



Sotheby's

LONDON TO BRIGHTON

VETERAN CAR RUN 2024
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER



A Royal Automobile Club Event

HANDBOOK





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KEEP IN TOUCH!



There are so many wonderful elements to this year's RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. Firstly, of course, it outpaces all others in being the longest running motoring event in the world. Then there are the 125-year long histories of Fiat and Renault, pioneering European marques that we are honouring on the Run this year.

Our theme for 2024 is the 120th anniversary of the Ladies Automobile Club. This anniversary not only provides participants with an opportunity to celebrate the history and heritage of the Ladies' Automobile Club, but also to champion the major contribution women have made to motoring ever since.

The Veteran Car Run Handbook is your 'bible' for the epic journey you'll be making this November, and I urge everyone involved to read it very carefully, as it contains answers to every sort of question you might have about the day's proceedings.

We are privileged to have a community who know their veteran cars intimately and understand the care that's needed to keep these cherished gems in tip top shape for the best chance of reaching Brighton. I'd also urge you all to watch the safety video before setting off; you can see this online in advance. It's there to protect you, your passengers, your car and the general public.

On the day itself, a large number of volunteers will be on duty to support everyone taking part. Many hundreds of marshals and RAC Motoring Services technicians have been part of our institution for years. I know you'll join me in giving them all our huge thanks.

We'll be sharing lots advice and hints leading up to the event and I would highly recommend you keep up to date with the latest news by signing up to the newsletter and by regularly visiting the official website www.veterancarrun.com

Lastly, I would like to extend my appreciation to our friends at the Veteran Car Club and the Veteran Car Run Steering Group who play a vital part in guiding the future of the Run.

Once again, I can't wait to see friends old and new on the start-line in Hyde Park and enjoy another memorable RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.

With best wishes,

Ben Cussons

Ben Cussons
Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club



WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER 2024

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB'S ART OF MOTORING EXHIBITION, ICONIC IMAGES GALLERY, 16 WATERLOO PLACE, LONDON SW1Y 4AR.

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

9.30am - 3.00pm ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB'S MOTORING LECTURES

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

4.00pm - 8.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024

9.00am - 9.30am DRIVERS' BRIEFING
 10.00am - 3.30pm VETERAN CAR INTERNATIONAL CONCOURS
 10.00am - 3.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW
 12.00pm - 2.00pm CONCOURS LUNCH
 3.00pm - 5.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S LONDON SALE
 6.00pm - 7.30pm PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

6.58am - 8.30am RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN OFFICIAL START
 8.25am - 2.05pm CARS HALFWAY PIT STOP
 10.00am - 4.30pm RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN OFFICIAL FINISH
 7.00pm - 11.00pm VETERAN CAR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Please note that the programme is subject to change.
 For more information and the most up to date timetable please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/event-timetable

Please visit: 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.

ENTRY FEES

EARLY BIRD FEE - Wednesday 13 March to Tuesday 2 July 2024

ADVANCE FEE - Wednesday 3 July to Tuesday 13 August 2024

STANDARD FEE - Wednesday 14 August to Wednesday 18 September 2024

| | EARLY BIRD | ADVANCE | STANDARD |
|--|------------|---------|----------|
| ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured up to 31 December 1899 | £365.00 | £475.00 | £585.00 |
| ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured from 1 January 1900 | £495.00 | £605.00 | £725.00 |
| ALL three-wheeled single-seat motor tricycles | £180.00 | £285.00 | £390.00 |
| Cycle entry | £50.00 | £50.00 | £50.00 |
| 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.

Any entry that is submitted after the close of entries on Wednesday 18 September will be charged an additional admin fee of £100.00.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2024 - Deadline for entry inclusion in the programme, and to be placed in an age related sector.

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 Waghorn: jdwpioneer@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 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

Madeira Drive - Thursday 31 October 2024 (12.00noon) - Monday 4 November 2024 (12.00noon)

Crawley College - Sunday 3 November 2024 (7.30am-3.00pm)

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.

We are pleased to provide parking facilities, staffed by security personnel, for your tender vehicles in Crawley and Brighton.

TENDER PACK 1 - £90.00

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

TENDER PACK 2 - £180.00

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

TENDER PACK 3 - £400.00

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.com/parking

Please note that we are unable to offer tender parking in London - for an extensive list of carparks located in London, Crawley and Brighton please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/parking

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.

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, please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/accommodation

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 £5.00 (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.com/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 cost **£5.00** each.

EXTRA PARTICIPANT PASSES

Each participant of the Run is able to purchase two 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 cost **£50.00** (including VAT) each.

CLUB MOTORING LECTURES

Thursday 31 October 9.30am-3.00pm

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 **£46.00** each and includes an excellent two course buffet lunch as well as refreshments on arrival.

PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

Saturday 2 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 now divide after Westminster Bridge, with the split route in place to ease congestions on the exit from London.

