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This year we shall be returning to Pakenham Water Mill (IP31 2NB) for our start and finish venue. After the famed breakfast baps and hot drinks, the tour will set off towards the North. The route will naturally embrace the rich variety of landscape, land use and settlements and reflect on the various activities, past and present, that define this part of East Anglia known as The Brecks. From wind power to military power and from distilling to mining – all will be revealed.

On your return you will be rewarded with tea and homemade cake and the satisfaction that you will have discovered yet another beautiful part of our 'green and pleasant land'.

The Suffolk Tour is a very popular annual event and, with limited numbers, early booking is recommended.

The Brecks spans an area of 393 sq. miles/1019 sq. kilometres across Norfolk and Suffolk, in the heart of The East of England. As one of the driest parts of Britain the large skies are often blue. Thetford Forest and Kings Forest, collectively the largest lowland forest in the UK, have miles of tranquil trackways and paths to explore.

Ancient heathland once covered huge areas of the Brecks, created by the axes of prehistoric farmers and the nibbling teeth of sheep and rabbits. 'Brecks' were temporary fields cultivated for a few years and then allowed to revert to heath once the soil became exhausted. Sand storms were once a regular occurrence, such as the one which engulfed the village of Santon Downham in 1668. Through many centuries the heaths, and the mysterious fluctuating Breckland lakes known as meres, became home to a distinctive range of plants and animals.

Over the last hundred years the ancient character of the Brecks has been changed forever. The large-scale pine plantations of Thetford forest and the use of modern farming technology have transformed much of it into more productive land. The remaining stretches, and the more open parts of the forest, are now vital areas for wildlife conservation.



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Motorsport UK Certificate of Exemption Number - 203045

Held under the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations



# Supplementary Regulations

1. **Announcement.** The Vintage Sports-Car Club will organise a Touring Assembly on Sunday 11th May 2025, starting and finishing at **Pakenham Water Mill, Water Mill Farm, Mill Road, Pakenham, Bury Saint Edmunds IP31 2NB.**

2. **Regulations.** The meeting will be held under the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) insofar as they apply to Touring Assemblies, these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for this event. A Certificate of Exemption number will be obtained from Motorsport UK and will be displayed at the start.

3. **Officials.** The Secretary of the Meeting is Brian Aket, who may be contacted with any queries at tel: 07811 970313, or by email at: [aket@btinternet.com](mailto:aket@btinternet.com).

4. **Vehicle eligibility.** The event is open to cars made before 1 January 1956 and driven by members of the Organising Club and Alvis Register, Alvis Owner Club, Riley Register, the STD Register, and other clubs in the Inter Register. Cars do not need to have a VSCC 'Buff Form' eligibility document.

5. **Entering the Event.** Entries open on the publication of these Regulations and close on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The maximum entry will be 40 cars, the minimum will be 10. The entry fee is £45 per car. Cheques to be made payable to VSCC Ltd. Please send a completed and signed entry form to: VSCC, Unit 1, Hockley Court, 2401 Stratford Road, Solihull, B94 6NW. Alternatively entries for VSCC members can be made online at <https://www.vsc.co.uk/page/events?eventID=1980>

A reminder that the Club's Refund Policy applies to tours and any entries withdrawn after close of entries will be subject to a 50% Charge and any entries withdrawn after Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May will be charged the full amount. A copy of the Club's Refund Policy can be found [here](#).

6. **The Road Book.** Full Joining Instructions will be issued approximately one week prior to the event. A Road Book will be issued on the day, providing full and easy-to-follow navigational instructions and information about local places of interest.

7. **Registration.** On the Day Registration is from 8.00am to 9.30am with cars leaving from 10:00am. Scrutineering is limited to ensuring the vehicle is eligible for the event. It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure their car is roadworthy. All cars must be insured for the public highway. It is recommended that all cars carry a serviceable fire extinguisher. All crew members must 'Sign On'. Anyone travelling in the car must be able to be properly seated in the car.

8. **Route.** The total distance covered will be approximately 70 miles. The start and finish location will be Pakenham Water Mill, Water Mill Farm, Mill Road, Pakenham, Bury Saint Edmunds IP31 2NB.

9. **Driving Standards.** Horses, cyclists, walkers and inconsiderate drivers can be expected at many places along the route. Do please give them the appropriate consideration. All drivers are reminded that they should abstain from the consumption of alcohol or drugs during the event.

10. **Lunch.** Refreshments will be provided at the start and finish of the tour and participants are advised to bring a picnic lunch. There will be a stop for lunch where hot drinks and toilets will be available

11. **Finish.** At the finish all drivers must report to the organisers to sign a Damage Declaration Form. Crews are expected to return to the start/finish from approx 3.00pm onwards where teas and cakes will be served.

12. **Trailers.** There is room for cars and trailers at the start venue to be left at the owner's risk.

### **SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND FIRE (SHEF) AT THE VINTAGE SPORTS-CAR CLUB (VSCC) AND DURING VSCC EVENTS**

It is the Policy of the Vintage Sports-Car Club (the Club) to operate in a positive culture of safety, health, and environmental protection throughout its entire business and sporting activities. To this end, the Club will coordinate all relevant activities under the collective heading of Safety, Health, Environment and Fire, or 'SHEF'.

The Club fully recognises the potential risks in its activities, the application of relevant legislation, and that it has the ultimate legal responsibility in these matters both in the workplace and at the Club's events. Accordingly, the President accepts overall responsibility for policy formulation and effective implementation of that policy. In turn, all employees, competitors, officials, and volunteer helpers are responsible for all SHEF duties allocated to them, either directly, or as a result of the Club's SHEF policy. Members of the public at Club events, whether paying or not, will be advised of their responsibilities as a result of their decision to spectate.

In pursuance of this policy, the Club will progressively identify all hazards and take measures to reduce risk. Motor Sport is spectacular and exciting, providing enjoyment to competitors and spectators alike, but there are many aspects of the sport which carry inherent risk. Much of this risk cannot be eliminated totally, and the emphasis must therefore be placed on controlling the risk through effective risk management systems. The purpose of such Risk Management will be elimination of the risk where possible, or to reduce the risk to levels which are demonstrably As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) where it cannot.

Throughout all of its activities, the Club will appoint an appropriate number of competent persons to implement the Club's SHEF procedures. In addition, a number of SHEF committees are established to ensure proper consideration of all risk factors, Committee members and other competent persons may be employees or volunteers. Competence will be guaranteed by formal training, the maintenance of records and, for motor sports events, full compliance with the rules and regulations of Motorsport UK (MSUK), the governing body of the sport in the UK, and the venue owners.

S Blakeney-Edwards, President, April 2023