



Sotheby's

LONDON TO BRIGHTON

VETERAN CAR RUN 2023
SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER



A Royal Automobile Club Event

HANDBOOK



CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



Welcome to this year's edition of the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run Handbook. Our historic event requires months of careful planning, logistics and contingencies, and this Handbook encapsulates it all in one place. We introduced it in 2018 and I do trust this year's edition answers any and every question you may have. I'd also like to draw your attention to the **event regulations** which contain additional important information on this year's Run.

This year sees the 127th staging of our Run. It is supported by a Veteran car community that never ceases to impress and amaze me with its mixture of steely tenacity and celebratory good spirits. The Run provides a unique, amazing, theatrical and resolutely 'analogue' spectacle for tens of thousands of onlookers lining the route. I give hearty thanks on their behalf to everyone taking part.

Keeping control of your car on the public roads is vitally important at all times. If you're driving or passenger-ing, I'm asking you sincerely to be cautious when conditions call for it, to observe any instructions from our superb team of marshals, and to take in every part of the safety film that we insist you watch before setting off. In fact, you can follow the **online link** to it right now, and please do. It's to protect you, your passengers, your car and the general public, and of course the vital reputation of the event itself.

I know you'll share my grateful appreciation to everyone involved in organising the Run, in particular our friends in the Veteran Car Club and the Royal Automobile's own Steering Group who have collaborated as usual to make energetic improvements to this national institution. We are immensely grateful to the army of volunteers, marshals and RAC Motoring Services technicians who will be doing all they can to support everyone along the route. Thank you so much.

Naturally, veteran cars will never be the most reliable modes of transport, but by carrying out rigorous road testing and servicing of your vehicles before the Run, you'll give yourself the best chance of a proud place on the seafront. We'll be sharing tips and hints to help you as we get closer to the day itself. You can also keep up-to-date with the latest news by signing up to the excellent participant newsletter, by visiting our dedicated website at **www.veterancarrun.com** and by following us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

We're doing everything possible for another memorable, uplifting but - most of all - safe outing for our unique veteran car extravaganza. I'm really looking forward to joining you all on the day itself. Meanwhile, read and absorb the rest of your Handbook.

With best wishes,

Ben Cussons

Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club

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EVENT TIMETABLE



THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023

9.30am - 3.00pm ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB MOTORING LECTURES, PALL MALL CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023

4.00pm - 8.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2023

9.00am - 9.30am DRIVER'S BRIEFING

9.30am - 3.30pm VETERAN CAR INTERNATIONAL CONCOURS

10.00am - 3.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW

12.00pm - 2.00pm CONCOURS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB

3.00pm - 5.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S LONDON SALE

6.00pm - 7.30pm PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00am - 8.30am RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN STARTS

7.20am - 2.05pm A. LANGE & SÖHNE TIME PIECE TRAIL

8.25am - 2.05pm CARS PIT STOP (PARTICIPANT'S HALF-WAY STOP)

10.00am - 4.30pm RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN OFFICIAL FINISH

7.00pm - 11.00pm VETERAN CAR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER AT THE GRAND BRIGHTON HOTEL

Please note that the programme is subject to change.

For more information and the most up to date timetable please visit: www.veterancarun/timetable

ENTRY PROCESS



Please visit <https://www.register.veterancarrun.com/> to submit your application for entry. Please ensure to quote your Veteran Car Club (VCC) dating certificate or veteran passport number when submitting your entry.

Upon confirmation of your vehicle's acceptance into the Run you will be sent an official acceptance email. Participant Packs will be sent out at the beginning of October.

ENTRY FEES

EARLY BIRD FEE - Ends Tuesday 27 June 2023

ADVANCE FEE - Wednesday 28 June to Tuesday 8 August 2023

STANDARD FEE - Wednesday 9 August to Wednesday 20 September 2023

	EARLY BIRD	ADVANCE	STANDARD
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured up to 31 December 1899	£350.00	£455.00	£560.00
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured from 1 January 1900	£475.00	£580.00	£695.00
ALL three-wheeled single-seat motor tricycles	£175.00	£275.00	£375.00
Cycle entry	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
Motorcycle entry	£199.00	£199.00	£199.00

Please note

All prices are in GBP (£) and include VAT@20%.

