off road clubs located around Scotland.

Big news is the welcome return of the Scotia Winch Challenge, this year held at a site near Hamilton, it had an entry capped at 30 Competitors and when entries opened it was clear that there was a lot of Support for the event with full capacity reached and a standby list in use.

On the Day the weather was kind if a bit blustery but these competitors weren't going to let that get in the way them having a good time.

The sections were tough in places but competitor feed back was always positive.

The Event went well with no big problems and lots of encouraging comments from the competitors that they were glad to see the event return and hoped it would continue.

The Scotia Organising team are already in the planning stage for next years event to make it bigger and better and iron a few of the issues seen by running an event like this at a new site.

The Mayhem Challenge run by AE 4x4 club has also passed, it must winch challenge time of year!! Once again a good entry list and superb sections laid out to make life just that little more challenging for the competitors.

We have also just had the Scottish round of the British Cross Country Championship(BXCC) held at Forrest Estate in Dumfries and Galloway and organised by the Scottish Hill Rally Club, this event was essentially 2 events in one as there was a short course for the competitors taking part in the Scottish Cross Country Championship and a long course for the competitors who were competing in the British Championship.

The conditions were pretty good with the weather being kind and helping to keep the Midges to an acceptable level, unlike earlier in the week during setup!! The course was as ever fast in places and technical in others which meant a fascinating competition as provided. Bourne out but the fact that just 6mins covered the top 3 in the British Championship at the end of the weekend.

As is usual at this level the teams came together to help get a fellow competitor out for the second day when he had resigned himself to be heading home early, he was then placed in the top 3 for the Scottish competitors.

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