



Sotheby's

LONDON TO BRIGHTON

VETERAN CAR RUN 2026
SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER



Driven by the Royal Automobile Club

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK





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For a veteran car owner, driving from London down to Brighton on a crisp November morning, with all the excitement and opportunities the route presents, is what it's all about. Keenly anticipated for the 12 months beforehand and it will always be a memorable experience... especially if your car actually reaches the seafront.

Here at the Royal Automobile Club, we're proud to organise this 60-mile journey, which we do through a dedicated in-house team. We plan it in close collaboration with the Club's Steering Group and the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain.

But it would be impossible to stage without the superb volunteer help from our marshals and the technicians of RAC Motoring Services. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all of them, and here's my chance to say so.

We are hugely grateful to our partners who support the Run and we are delighted to extending our partnership with RM Sotheby's at the Royal Automobile Club Concours on Wednesday 8 July. Don't forget you can still buy a car at their sale on Saturday 31 October and drive on Sunday!

I must especially draw your attention to the updated event regulations which are encapsulated in the Veteran Car Run Handbook. I would urge you to read and understand them to ensure the safety of you, your car and the wider public.

Keeping control of your car on public roads is vitally important at all times. It's more than a polite request from me to be cautious when required by our marshals – it's a key stipulation of taking part.

It's also essential you watch our Run safety film, and we've put it online for you so it's easy to do just that.

Veteran cars may not always be swift, but they can be more temperamental than many. We depend on your expertise to make sure yours is running – and stopping – to the best of its ability by carrying out thorough road testing and servicing before the Run. We recommend as many shakedown as you can.

Meanwhile, we'll be sharing useful tips with all entrants to help you get the most from the day itself. You can keep up to date with the latest news by signing up for our Participant Newsletter, and by visiting our website at www.veterancarrun.com. We are on Instagram, Facebook and X too.

Glean all you can from this Handbook, and I'll see you at dawn on 2 November for another RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.

With best wishes,

Ben Cussons

Chairman of the Steering Group

EVENT TIMETABLE



THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026

9.30am – 3.00pm CLUB'S MOTORING LECTURES

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

11.00am – 1.00pm INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS' COFFEE & PASTRIES

4.00pm – 8.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026

9.00am – 9.30am DRIVERS' BRIEFING

9.30am – 3.30am 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 1 NOVEMBER 2026

6.53am – 8.38am RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN STARTS

8.30am – 2.00pm 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



ENTRY PROCESS

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 25 March to Tuesday 16 June 2026

ADVANCE FEE - Wednesday 17 June to Tuesday 21 July 2026

STANDARD FEE - Wednesday 22 July to Friday 18 September 2026

	EARLY BIRD	ADVANCE	STANDARD
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured up to 31 December 1899	£485.00	£600.00	£735.00
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured from 1 January 1900	£550.00	£665.00	£800.00
ALL three-wheeled single-seat motor tricycles	£250.00	£315.00	£450.00
Cycle entry	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
Motorcycle entry	£250.00	£315.00	£450.00

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.

Wednesday 26 AUGUST 2026 – 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 George Smith: t110george47@gmail.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

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026 (12:00NOON) – MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026 (12:00NOON), BRIGHTON

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026 (7:30AM–3:00PM), CRAWLEY

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 – £95.00

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

TENDER PACK 2 – £190.00

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

TENDER PACK 3 – £550.00

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 [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.

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.

LUGGAGE TRANSFER SERVICE

Luggage service from London to Brighton on the day of the Run.

For **£5.00** (including VAT) per item of luggage, Williams and Yates will gladly collect your pre-

booked luggage from the list of recommended hotels, or from South Carriage Drive 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 Williams and Yates truck on Madeira Drive.

For further information please visit www.veterancarrun.com/accommodation

Please note for security reasons Williams and Yates Moving Services are unable to collect luggage that has not been pre-booked. All luggage carried by Williams and Yates is at the owner's risk.

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 **£10.00 each**.

EXTRA PARTICIPANT PASSES

Each participant of the Run is able to purchase 2 extra 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 29 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 **£50.00** each and includes an excellent two course buffet lunch as well as refreshments on arrival.

PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

Saturday 31 October 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.

HOW MANY RUNS HAVE YOU TAKEN PART IN?



ST JAMES'S MOTORING SPECTACLE



The St James's Motoring Spectacle, taking place on Saturday 31 October as part of London Motor Week, is a free event featuring a veteran car concours, local businesses, and educational programs. With plenty to see, it's a perfect family outing and a great way to kick off your London to Brighton weekend. If you have any questions please contact vcr@royalautomobileclub.co.uk

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 £35. 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 31 October at the Club's Pall Mall clubhouse.



THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB CONCOURS



Wednesday 8 July 2026 Woodcote Park, Epsom

We hope you can join us at the Royal Automobile Club Concours. Once you have entered this year's Run, a code will be sent to you which will allow you to purchase tickets.

For more information call 01372 229 288 or email concours@royalautomobileclub.co.uk.



HISTORIC AWARDS 2026



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 19th November 2026 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

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