Please refer to the official [entry regulations](#) for further information about what is included in the entry fee.

Entries not made on the Veteran Car Run website will incur a £10.00 administration fee.

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023 - Deadline for entry inclusion in the programme, and to be placed in an age related sector

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 - Entry list to be published online

ELIGIBILITY

For a vehicle to be eligible to take part in the run it must be pre 1905 and have a valid dating certificate or passport.

To start the process of organising the dating of your vehicle please contact the relevant organisation relating to your vehicle type:

Veteran car: Veteran Car Club dating certificate or veteran passport enquiries, contact: hq@vccofgb.co.uk

Veteran cycle: Veteran Cycle Club dating enquiries, contact Andrew Millward: andrewmillward41@yahoo.co.uk

Veteran motorcycle: Pioneer Register certificate enquiries, contact John Wahorn: jdpioneer@outlook.com

In the meantime, should you wish to reserve a place on the Run, payment will be taken. Please refer to the official [entry regulations](#) for details on cancellation terms and refunds.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAS



Additional extras are items that can be purchased by participants during the **entry process**. These will be sent to you with your participant pack at the beginning of October.

Details of what is on offer is noted below:

TENDER VEHICLE PARKING

Crawley College - Sunday 5 November 2023 (7:30am-3:00pm)

Madeira Drive - Thursday 2 November 2023 (12:00noon) - Monday 6 November 2023 (12:00noon)

For the purpose of the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, a tender vehicle is deemed as any vehicle supporting, delivering or collecting a participating veteran car, cycle or motorcycle.

TENDER PACK 1 - £85.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport one veteran vehicle.

TENDER PACK 2 - £160.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport up to two veteran vehicles.

TENDER PACK 3 - £250.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport three or more veteran vehicles.

For more information on tender vehicle packs please visit www.veterancarrun.co.uk/parking

Please note that we are unable to offer tender parking in London - for an extensive list of car parks located in London, Crawley and Brighton please click [here](#).

Furthermore, tender vehicles are not able to enter Hyde Park. Veteran cars must be dropped off outside the park and be driven into the park via Victoria Gate or Alexandra Gate.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAS *cont'd*



ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON AND BRIGHTON

We are delighted to provide a list of accommodation options located in close proximity to Hyde Park, London and Madeira Drive, Brighton. Click [here](#) for more information.

ABELS LUGGAGE TRANSFER SERVICE

Abels Moving Services will once again provide a seamless luggage service from London to Brighton on the day of the Run.

For £5 (including VAT) per item of luggage, Abels Moving Services will gladly collect your pre-booked luggage from the list of recommended hotels, or from the entrance of Serpentine Road (the Triangle) in Hyde Park before you park in your sector.

Your luggage will be transferred to the recommended Brighton hotels, or handed out to you from the Abels truck on Madeira Drive.

For further information please visit www.veterancarrun.co.uk/accommodation

Please note for security reasons Abels Moving Services are unable to collect luggage that has not been pre-booked.

EXTRA EVENT PROGRAMMES

Included within your entry fee is one event programme. This unique souvenir is a fitting memento of the Run and is a wonderful gift for friends and family. Should you wish to order additional programmes, they are available at £5.00 each.

EXTRA PARTICIPANT PASSES

Each entrant of the Run is able to purchase 2 additional participant passes, to enable friends and family to join you on the Run. This pass will allow access into the paddocks at Hyde Park, Crawley and Brighton

Please note, four-wheeled cars and tri-cars entered will have four participant passes included in your entry fee. If you have entered a veteran cycle or motorcycle you will receive one participant pass with your entry fee. Extra participant passes are available at £50.00 (including VAT) each.

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB MOTORING LECTURES

Thursday 2 November 9:30am-3pm

The annual Royal Automobile Club's Motoring Lectures will take place at the Pall Mall clubhouse during the Club's London Motor Week. The Motoring Lectures will combine an array of speakers on motoring topics.

Tickets are £40.00 (including VAT) each and include an excellent two course buffet lunch as well as refreshments on arrival.

PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

Saturday 4 November 6.00pm - 7.30pm

An annual reception held on the eve of the Run, exclusively for participants. Tickets are free and each entry is entitled to up to four tickets to the reception subject to availability.

