

BLMCC Bolton Midday Tour 2022

Firstly, a huge thank you from everyone at Bolton le Moors for entering and supporting our inaugural touring assembly, we hope to provide you with a great day out that proves to be the foundations for a new regular fixture in our annual motorsport calendar.

Start Venue

The main point of note is that contrary to our published regs, we have regrettably had to change the start venue from Guy's Thatched Hamlet. The event will now start from Myerscough College, which can be found at PR3 ORY, GR 497 400.5 on map 102, and What3Words "protects.hurry.sometimes". Please turn right into the college off St Michael's Road at the **second** entrance, following the signs for Plantworld. Once on the college car parks it will become apparent where we are situated.

Documentation will open at 08:30am, with a quick entrant briefing at around 9:45, before the first car leaves at 10am.

A complimentary bacon butty will be available, however due to the unforeseen change of venue, these are having to be cooked by our own fair hands so as not to disappoint on the promise of some pre-run food, so please bear with us, and I apologise in advance if they aren't up to catering standards!

Documentation/Event Packs

As you have provided your registration numbers, we will already have checked for tax and MOT prior to the event, so the only required documents for signing on are your insurance certificate (e-cert on your phone/tablet is fine) and club card for the club you have entered under (obviously) For those who have paid for membership to BLMCC, your club card will be given in your pack. Once these have been checked and you're signed on you will receive an entrant pack consisting of the following:

- x1 Monte Carlo style event rally plate
- x1 Tulip road book
- x1 Sheet of grid references (for those using maps)
- x2 Codeboard record sheets
- x1 Pencil

Evening meal tokens (raffle tickets) for each person entered

<u>Fuel</u>

There are few opportunities for fuel on the actual route, however there are towns not far off the route which can be used in emergencies. There is a Shell station near to the start, and can be found at PR3 0GA, GR 506.5 416.5 on map 102, and What3Words "homework.crouches.hawks", and a further Shell on the route in Longridge is marked in the route instructions. Both E5 and E10 unleaded is available at these stations. There is approx. 90 miles between the on-route petrol at Longridge, and the finish. Fuel stations just off route can be found in Settle, Clitheroe and Clayton-le-Moors.

Route Navigation/Check Boards

The simplest way to navigate the route is using the tulip road book provided. There is a total and trip distance given between each point. Trips can be tracked simply using the trip function on your cars instrument panel, or you can download a tripmeter app onto your phone or tablet. I personally use an app called "Rally Tripmeter", which has a chequered flag icon on the Google Play Store. For a bit of fun there will also be a number of check boards placed out along the route, you are invited to note down as many or as few of these as you wish. An example of these boards will be shown at the start briefing.

Lunch Halt

The lunch halt will be at Slaidburn (BB7 3AE. GR 714 524 on map 103. What3Words "retailing.jetting.masterful"). We have allocated an hour and a half to the suggested schedule for some refreshments. Across the road from the car park is the riverbank, which is a perfect spot for any packed lunch you have brought with you. Alternatively there is the Riverbank Tearooms next to the car park, or the Hark to Bounty Inn a 5 minute walk away.

Driving Standards

A quick reminder that this event is non-competitive. Some of the roads we have used could be busier than normal with hikers, cyclists and horses etc, particularly as the weather is looking favourable. So please respect other road users and drive with care.

Finish

The finish will be at the Jolly Crofters pub in Horwich (BL6 6RE. GR 657 113 on map 109. What3Words "converter.jokes.enjoy"). The car park is quite compact, but if spaces are scarce cars can be parked on the road down the side, or alternatively the pub have an arrangement with the fisheries across the road, and the access road can be used for additional parking. As mentioned, your rally packs will contain raffle tickets for your party, take these to the bar to redeem your pie, chips and peas

<u>Acknowledgments</u>

A vote of thanks has to go to all those people and organisations whom without their support this event would not be running.

Myerscough College, for allowing us use of the campus at such late notice for the start venue, and a particular nod to Danny Cowell from the motorsport department for making it happen. The Jolly Crofter pub, for hosting the finish and providing our meals. Barrie and Alison have been nothing but welcoming since club nights returned to where the club started out.

To the RLO's of Lancashire, N Yorks and Gtr Manchester.

A huge thank you to Steve and Sheila Cawley, for all the assistance in setting out the route and doing all the printing (we won't talk about the countless battles Steve has had with the tulip software!), and to all the other BLMCC members who have assisted me in getting this event off the ground!

Finally and once again, a thanks to you the entrants for your participation.

Have a fun and safe day's sport.

James Swallow

Clerk of the Course