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Jacob Roper, the British Clubman Enduro Champion, receiving GH Motorcycles Husqvarna Solo Expert Winner trophy for 2022 from Jack Hearn (Chair of Centre Enduro Committee)



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We may be into the new 2022 season but we finally managed to hold the Centre Award Function to present the 2021 silverware! Looking at the way that many, if not all, Covid restrictions have been lifted it proved to be a wise decision to move the function back a month from its traditional February date. Once again the function 'team' worked their socks off and put together a well organised and enjoyable evening. A report and photos are featured elsewhere in this issue.

Foreword

Phil Armes



For those of you who didn't get to see the recent email from ACU head office about the National Landscape Review please take a few moments to read the article in this gazette, and very importantly, take action if you possibly can. The more replies that are submitted the louder our (motorcyclists) voice when it comes to allowing access to land for off road motorcycle sport.

Judging by the number of event regs, of various disciplines, in this gazette the season really is up and running; although the feet up brigade will probably tell me it never stopped!! (I'm sure there is a pun there about TSR 22 – but I'll let you fill in the blanks!!)

One championship that does get underway, on April 10th at Wakes Colne, is the Stebbings Car Superstore & PP Sports Insure Centre Motocross Championship. It's sure to be seven fiercely contested rounds held over the four best circuits in the Centre. For those of you who are not too familiar with PP Sports then it may be worth your while getting your hands on a copy of a race day programme, or visiting the Centre website (www.easternacu.org) to find out more.

Those who know me understand that I have a soft spot for road racing, and we are blessed in that we have one of the best tracks in the UK right here in Norfolk. So it was really good to see the first official test for the British Superbike Championship take place at Snetterton over the weekend 24th – 26th March. And judging by the fact that Jason O'Halloran set a new benchmark for the 2.99 mile circuit it's going to be a very competitive campaign for all concerned. Local interest will probably centre around Thetford's Ryan Vickers who has moved to the FHO BMW squad as team mate to Peter Hickman, and the Lee Hardy Racing outfit based at Swaffham couldn't have signed a much higher profile rider than former British Champion, and world superbike front runner Leon Haslam. So there's plenty to keep us all occupied over the coming months!



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Open Permit Trials

Friday April 15th 2022

Good Friday Trial inc ACU-EC C Class Championship

Blaxhall Circuit IP12 2DU

National Grid Reference: TM 358578

Permit No.: ACU 63051

Sign On: 09.00

Start: 10.00am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: Eddie Hood
Club Steward(s): W Harvey, A Miller
Clerk of the Course: Ian Barfield (*Licence 123652*)
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Secretary of the Meeting: Trevor Andrews
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Tel: 07803 270853 email: tvjandrews@btinternet.com

Start / Finish: Blaxhall Circuit, Nr Wickham Market, Suffolk IP12 2DU
Course: Multi route woodland & gravel sections
Routes: Yellow; Red/Blue; White
Classes: Pre-70; Pre-Unit; Unit; Two Stroke; Twinshock
Awards: Margaret & Kenny Shield to best Woodbridge & DMCC member

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Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence and riding solo machines.

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No entries on the day

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/
Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



To the best of my knowledge, I can recall only one sporting event cancelled in the Centre over this winter due to weather. This single disruption that I know of, was for a trial and the meeting had to be postponed due to a flooded access lane. The situation was undoubtedly made all the more frustrating by the sections themselves remaining perfectly rideable. Nonetheless one cancelled meeting in a very full fixture list, whilst disappointing for the club involved, is not at all bad and helps the sport in its reviving again after the "Covid gap". It also follows that the reason for this good record must in some part indicate that our winters are less severe and inhibiting than in the decades gone by, with far less snow and frost - though arguably more rain.