PARTICIPANT ROUTE GUIDE

This route guide provides veteran vehicle drivers and tender vehicle drivers with a clear and concise route map highlighting the approximate times a driver can expect to travel through the various locations en route and what facilities and services are on offer at key positions along the 60-mile run. Note that the blue and red routes will now divide after Westminster Bridge, with the split route in place to ease congestions on the exit from London.

THE ROUTE

7.00am - 8.30am: Hyde Park, London

- Wellington Arch
- Constitution Hill
- Buckingham Palace, The Mall
- Whitehall
- Westminster Bridge

7.10am - 9.20am: Lambeth North, A302

- Kennington, A23
- Brixton, A23
- Streatham, A23

7.10am - 9.20am: Lambeth

- Vauxhall, A3036
- Stockwell, A203
- Clapham Common, A3
- Tooting, A217

7.25am - 9.50am: Norbury, A23

- Thornton Heath, A23

7.25am - 9.50am: Mitcham. A217

- Mitcham Common, A236

7.40am - 11.05am: Croydon, A236 – A235 – A23

- Coulsdon, A237 - A23
- Merstham, A23

7.50am - 11.30am: Redhill, A23

- White Buses, A23
- Salfords, A23
- Horley, A23

8.05am - 12.20pm: Gatwick, A23

8.25am - 2.05pm: Crawley, A2219 – High Street – A2220 – A2004 – A23

- Pease Pottage, B2114
- Handcross, B2114
- Staplefield, B2114

8.30am - 2.15pm: Hammer Hill, Cuckfield Road, B2114

- Whitemans Green, B2115 - B2036

8.45am - 2.30pm: Cuckfield, B2114

- Whitemans Green, B2115 - B2036 - A272
- Ansty, B2036

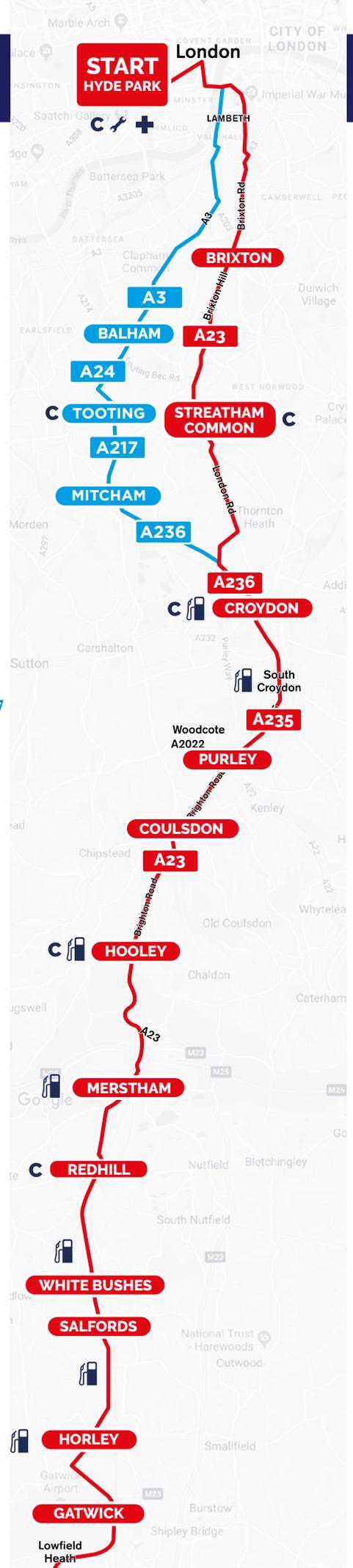
9.00am - 3.05pm: Burgess Hill, B2036

- Hassocks, A273

9.10am - 3.30pm: Clayton Hill, A273

- Pyecombe, A273 - A23
- Brighton, A23

10.00am - 4.30pm: Madeira Drive



FACILITIES & SERVICES

The 60-mile route is an exciting yet challenging experience in a car aged over 100 years old. This guide aims to support you along the way by pointing out where mechanical assistance, WCs, water and refreshments may be found en route.