THE ROUTE

6.58am - 8.30am: Hyde Park, London

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

7.10am - 9.20am: Lambeth North, A302 7.10am - 9.20am: Lambeth

- Kennington, A23
- Brixton, A23
- Streatham, A23
- 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 Bushes, 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 - 6.58am - 8.30am

- Start line (first car departs at 6.58am)
- 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

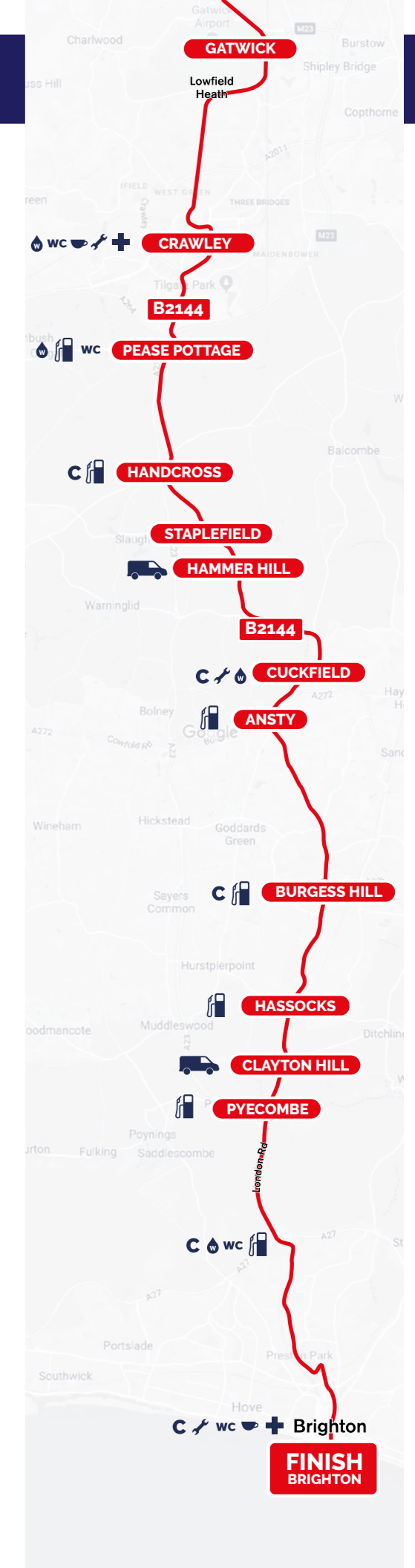
Clayton Hill, Brighton Road, A273 Approximately 54 miles from Hyde Park - 9.00am-3.30pm

- 4 x 4 towing assistance

OFFICIAL FINISH

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

- 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

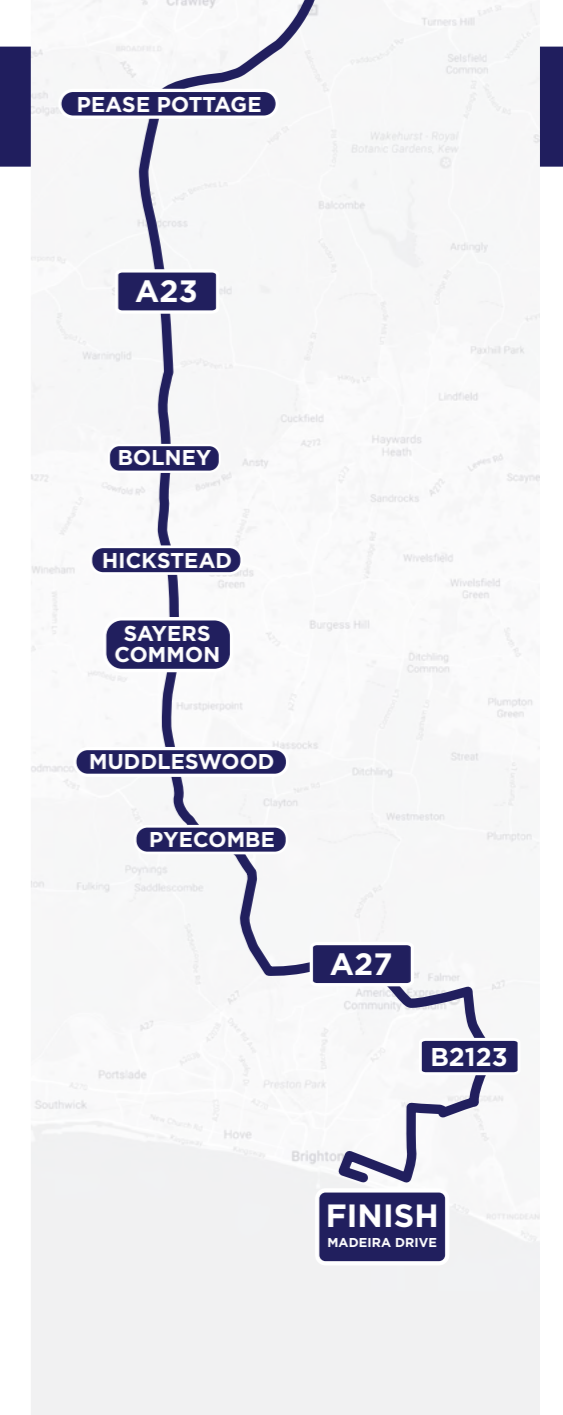
- Lewes Road, A27
- The Drove, B2123
- Falmer Road, B2123
- Warren Road
- Wilson Avenue

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.





STATIC CARS

The best place to view the veteran vehicles ahead of the Run is at the International Concours on Saturday 2 November, where it's possible to see the cars up close and have a chat with participants and other enthusiasts. The Concours will take place between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

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 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
- 7.10am-8.20am: Lambeth Palace, 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
- 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

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.
- All vehicles should 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** which can be found here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECwmTKEXI5A>. This includes details of basic rules of the road that must be observed.
- For a guide to driving in London please visit: <https://www.veterancarrun.com/driving-in-london>
- 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 2 November at the Club's Pall Mall clubhouse.



HISTORIC AWARDS 2024



The Royal Automobile Club's Historic Awards recognise excellence and outstanding contributions to the UK's historic motoring and motorsport industries.

The Awards will be presented on
Thursday 21st November 2024 at the Royal Automobile Club at Pall Mall,
culminating in the presentation of the Club's Lifetime Achievement Award.

To nominate or for more information about the evening go to
www.royalautomobileclubhistoricawards.co.uk

NOMINATE NOW

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.