I find this interesting because in my earlier days, come rain or shine and that includes ice and snow, very few meetings were abandoned because of the weather and here I include scrambles and motocross. The very severe winter of 1961/62 is a good example and brings to mind, the Sudbury, "Hangover" trial which took place, as its name suggests, just after the festive season. The snows and frosts that year, were heavy both before and after the meeting, yet having entered, there was no thought in my head that the event would be cancelled. I duly went off with my fellow clubman, Pete Redpath, to the meeting early and cautiously over snow covered roads. The 'Motorcycle News' report of the day, stated the event started in a blizzard! I can't remember - but nevertheless we competed in the trial and then came home in blinding and deepening snow in my old Ford 10cwt (hundredweight) van. Of course, there was far less traffic in those days but neither was there much gritting or clearing of the roads. I am also pretty sure that one or two riders in that event would have ridden their bikes to and from the venue. Yet I have little doubt that if such weather conditions occurred today, the plug would be pulled, the meeting abandoned and we would all be notified on-line. Oddly, one factor which can affect trials and the vulnerability of their locations, is the fact that we are now in a single-venue multi-route era. Very few trials run on the roads at all nowadays. When they did, the start was usually from a pub, cafe, or garage and invariably, they possessed good surfaced car parks and thereby less affected by the weather.

Similar problems can also affect motocross meetings. Here, the effect of cold weather is rarer as the sport tends to be at its most active in the summer. Nonetheless over the years, the sport has developed such that riders seldom turn up in old vans, trailers and pick-ups - and never on sidecar "floats" where the competition bike and riding gear, would be perched on the platform. Nowadays the riders and crews arrive in spacious vans or full race transporters, large, heavy vehicles, which themselves do not like to get off road and are difficult to exit a wet field without assistance. Again, it was not always that way and I recall the mighty BSA works team, of the 1960's, with top stars such as: Jeff Smith and John (Burly) Burton, turning up to meetings in pick-ups or a car and trailer.

As time has passed on, many race venues themselves, have modernised as they were able to progress from simply hiring a field and perhaps having to remove livestock elsewhere on race day - to fully set up courses, specifically for racing. Including well surfaced paddocks with the ability to get in and out of them. Yet it has to be accepted that much of sport is still operated on a less well developed level and the variables such as weather and ground conditions will always have its unwelcome impact. Nothing is more annoying for all concerned than a meeting cancelled through not being able to get there and probably only a little less so, if you can't get out.

Photo right: some people will never let the snow keep them off their beloved bikes!



Award Presentation

Charlie Ralph

Around 100 people attended the annual ACU Eastern awards at Needham Market on Saturday 19th March. The food was provided by Mrs. Tammy Hubbard, who laid on a superb buffet.

Centre president, Alan Penny, handed out the many trials awards, with Jack Hearn presenting the enduro trophies. Alan Foskew was on hand to present the grass track awards, and new motocross committee chairman, Graham Muff, did the honours with the motocross trophies. Keith Weavers was presented with the Bill Spurrell trophy for his outstanding work throughout the year, and I was pleasantly surprised to receive the Dick Williams lifetime achievement award.

Many thanks to Vera Hearn for taking the pics, which we hope to bring you in the next edition of the gazette, and to Alex Wright and Mr and Mrs. Willis for their help on the day, and to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. Including GH Motorcycles, Jim Aim, and Danny at Southside MX. Also thanks to Andrew Hay for sorting out the engraving and replica trophies.

Most of all, to Lyn Ralph, who had spent many weeks organising the event.

We are hoping to bring you more photos of the award winners in the next issue, but in the meantime at least we have managed to include a photo of the best looking bloke there!