OFFICIAL START

Hyde Park - W2 2UH - 7.00am - 8.30am

- Start line (first car departs at 7.00am)
- Veteran vehicle paddock
- Luggage pick-up point (pre-booked service)
- RAC assistance
- Medical assistance
- WC

SERVICES

Renault Coulsdon, CR5 3EA and Honda Redhill, RH1 6PS
Approximately 25 miles from Hyde Park - 7.30am - 11.05am

- RAC assistance
- Water point
- WC
- Use of workshop facilities (Redhill)

The Hawth Theatre, Hawth Avenue, Crawley RH10 6YZ
Approximately 35 miles from Hyde Park - 8.15am-1.45pm

- Veteran vehicle paddock
- Complimentary refreshments
- Route timecard check-point
- Changeover point
- RAC assistance
- Medical assistance
- Water point
- WC

SERVICES

Hammer Hill, Cuckfield Road, B2114
Approximately 43 miles from Hyde Park - 8.30am-2.15pm

- 4 x 4 towing assistance

SERVICES

Sparks Farm, Staplefield Road, B2114 - RH17 5HY
Approximately 44 miles from Hyde Park - 8.55am-3.00pm

- RAC assistance
- Water point

SERVICES

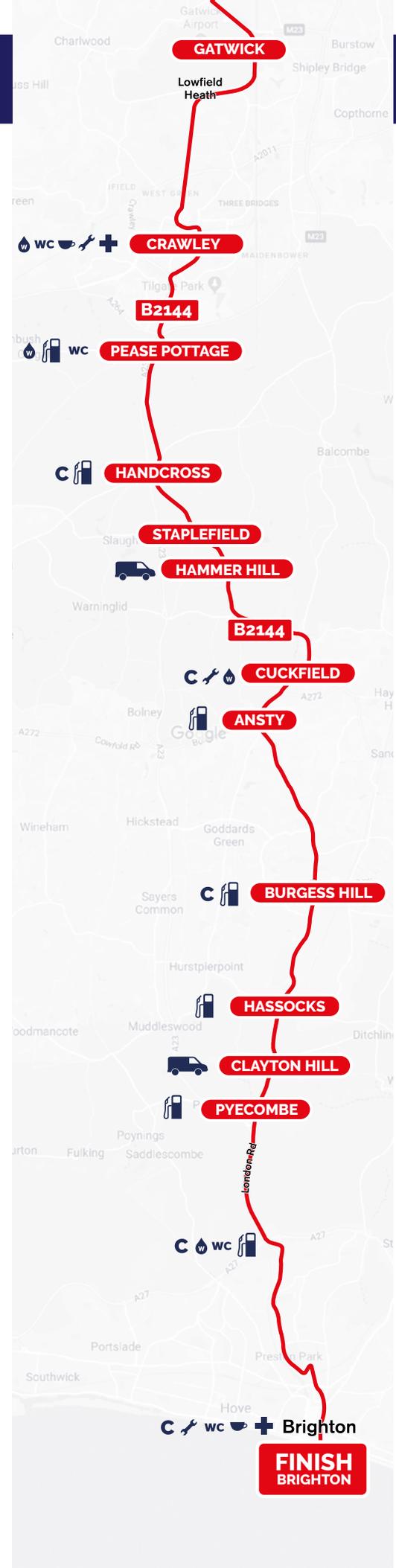
Clayton Hill, Brighton Road, A273
Approximately 54 miles from Hyde Park - 9.00am-3.30pm

- 4 x 4 towing assistance

OFFICIAL FINISH

Madeira Drive, Brighton - BN2 1PS
Approximately 60 miles from Hyde Park - 10.00am - 4.30pm

- Finish line (first car crosses the line from 10.00am)
- Veteran vehicle paddock
- RM Sotheby's hospitality with complimentary refreshments
- Finishers' medal for punctual arrival courtesy of Aberfeldy
- Luggage collection point (pre-booked service)
- RAC assistance
- Medical assistance
- WC



TENDER ROUTE GUIDE

Tender vehicles are an essential part of a veteran car driver's resources during the 60-mile run to Brighton as these magnificent old cars often require a helping hand along the way. Whilst we understand the need for the tender vehicle to be close to the veteran car, tender vehicles are not permitted to travel along the veteran car route from London to Brighton. It is important that this instruction is followed to minimise congestion for the veteran cars on their journey to Brighton. It is impossible for a veteran car to overtake a slower moving veteran car if it has other tender vehicles in convoy to contend with.

