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Residents News May 2022

Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages Closed Road Rally – September 18, 2022

Dear Resident,

Welcome to May's letter from the organisers of the Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages. The aim of these letters is to keep you updated with the progress of the event, explain how the rally is organised and who can help you on the day of the rally.

Following the completion of the Motorsport UK consultation period with the local authorities, Motorsport UK, the UK's governing body for motorsport, have issued a permit so that Cheltenham Motor Club can now engage with residents to continue planning the Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages 18th September 2022.

Over the coming weeks/months the Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages organizing team will be holding a number of public meetings in areas that the rally route will run through. At the meetings members of the organising team will be on hand to answer specific questions and concerns and most importantly listen to you. We will have the draft stage map and the provisional stage times and most importantly the road closure times.

The application for the "Road Closure Order" will specify that the road will be "closed" from for 12 hours, this allows for other "Orders" to be made to suspend the Road Traffic Act but we appreciate that the event may cause disruption to you, and we want to work with you to facilitate access to and from your property during the day the rally is running.

To assist residents with questions we have completed a Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

What is a "Rally Stage"?

This is the section of road that is closed to the public for the competitors to compete on. At the start of the stage competitors are given their "start time" at the end of the stage they are given their "stage finish" time. At the end of the competition the time are added up and the ones with quickest time are the winners. The event will be run by experienced and licenced motorsport organisers under the rules and regulations of the sport's governing body Motorsport UK.

How do I contact the rally during the day?

During the rally, the first point of call for all residents is the stage resident liaison officer whose details will be available in the resident's handbook prior to the event.

What time are roads closed?

The road will be closed between 6 am and 8 pm but the rally will facilitate access at times during the day. If the stages can be cleared down and road is safe to return to public, it may be open earlier, then 8 pm time. Always check with the resident liaison officer before travelling on the road.



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Will I be able to access or leave my property?

During road closure the rally will schedule times during the day when residents can access their properties. The rally has a dedicated safety network in place which will consist of a marshal near to residents' properties, a radio car and a direct contact phone number to the stage resident Liaison officer to request access. Residents will be asked to travel in the direction of the rally stage during the day to ensure their safety.

I am worried about damage to my property?

Prior to the rally all the stages are risk assessed for safety by experienced rally organisers and the appropriate protection is built into the safety plan. If you have any specific concerns you would like to discuss, please contact us on 3shiresstages@cheltmc.com and one of the clerks of the course will contact you.

What happens if my property is damaged?

Cheltenham Motor Club via its Motorsport UK permit has public liability insurance that will cover against third party damage to residents' properties on the route of the rally.

What happens in the case of an emergency?

The rally will engage its own emergency and medical crews (doctors, medics, paramedics etc) behind all incidents whether this is rally or resident related incident. In 2021 a resident was taken seriously ill during the rally and the rally medical team took the decision to transport the patient to hospital to limit the delay for treatment. The rally sees local residents as the main safety concern.

To receive updated information residents can [subscribe to the residents mailing list](#), by completing the request at the bottom of the Cheltenham Web page - www.cheltmc.com

Over the next few months all residents are [invited to forward questions or concerns to 3shiresstage@cheltmc.com](#) email address which one of the senior officials will respond to.

Alternatively, please attend one of the **"Meet Us" sessions** being arranged on the stages or at Ledbury market.

"Meet Us" Dates

- Upleadon Village Hall, Saturday, May 7 – 11am to 2pm
- Ledbury Town Centre Market, Saturday, May 14 – 9 am onwards
- Refer to Facebook and/or web site for updates on future "Meet Us" sessions

Cheltenham Motor Club would like to thank all the residents in the 3 shires for your continued support.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Issued by Events Director & Club Director on behalf of Cheltenham Motor Club
Kevin C Smith on 30 April 2022