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Part 3

Charlie Ralph

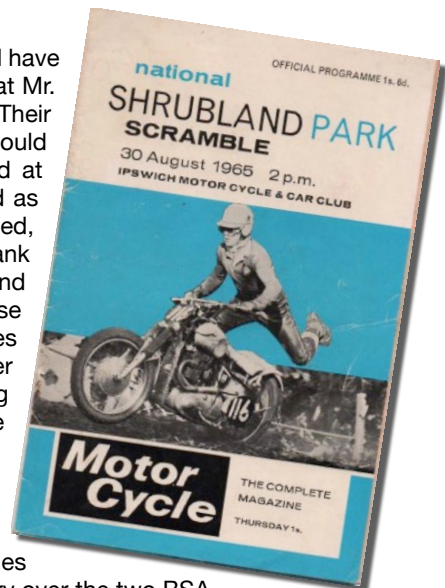
Continuing my piece in the gazette regarding motocross circuits in the Centre, as previously mentioned, I can recall almost 30 circuits in Suffolk alone, and in the previous issue, I mentioned circuits used by the Lowestoft, Leiston, Woodbridge and Essex/Suffolk Border clubs.

The Ipswich Triangle club was formed in around 1925, and the club used many different venues over a long period. My first ever meeting which I attended was in 1948 at Prowse's farm at Hadleigh.

I still have the programme, but as a very young toddler, I cannot remember much. The club used a track at Raydon for a while during the 1950's, and at Washbrook, Debenham, and Tuddenham during the 1960's. Later, they held a meeting at Waldringfield, near Woodbridge, and their final race meetings were held on Bim Richardson's land at Polstead, and at Mick Potters Belstead circuit. I recall seeing a very young Freddie Mayes riding a maroon-coloured bike at Washbrook, which possibly was a James machine, and I believe, was Freddie's first ever ride. I actually witnessed the first ever event that the legendary Dave Bickers competed in during the mid 1950's. The meeting was at Burstall, near Ipswich, which I believe was another Triangle venue.

The Ipswich MCC were a very busy club back in the day. I have seen photo's of a very large crowd watching the racing at Mr. Cordle's land at Creeting, possibly in the late 1940's. Their most popular venue was of course, Shrubland Park. I could write pages on all of the great events that I witnessed at Shrubland during the 1950' and 60's. It was recognised as only second to Hawkstone as far as circuits were concerned, and thousands of fans flocked to the annual August Bank Holiday meetings. There was a separate coach park, and even turnstiles to gain entry! I can recall that of all of these meetings, four still stick in my mind. I remember when Les Archer, the European champion, arrived by helicopter after riding in France on the previous day. He took his big Norton to victory in the Grand National race. Also, the battles between the legends that were Dave Bickers and Torsten Hallman, and of course, the day that the five Brits crossed the finish line abreast in the Trophy Des Nations, gaining revenge on the Swedish team that had done the same thing at an earlier Motocross des Nations. The hordes of fans also saw home hero, Dave Bickers, gaining victory over the two BSA greats, Jeff Smith and Arthur Lampkin during the early 1960's. As a youngster, I cycled the sixteen mile journey to Shrublands on a tiny fixed wheel bike, and I can remember watching from the far end of the circuit, unable to hear any commentary, so each time the leaders appeared, I placed a stone on the ground to establish as to how many laps were being completed !

After losing this iconic venue, the Ipswich club moved to land at Hintlesham Hall, and still hosted British championship meetings, which attracted all of the top riders of that time, including Bickers, John Banks, Badger Goss, Vic Eastwood and the late Bultaco ace, Malcolm Davis. The club's final meetings were held on the corn stubble fields at Akenham during the 1980's, but unfortunately, the glory days at Shrublands were by then, a distant memory.



The Bury St Edmunds club were another prominent club in the 1960's and 70's. They hosted many National meetings at West Stow Heath, and in one of their final meetings there, I saw the future World Champion, Graham Noyce, battling with Vic Allen and Vic Eastwood for the British title. Previously, the club held meetings at Cockfield, which is where I saw the great John Banks competing for the first time, riding a 250cc DOT. The man nicknamed the baron, went on to claim numerous British titles, and was twice world 500cc runner up. Following the closure of West Stow, the club did host a meeting at nearby Cavenham in 1983, and hosted a few events at Chippenham up until 1996, but as with many other clubs, lack of manpower and land availability has curtailed their motocross activities.