The RAC Motoring Services offer breakdown and recovery support along the 60-mile route, limiting the need for the tender vehicle to join the route. However, if the veteran car you are supporting breaks down and is beyond repair or requires specialist expertise then the tender vehicle is permitted to collect or fix the car, but only in these circumstances.

THE ROUTE

LONDON

- Queens Gate
- Old Church Street

CHELSEA

- Kings Road, A3217
- New Kings Road, A308
- Wandsworth Bridge Road

WANDSWORTH

- Swandon Way, A217
- Wandsworth High Street, A3
- West Hill, A3
- Kingston Road, A3
- Kingston Vale, A3

TOLWORTH

- Kingston Road, A240

EWELL

- Ewell By-Pass, A24
- Reigate Road, A240

BURGH HEATH

- Brighton Road, A217

TADWORTH

LOWER KINGSWOOD

- M25 (Eastbound)
- M23 (Southbound)
- At junction 11 for Pease Pottage the M23 becomes A23 SOUTH



TENDER ROUTE GUIDE *cont'd*

CRAWLEY

Directions to tender vehicle parking in Crawley

Tenders will not be able to access the Official CARS Pit Stop at the Hawth Theatre. Instead we ask that any essential vehicle maintenance that requires tender support take place at the tender vehicle car park at Crawley College. Vehicle fettling may of course still take place at the Official CARS Pit Stop at the Hawth Theatre.

- From the M23 south come off at junction 10 and take 3rd exit to Crawley Avenue, A2011
- Continue ahead on Crawley Avenue, A2011
- At Hazelwick roundabout take 2nd exit to Northgate Avenue, A2004
- Continue ahead on Northgate Avenue, A2004
- At roundabout by Crawley College take 1st exit on to College Road, A2004
- Turn left after Crawley college and head down Haslett Avenue East.
- At roundabout take 1st exit into the college car park
- Upon arrival a marshal will show you where to park your vehicle. Upon departure, please rejoin the M23 southbound at junction 10 for your onward journey to Brighton.
- A courtesy shuttle car will be available to drop the tender vehicle driver into the Official CARS Pit Stop at The Hawth Theatre from 8.00am to 2.30pm. Please speak to a member of the event team or a marshal if the car is not readily available and they will order it for you.
- At junction 11 for Pease Pottage the M23 becomes A23 SOUTH

PYECOMBE

- London Road, A23

A27 EAST - Join at the A27 flyover

BRIGHTON

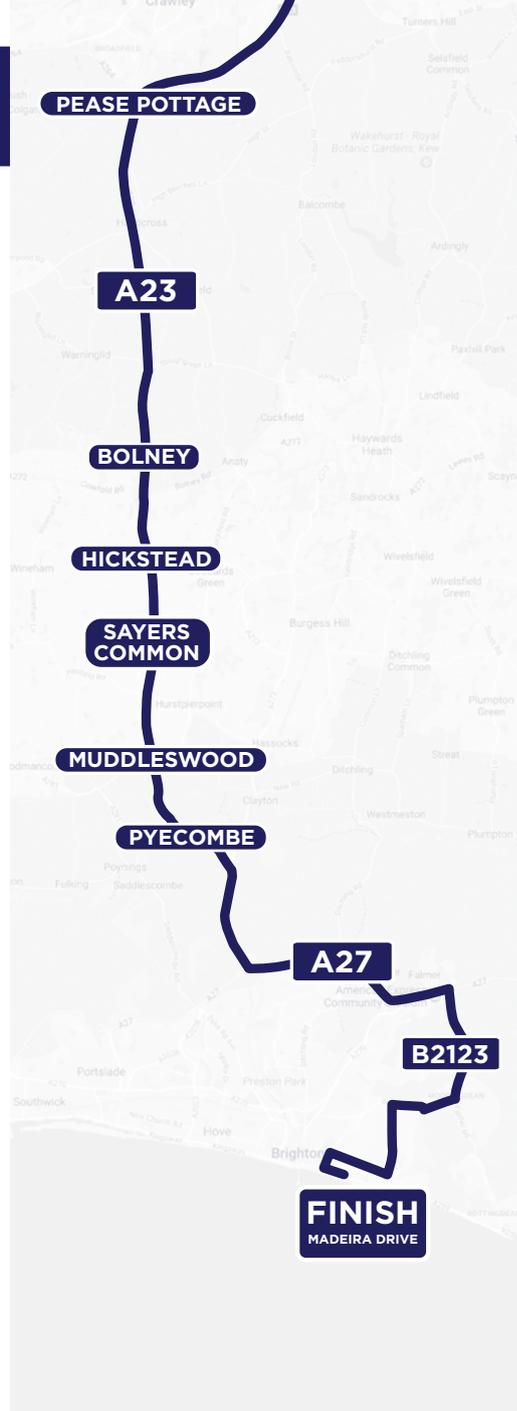
- Lewes Road, A27
- The Drove, B2123
- Falmer Road, B2123
- Warren Road
- Wilson Avenue

