



Residents News June 2022

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

Dear Resident,

Welcome to June residents' letter that provides an update on 2021 charity donations, road access queries and safety cars, which ensures the routes are clear and safe before the rally stage starts.

Charity Donations

As part of the rally each year a contribution is available for local charity donations. Last year the following parishes received a share which totalled £3,025

- Upleadon – Contribution to village footpath upgraded
- Berrow Charity Trustees – Community Support Fund
- Newent Town Council – Community Support Fund
- Corse Parish Council – Community Support Fund
- Oxenhall Parish History – Community Support Fund
- Wellington Heath Parish Council – Community Support Fund
- Eldersfield Parish Council – Community Support Fund
- Eldersfield PCC – Eldersfield Church Donation
- Staunton Parish Council – Community Support Fund

All charity requests for 2022 are now open, please submit to 3shiresstages@cheltmc.com

Road Closures and Access

This month we will be talking more about the Road Closures which affects all residents on the route.

Motorsport regulations require the rally to work with the county council highways authority.

The road will have a closure order for 24 hours, but this does not mean you will not be able to leave or return to your home. There will be times during the day when the road is not being used for competition and through your local Resident Liaison Officer, you will be able to confirm safe access to and from your property.

Once the competition is complete at the end of the day, we will endeavour to reopen the road as soon as possible, after the last competition car.

If access is required by one of the emergency services, this will be provided without delay

Approximate Road Closing and Opening times

	Approximate Closure	Approximate Opening
SS1 Petty France	7:22 am	9:41 am
SS2 Bromesberrow	7:40 am	9:56 am
SS3 Eldersfield	8:01 am	10:16 am
SS4 Okle Green	8:27 am	10:45 am
SS5 Shaw Common	8:44 am	11:03 am
SS6 Petty France	10:16 am	12:35 pm
SS7 Bromesberrow	10:24 am	12:50 pm
SS8 Eldersfield	10:55 am	13:10 am
SS9 Okle Green	11:21 am	13:29 am
S10 Shaw Common	12:38 am	13:56 am



SS11 Petty France	13:11 pm	15:30 pm
SS12 Bromesberrow	13:29 pm	15:45 pm
SS13 Eldersfield	13:50 pm	16:10 pm
SS14 Okle Green	14:16 pm	16:34 pm
SS15 Shaw Common	14:33 pm	16:53 pm

Safety Cars, what are they and what do they do?

To ensure the safe and correct set up of the special stages for the competitive part of the roads, there are a number of cars that travel the stage in advance of the competitors. These cars are termed as Safety Cars and are crewed by licenced and experienced motor sport officials, each car has a different role to play.

- **Road Closing Car** is the first car and approximately 1 hour before the first competitive running of a stage will officially close the road for the rally and public traffic will not be able to travel on the road, without the permission and under the guidance of the event.
- **Spectator Safety Car** is the next car in the safety convoy 40 minutes before the first car of each running of the stage. This car's role is to ensure that any spectator and marshals are stood in a safe location and if not asking them to relocate. They are also checking that the stage is set up in compliance with Motorsport UK regulations.
- The next car is termed **000 car** and is approximately 35 minutes before the first car and goes through the special stage before each running of the stage. This car does a further check of the competitive section of the rally and of the open public roads to warn the event of any potential hold ups due to road works or road accidents on the route.
- Motorsport UK, the governing body for motorsport in the UK, appoint a **Safety Delegate** whose role is to ensure that the event does comply with the safety requirements of the governing body. They traverse the stages 30 minutes before the first car on each running of the stage. Until he is satisfied that the road is safe, sufficiently manned by registered motorsport marshals, and fully complies with the safety plan the competition cannot commence.
- Following the Motorsport UK Safety Delegate is the **00 car** who makes any adjustments requested by the Delegate, including asking any spectators that may have moved into an unsafe position. This and all the preceding cars are road cars, most likely 4x4's that have the appropriate equipment to undertake their roles.
- The final car in the pre-competition safety car convoy is the **0 car**. The 0 car is the first car equipped with motorsport safety equipment and is rally car that travels the stages at approximately 70% of competitive speed and they are the very final check of the special stage.
- Once the final competitor has completed the special stage a **Sweeper Car** enters the special stage this car ensures that all cars that entered for are accounted for and those that have stopped in a special stage and will not be continuing.
- The very final car that will only be travelling the stages once the competition is over is the **Road Opening Car** and this car reopens the roads to the public, regardless of how many hours is left on the road closure and the roads will have any signage removed and disposed of by our safety marshals.

If you have any questions, please email us on 3shiresstages@cheltmc.com and we will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

Issued by Event & Club Director on behalf of Cheltenham Motor Club, Kevin C Smith on 31st May 2022