The Newmarket club had a one off event at Rushbrooke on the outskirts of Bury St Edmunds in June 1972, on Lord Rothschild land. I noted that his son, was competing as he was friends with a young Geoff Mayes and had caught the scrambling bug for a short time. Greeves rider, John Pease, from Braintree, was the winner in the main final.

Part four of this article will include the Diss, Sudbury and Stourbourne clubs, before a review of the many circuits in the county of Essex.



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Notes from the ACU Eastern Trials Committee Call

March 23rd 2022

On March 23rd the Eastern Centre Trials Sub-Committee had its first call of the year. This note does not cover all the discussions, the other subjects will be in the complete call minutes issued in the normal way.

1. Competitors are reminded to check the ACUE website for calendar updates, individual event regulations will explain entry arrangements. As agreed in 2020 ACUE Championship Trials can only be entered via the ACU online entry system.
2. Reminder from 2021 Trials Forum, there appears to be very few Expert A riders competing in championship trials, the average over the four 2021 rounds was less than 3 riders per event. It was agreed that unless Expert A entries in A Class championship rounds increase in 2022, for 2023 it is proposed that only one Expert class will be included in A class championship rounds, the section severity to be between the current yellow and red/blue routes. Clerks of courses are reminded that a yellow route is not required on all sections if the number of entries and/or the available land does not justify it. Decision for 2023 to be made at 2022 Trials Forum, Expert riders are encouraged to attend, date to be decided.
3. Reminder from 2021 Trials Forum, for many years the centre has attempted to run a Youth A championship and a Youth B championship, but due to a lack of youth riders and inconsistency in the routes ridden by the age groups it has not always been possible to present the trophies. After discussion it was agreed for 2022 the championships would change to be known as Youth-Expert and Youth-Novice. Both are to be incorporated in ACU-EC A Class trials with Youth-Experts riding the red/blue route and Youth-Novices riding the white route. Both classes will be open to all Youth riders, but results should show the youth age group of each rider, e.g., YA, YB etc
4. To assist with determining the Centre Championship winning club it is critical that riders, via their online entry or via other means make it clear to A and B class championship trial organisers for which ACU-EC club they are riding.
5. ACU-HQ has now issued details of the Trials Clerk of Course and Steward Online Licence process, it was agreed that ACU-EC would recommend face to face licence seminars for new applicants and anybody who may not have acted for a long time, also if any officials requested support for an event a more experienced official would be supplied. There had been issues contacting some of the licence applicants so after discussion it was decided that for future licence seminars each club would name a point of contact to coordinate applicants from that club. Licence holders are reminded to keep their e-mail address up to date on the ACU system.
6. Clubs are reminded that ACU-EC Trials Championship rules require results for all ACU-EC championship trials to be posted on the ACU-EC website, clubs should be encouraged to post results of all trials within ACU-EC on the website.
7. There was a reminder of the recent centre board meeting where there was a request for any reports of trials for the gazette and/or the website, all contributions will be appreciated, especially those with photographs.

Clive Dopson 25/3/22

Secretary ACUE Trials Committee, (members P Nash, D Cordle, E Hood, K Hood, P Fenn, R Snowden, M Neale, J Newstead, A Foskew, A Barrell, N Ogden)



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ACU Eastern Solo Enduro Championship

Round 2

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The first event of the year for Sudbury MCC didn't disappoint and welcomed back hundreds of spectators to enjoy the two-and-a-half-hour event with 130 starters from the whole Eastern centre region.

The track was beautifully graded and laid out by the busy army of helpers and committee members who worked tirelessly following the havoc wreaked by storm Eunice and rode beautifully providing a mix of open farmland and natural woodland.

The two bogs proved a deciding factor separating the riders dramatically with a much shorter harder option through the bog for the brave and fearless who weren't frightened to tackle it flat out or a much longer drier twisty option for those playing safe.

The first few laps saw riders getting to grips with slippery logs in the tight wooded section, with few places to overtake it was all about the technique of tackling the obstacles as quickly as possible till the field stretched out.