Directions to Madeira Drive Tender Car Park - Madeira Drive, Brighton, BN2 1EN

Please note, this car park is only available to tender vehicles that have purchased a tender vehicle pack. Please place the vehicle pass in your windscreen as security will be checking passes on arrival.

- From Wilson Avenue continue straight ahead at the crossroads/traffic lights on to Marina Way
- Continue ahead on Marina Way heading towards Town Centre, A259
- From Marine Parade, A259, take first left on to Dukes Mound to tender vehicle car park on Madeira Drive
- Larger, commercial tender transporters are requested to arrive at Madeira Drive from 16.00

Please note that the tender vehicle car parking in Crawley and Madeira Drive is only available to tender vehicle drivers who have pre-purchased a tender vehicle package.



A. LANGE & SÖHNE TIME PIECE TRAIL



For 2023 our timing partner A. Lange & Söhne are delighted to promote a fun and free competition open to all participants on the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.

The Time Piece Trail will be a fun test of observation, designed for passengers on the Run whereby they observe, identify and record the time shown at specific points on route. These will be shown using individual A. Lange & Söhne time piece faces on route.

The specific locations, whilst secret, will be indicated by clues contained on the card.

Further details are outlined in the [event regulations](#).

The prize for the winner will be a three-course dinner for two with fine wines at Studio Frantzén in Harrods, home of A. Lange & Söhne's flagship London Boutique. The dinner will feature various rare time pieces on display, offering our participants the opportunity to admire and try on these fine watches.

PLACES TO VIEW VETERAN CARS



STATIC CARS

The best place to view the veteran vehicles ahead of the Run is at the International Concours in St James's on Saturday 4 November, where it's possible to see the cars up close and have a chat with participants and other enthusiasts. The International Concours will take place between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

There are two official paddocks along the 60-mile route, where spectators are able to view veteran cars, cycles and motorcycles in close quarters from behind safety barriers.

- Hyde Park, London Paddock: Hyde Park is the official start of the Run. Cars begin lining Serpentine Road from 6.00am with the last car departing at approximately 8.30am.
- Madeira Drive, Brighton Paddock: Cars are expected to arrive in Brighton from 10.00am to the close of the Run at 4.30pm

For directions on how to get to each paddock, please visit www.veterancarrun.com/directions

CARS ON THE MOVE

If you are unable to join us at an official paddock, another great way to view these cars in all their glory is whilst they are on the move. We have listed some of our favourite's points below.

- 6.45am - 8.15am:** Constitution Hill, London
- 6.50am - 8.15am:** The Mall, London
- 6.50am - 8.15am:** Whitehall, London
- 7.10am - 8.20am:** Westminster Bridge, London
- 7.20am - 9.15am:** [Clapham Common](#)
- 7.25am - 9.45am:** [Mitcham](#)
- 7.35am - 11.00am:** Coulsdon High Street
- 7.40am - 11.00am:** Merstham
- 7.55am - 11.30am:** Redhill - crossroads where Brighton Road, A23 meets Mill Lane and Hooley Lane
- 8.25am - 2.00pm:** **Crawley Town Centre** The Run passes through Crawley town centre via The Boulevard. This is the perfect position to view the event with close proximity to the town shops and cafés.
- 8.25am - 2.05pm:** Handcross - The Red Lion, High Street, B2110
- 8.30am - 2.10pm:** Staplefield, B2114 - The Jolly Tanners, RH17 6EF and The Victory Inn, RH17 6EU
- 8.50am - 2.30pm:** Cuckfield High Street, B2036
- 9.55am - 4.25pm:** Brighton - St Peters Church, York Place, BN1 4GU

