

Marshal's Coordinator Report

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As my first report as Marshal's Coordinator, I'm not entirely sure what is expected, so here goes.

First, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in any way throughout the year. No matter in what capacity or in what form of motorsport you are involved, you have played your part in the success. I have met marshals from Karting, Sprints, Hill Climbs, Racing, Rallying and Historic events and without a doubt every one of them was committed to what they do.

During the year, marshals turned out all over the country to ensure the safety at events was second to none. It has often been said that we have the best marshals in the world here in Scotland and I for one believe this to be true. With all the new regulations that have been introduced over the past few years, as a result of past incidents in Scotland, it is heartening to see marshals and other officials take these on board more and more. As a result of this we saw the successful return of the Mull rally and of course the Jim Clark Rally, which could not have happened without the commitment of the "orange army" of marshals.

In February we ran our second social evening, this time combined with a training event that saw new and existing marshals, officials and competitors come together. I think the training team will agree the training was a great success, although the social in the evening could have been better attended. During the day we managed to raise £400 which those at the social agreed should be donated to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

Going forward I would like to see the social better supported and to that end I will be looking for ideas that might encourage more people to attend. Ideas that have already been suggested include some form of experience day, although funding for that might be a challenge.

In terms of my marshals coordinator role I would like to make contact with some of our two wheeled colleagues and learn more about what they do and what issues they may have.

Finally I hope the current CoVid-19 pandemic does not impact our sport more than is necessary, although I'm sure everyone will agree that we should all take whatever precautions we can to reduce the impact on our sport and communities.

In closing, I am looking forward to another great season and wish everyone a safe and successful one.

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