With each of the five classes setting off in rows of 40 at 30 second intervals the track was soon buzzing with bikes and back markers were being lapped by the championship and expert riders within the first lap.

Fitness was key over the lengthy race though it proved too much for some so early in the season with 19 riders failing to finish out of the 130 starters. A well-deserved Championship win for Luke Parker from Norwich Vikings on 23 Laps making it his first win in this current series, over Ben Clark on 22 laps with Jamie Roper in third place three minutes behind on the same Lap Score.



RESULTS:

Championship Class

1st Luke Parker 23 Laps
2nd Ben Clark 22 Laps
3rd Jamie Roper 22 Laps
4th Ben Cole 22 Laps
5th Christopher Hockey 21 laps
6th Jack Sheppard 21 Laps

Expert Class

1st Joseph Hall 21 Laps
2nd Toby Morley 20 Laps
3rd Shaun Leggett 20 Laps
4th Jack Austin 20 Laps
5th James Yearly 20 Laps
6th Adam Durkin 20 Laps

Clubman

1st Max Agar 20 Laps
2nd Robert Armitage 19 Laps
3rd Ben Jones 18 Laps
4th Gus Oblein 18 Laps
5th Lloyd Barker 18 Laps
6th Jonathan masters 18 Laps

Clubman Vet

1st Jason Green 17 Laps
2nd Simon Davies 17 Laps
3rd Jason Carsboul 17 Laps
4th Raymond Otoka 17 Laps
5th Spencer Newland 16 Laps
6th Chris Welch 16 Laps

Sportsman Vet

1st John Hilton 18 Laps
2nd Alan Vissian 18 Laps
3rd Paul Belton 17 Laps
4th Graham Mays 17 Laps
5th Jeremy Moss 16 Laps
6th Nigel Ross 16 Laps

Expert Vet

1st Paul Spurgeon 18 Laps

I'm sure I
didn't sign
up for this!

The Sudbury Club look forward to welcoming everyone back to Foxborough on the 8th May for the third round in this 6 race Eastern Centre Championship.



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Open Permit Enduro

Sunday April 24th 2022

Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Enduro Round 2

Hawkedon, CO10 8LU

National Grid Reference: TL 782535

Permit No.: ACU 62654

Sign On: 08.00am

Start: 10.00am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: tbc
Club Steward(s): Adrian Taylor
Clerk of the Course: Neil Sargent (*Licence 6004*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Laura Baker
Secretary of the Meeting: Laura Baker
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Start / Finish: Windolphins Farm, Hawkedon, Suffolk CO10 8LU
Course: Approx 3 miles of farm land and woods;
One time control at start/finish
Classes: Championship; Expert; Clubman
Awards: As per championship conditions

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: April 1st 2022

Entries Close: April 19th 2022 (or when full)

No Entries on the day

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/
Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are therefore strongly recommended to purchase such Cover - which is available through the Locktons website (www.locktomotorsport.com) or the ACU website (www.acu.org.uk)



Castle Colchester

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 24th April 2022

Royal Enfield Cup Trial inc ACU-EC A Class Championship

Alphamstone Pit, CO9 2NY

National Grid Reference: TL 871353

Permit No.: ACU 63052

Sign On: 9.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

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Course:	Banks, Sand, Hills and Tree Roots
Routes:	Red/Blue 50/50; White;
Classes:	Expert, Expert B, Inter, Inter B, Novice, Pre-70, Twinshock, Youth A, B, C
Awards:	None

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Off Road Motorcycling Under Threat Again

Centre stalwart Sidge Kenny has picked up on the email from ACU head office re the National Landscape Review; it may seem like another piece of consultation that will come to nothing, but as Sidge, and our Centre Rights of Way Officer, Ray Booty, point out it is possibly the thin end of the wedge and we could end up losing access to a great deal of off road motorcycle facilities and land.