SAFETY ON THE ROUTE



For a safe and enjoyable passage for all those taking part in the Run we recommend that you take a moment to read the following safety tips.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER

- Ensure that all those driving the veteran car have had experience of driving the vehicle and have learned its little idiosyncrasies.
- Check that the car is road worthy. It is always recommended that an independent test of tyres, important split pins, brakes and steering, etc. is made on a regular basis.
- As part of the Run's regulations (Regulation 2.7), both front and rear lights must be fitted to your veteran car.
- It is strongly recommended all vehicles be in possession of a valid fire extinguisher (or fire stick), a warning triangle and hi vis vests for both driver and passengers.
- Ensure that all those driving the vehicle watch the [Safety Film](#). This includes details of basic rules of the road that must be observed.
- For a guide to driving in London please click [here](#).
- Provide your support vehicle driver with the [tender route map](#) and ask that they follow this route, rather than the route the veteran cars take. This lowers traffic congestion on the route and helps all veteran cars on the Run.

THE ROUTE

- At strategic pinch points along the route CSAS stewards are contracted to assist the flow of veteran cars. These stewards are empowered to control all traffic, please ensure you follow their instruction.
- The organisers of the Run have taken significant measures in conjunction with the authorities to assist the veteran car entry onto the A23 after Clayton Hill just north of Brighton and then to change lanes before continuing down London Road to the Brighton seafront. Extra road signs have been installed but it is essential that all veteran cars have their rear lights on during this stretch of the route. Hand signals should be clear when moving lanes.
- There are several points on route where the Run offers a towing service to our participants. Please consider whether your vehicle will require towing in advance of the Run and assess the most appropriate place on the vehicle to attach a tow rope. No liability will be accepted by the organisers and / or the official VCR Tow Marshals, for any damage or loss during such activities. This liability remains solely with the owner/nominated driver who must advise and take full responsibility for the location and method of attachment of tow ropes etc.
- To ensure that the rules of the Run and the Highway Code are followed members of the Veteran Car Run Steering Group and representatives of the Royal Automobile Club will be Stewards along the route acting as Judges of Fact, reporting any evidence of bad driving practice which could bring the Run into disrepute or be dangerous. Fines, in the form of a set donation to the Run's chosen charity, and bans from future Runs may be administered as a direct result of an unfavourable report.

*How many Runs have YOU
taken part in?*



VCR LONGEVITY MEDALS



Calling all intrepid drivers who have reached the milestone of 10, 25 or 50 years taking part on the Run – we'd love to hear from you...

Please get in touch via vcr@royalautomobileclub.co.uk to let us know how many Runs you've taken part in and to see whether you're eligible for one of our exclusive Longevity Medals!*

*If you've got 10 or 25 Runs under your belt, your Longevity Medal can be purchased for just £26. If you've entered 50 or more, the Royal Automobile Club will present your gold 50-year Longevity Medal at this year's Participants' Reception, taking place on Saturday 4 November at the Club's Pall Mall clubhouse.

ABOUT US



The Royal Automobile Club, Britain's oldest and most influential motoring organisation, was born out of a shared love of motoring and a dedication to preserving the rights and best interests of motorists over 100 years ago. The Club owns and runs a number of historic events, including the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. The Club continues to develop and support automobilism through its promotion of motoring events and representation on the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and RAC Foundation.

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THE STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group has representation not only from the Royal Automobile Club but also the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain and participants from the UK and abroad. Led by the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, Ben Cussons, the Group provides a rounded perspective to the planning and implementation of the Run and meets throughout the year to agree strategy and policy.

PARTNERS

The RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run is funded through a combination of entry fees and sponsorship income, with sponsorship covering over 50% of the running costs. Our sponsors listed below support the Run and supply their fantastic services which enable the Run to be a success and an enjoyable day for all participants.