Sidge commented that “The ACU has sent out an E-mail with requests for a response to proposals, arising from surveys over the use of motor traffic on unsealed roads i.e. Byways and Green Lanes. The areas of prime consideration seem to be in the National Parks - the principal areas of recognised accessible countryside of which we in this region have much less. This is obviously in preparation for Parliamentary action and is something that if executed to the extreme, would begin to cripple our use for off-road sport. It could be the start of a big squeeze on vehicular use in the countryside. Every off-road rider should respond and certainly take the advice on how to do so, which is given within the ACU notice.”

Our Centre Rights of Way Officer, Ray Booty, has put together some guidance notes as to how to respond to the survey, as shown below, but there is little time as the submissions have to be in by April 9th – if you can spare a little while to file a response it would be a really positive move if you value continued two wheel access to the countryside.

If you would like further info then you can contact Ray; via email: ray.booty@icloud.com

Guidance Notes

Once again a simple piece of legislation is being hijacked to penalise motorised users. The review was originally intended to address the management of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The scope of the review has been extended to ask questions about motorised access to unsurfaced and minor surfaced roads. The question is very open and does not define whether it is limited to National Parks and AONB's. The fear is that this could create legislation that would be used anywhere in England and Wales to close roads as and when the authorities wish. Non motorised user groups are, of course, pushing their members to take this opportunity to exclude all motorised users from recreational uses.

We, as motorised users, are under threat. The Glover report did not venture into the area of access rights but the government consultation questionnaire has unsurfaced roads and even minor surfaced roads squarely in its sights.

There is unquestionably a debate to be had about the whole subject of access to the countryside by all types of user but now is the time to defend our rights as motorcyclists.

In an attempt to prevent legislation that will sound the death knell for our recreational use of unsurfaced roads we need to respond in large numbers to this 'consultation'. The questions that must be answered are 13 to 17. This is best done with responses in your own words. It is suggested that any copy and paste responses could well be disallowed so copying another submission is probably a poor choice. If you have the time an email response is very worthwhile. Obviously this is far more time consuming and difficult to do but may carry more weight at the end of the day.

A few facts that may be of value when added to your response could include the following.

- When considering National Parks and AONBs they can be geographically large. To exclude motorised use will cause problems for the disabled. This does refer more to 4x4 users but will undoubtedly make access for the disabled less possible.
- There is already sufficient legislation on the statute books to enable the management of motorised users. By using Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO), sections of the Road Traffic Act (Section 59 notices, etc.) and Permit Schemes access to any unsurfaced road can already be controlled.

- Our main issue is not the people who ride on unsurfaced roads legally but the illegal use and trespass into areas with no rights. Frequently those caught riding off-piste have unlicensed bikes, therefore no insurance, tax or MoT. Even more legislation will not prevent or dissuade those illegal users.
- What is required is better policing of the legislation that already exists. In my home county offenders who do not live in the county are probably not pursued due to cost considerations.
- Motorcycle Sport and Trail Riding have a positive effect on the rural economy. Sadly, as an industry there are no properly researched facts or figures available to add but I would suggest it could run into hundreds of millions.
- If Trail Riding is no longer possible there will be a negative impact on the motorcycle industry. Sales of Trail bikes will cease along with sales of spares and service items, clothing and accessories. This could also amount to hundreds of millions in lost revenue and subsequent reductions in jobs.

To access the online questionnaire go to; <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/consultation/intro/>

To respond via email the address is: landscapesconsultation@defra.gov.uk

What it means to you

If we lose access to unsurfaced roads it will impact on Long Distance Trials and any road trials that require access to sections from an unsurfaced road. It will end the pastime of Trail Riding

Types of Unsurfaced Roads

Byway

Byway Open to All Traffic or BOAT now more commonly referred to as a Byway - these are part of the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network and are recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. The other forms of PRoW are Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byways. Of all the types of PRoW motorcycles can only use a Byway.

UCR

These are Unclassified County Roads or, probably more accurately, UUCR (Unsurfaced Unclassified County Roads). These are physically indistinguishable from Byways but appear on the List of Streets held by the local Highways department. On an Ordnance Survey map they are known as an ORPA (Other Route with Public Access) but this covers routes that may have other levels of access including just walkers. Vehicular rights are easier to extinguish on this type of road even if it is covered in tarmac.





Norwich Viking MCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday April 24th 2022

Open Trial

East Wretham, IP24 1SQ

National Grid Reference: TL 921926

Permit No.: ACU 63080

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	N/A
Club Steward(s):	Jamie Douglas Graham Huxtable
Clerk of the Course:	Barbara Douglas (<i>Licence 70441</i>)
Child Protection P.O.C.:	Barbara Douglas
Secretary of the Meeting:	Barbara Douglas <i>Tel: 01603 871811</i> <i>email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk</i>
Start / Finish:	East Wretham, Norfolk IP24 1SQ
Course:	5 laps of 8 Sections
Routes:	Red/Blue; White; Beginners
Classes:	Inter, Inter B, Novice, Twinshock A & B, Pre-70, Beginner, Youth A to E
Awards:	None

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence and riding solo machines.

ENTRIES

Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. Entry Fee Adult £15.00 Youth £15.00

Entries Open: April 10th 2022

Entries Close: April 23rd 2022

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Halstead & DMCC

Open Permit Motocross

Sunday May 1st 2022

Richard Fitch Memorial Meeting

Wakes Colne, CO6 2BH

National Grid Reference: TL 890314

Permit No.: ACU 63018

Sign On: 8.00am

Practice: 10.00am

Start: 11.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	N/A
Club Steward(s):	Martin Beadle Mark Mitchell
Clerk of the Course:	Alex Wright (<i>Licence 187442</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Karin Beadle
Secretary of the Meeting:	Karin Beadle <i>Tel: 07787 544418 email: karin6@sky.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Little Loveney Hall. Wakes Colne, Essex CO6 2BH
Course:	Unduating grassland with jumps
Classes:	Allcomers; NGR; Big Wheels; Small Wheels
Awards:	Prize Monay & Trophies

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: April 11th 2022

Entries Close: April 29th 2022

No Entries on the day

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Sunday May 1st 2022

Open Trial inc ACU-EC D Class Championship

Poles Wood, CM15 0LA

National Grid Reference: TQ 561995

Permit No.: ACU 63053

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	tbc
Club Steward(s):	Stephen Smith
Clerk of the Course:	Paul Nash (<i>Licence 39376</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Paul Nash
Secretary of the Meeting:	Julia Nash 33 Cherry Orchard, Southminster, Essex CM0 7HE <i>Tel: 07947 215648 (day) 01621 773131 (eve)</i> <i>email: nap148@aol.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Poles Wood, Kelvedon Hatch, Essex CM14 5TL
Course:	Woodland & Sand Pit 4 laps of 10 Sections
Routes:	Yellow; Red/Blue; White; Beginners
Classes:	Adult Solo; Youth Solo A to E; Sidecar
Awards:	None

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo and sidecar machines.

ENTRIES

Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. As an option, entries may be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting via email (nap148@aol.com) with a fee of Adult £20.00; Youth £15.00; Sidecar £25.00

Entries Open: April 3rd 2022

Entries Close: At start

Entries Accepted on the Day

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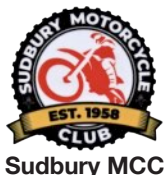
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Open Permit Enduro

Sunday 8th May 2022

GH Motorcycles ACU Eastern Solo Enduro Championship Rd 3

Foxborough Quarry, CO9 3AN

National Grid Reference: TL 804315

Permit No.: ACU tbc

Sign On: 8.00 am

Start: 10.00 am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	tbc
Club Steward(s):	Paul Belton
Clerk of the Course:	G Hockey (<i>Licence 18929</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Mrs S Mays
Secretary of the Meeting:	G Mays 55 Alan Way, Colchester, CO3 4LB <i>Tel: 01206 531768 email: grahammays787@gmail.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Essex CO9 3AN
Course:	Open Fields & Woodland
Classes:	Championship, Expert, Expert Vets, Clubman, Clubman Vets, Clubman Super Vets
Awards:	At end of Championship

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

ENTRIES

Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. Entry Fee £52.00

Entries Open: April 8th 2022

Entries Close: May 5th 2022

No Entries on the day

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**Essex & Suffolk
Border**

Open Permit Trial

Sunday May 15th 2022

Open Trial inc ACU-EC A Class Championship

Raydon Pits, IP7 5QP

National Grid Reference: TM 041388

Permit No.: ACU 63054

Sign On: 9.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	tbc
Club Steward(s):	M Keeble C Keeble
Clerk of the Course:	Adam Keeble (<i>Licence</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Neil Fenn
Secretary of the Meeting:	Neil Fenn <i>Tel: 01473 839933 email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Raydon Pits, Raydon, Suffolk IP7 5QP
Course:	Sand pit. 10 sections
Routes:	Red/Blue; Yellow; White; Beginners (Green)
Classes:	All adult & youth classes inc A Class Championship

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

ENTRIES

Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. Entry Fee Adult £18.00 Youth £16.00

Entries Open: April 4th 2022

Entries Close: May 12th 2022

No Entries on the Day

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Open Permit Motocross

Sunday 15th May 2022

Stebbing's Car Superstore & PP Sports ACU Eastern Motocross Championship

Wattisfield Hall, IP22 1NX

National Grid Reference: TM 127782

Permit No.: ACU 62883

Sign On: 8.30 am

Practice: 10.00am

Start: 11.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	Martin Beadle
Club Steward(s):	
Clerk of the Course:	Adrian Taylor (<i>Licence 38168</i>)
Child Protection P.O.C.:	Laura Taylor
Secretary of the Meeting:	Laura Taylor <i>Tel: 07980 939162 (between 7 - 9pm)</i> <i>email: help@dissMCC.co.uk</i>
Start / Finish:	Wattisfield Hall, Wattisfield, Norfolk, IP22 1NX
Course:	Undulating Grassland with jumps and pits
Classes:	As Per Championship Conditions
Awards:	As Per Championship Conditions

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo and sidecar machines.

ENTRIES

Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. Entry Fee £57.00 Late entries + £10.00.

Entries Open: April 11th 2022

Entries Close: May 6th 2022

No Entries on the day

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NOTE: All dates are provisional, and subject to change. Always check events are still on before travelling at www.easternacu.org.

What's on



Date	Club	Disc.	Status	Venue	Championship
03 Apr	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Halstead Hills	ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro Champs R1
10 Apr	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Badwell Ash	ACU Eastern 'A' Class R1
10 Apr	Halstead & DMCC	Moto X	OPEN	Wakes Colne	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs R1
15 Apr	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern 'C' Class R1
24 Apr	Bury St Edmunds & DMCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hawkedon	ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro Champs R2
24 Apr	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	East Wretham	
24 Apr	Castle Colchester MCC	Trial	OPEN	Alphamstone Pit	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs R2
24 Apr	Woodbridge & DMCC	Moto X	OPEN	Blaxhall	NGR
30 Apr	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	tbc	Essex Oset Cup - Youth Only
01 May	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class Round 2
01 May	Halstead & DMCC	MotoX	OPEN	Wakes Colne	NGR
08 May	Norwich Viking MCC	MotoX	Inter'l	Lyng	British Championship
08 May	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs Round 3
14 May	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	G Track	OPEN	Kings Farm	
15 May	Essex & Suff'k Border MCC	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Round 3
15 May	Diss MCC	MotoX	OPEN	Wattisfield	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 2
15 May	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	G Track	OPEN	Kings Farm	
21 May	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End,	Essex Oset Cup - Youth Only
22 May	N&S Junior MC	MotoX	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
22 May	Eastern 4 stroke Assoc.	Trial	Restricted Centre	Gt Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Round 2
29 May	Ipswich MC & LCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	



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