

PRESS INFORMATION

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Haimes reigns at revived Wiscombe

BARC SW member Paul Haimes took the overall honours at Torbay Motor Club's Wiscombe hill climb in August, one of the first hill climb events to be held in 2020 after the extended coronavirus lockdown. Despite having to be held without spectators, 'behind closed doors', the popular Fusion Fostering-sponsored event drew a maximum entry of 110 car drivers and 40 motorcycles, contesting a total of seven national, regional, club, venue and marque championships.

The fine weather contributed to good course conditions, although proceedings were interrupted for a delay early in the second timed runs when Neil Catling (Lotus Elise) went off the track at speed at the Gate, thankfully without injury other than to his pride. When action resumed, Haimes' specialised Gould GR59 racer proved more than a match for the local regional championship contenders, eclipsing his opening timed run of 36.66 seconds by a further three-tenths of a second to take the Fastest Time of the Day award at 36.36 secs. The 'best of the rest' comprised Woolbridge MC's Andrew Forsyth (OMS CF04) and Taunton AC's Ben Bonfield (Jedi Mk 4), who put up a spirited challenge to inspire Haimes, with best runs of 38.04 and 38.73 respectively, the only others bar the winner to dip below the 39 second mark.

The two most hotly contested classes proved to be A2, where the two Jonathans, Wright (Golf GTi) and Langmead (Lotus Elise), finished just 17 hundredths of a second apart, the former prevailing on his second timed run, and A3, where Ben Adams (Audi A3 Quattro) snatched victory from Rodney Eyles in the lovely Alfa Romeo 4C by an equally slender 2 tenths of a second. Derek Kessell (Maguire Mini Cooper S) was far ahead of the four other Downton Engineering Works Social Club Speed Series contenders and Tom Short (KTM SMR) and Simon & Jane Foster (Honda F2) took the 2 and 3-wheel spoils in the National Hill Climb Association motorcycle competition. The 'Spirit of the Event' award was presented to event official Howard West for his immense efforts to pull together the extensive Covid19 precautions.



Class:	Winner:		Motor Club:	Time:
A1	Simon Cox	Austin Mini	BOC	49.73
A2	Jonathan Wright	VW Golf GTi	Burnham on Sea MC	44.10
A3	Ben Adams	Audi A3 Quattro	Woolbridge MC	44.52
A4	Stephen Moore	Mitsubishi Lancer	BARC SW	42.31
B2	Steve Hill	Lotus 7	Torbay MC	45.56
B3	Neil Tuckey	Westfield	Torbay MC	43.86
C1	John Tandy	MG Midget	Woolbridge MC	47.71
C2	Shaun Tuckey	Ford Ka	Torbay MC	46.42
C3	Martin Stubbington	VW Golf GTi	Woolbridge MC	47.28
D3	Steve Ellis	Ford Escort Mk2	Woolbridge MC	44.66
E1	Ben Bonfield	Jedi Mk 4	Plymouth MC	38.73
E2	Andrew Forsyth	OMS CF04	Woolbridge MC	38.04
E3	Phil Montgomery-Smith	OMS 2000M	Truro & District CC	41.67
F1	Derek Kessell	Maguire Mini Cooper S	DEWS	44.02
Fastest 2WH	Tom Short	KTM SMR	NHCA	41.58
Fastest 3WH	Simon & Jane Foster	Honda F2	NHCA	44.62
Fastest Torbay	Robert Clarke	Empire Evo 00	Torbay MC	42.11
Most Entertaining	Jan Yeo	Ford 34 Coupe	Torbay MC	42.94
Spirit of the Event	Howard West			
FTD	Paul Haimes	Gould GR59	BARC SW	36.36



The event was a round of:

The 2020 Association of South Western Motor Clubs TyreMarks Hill Climb Championship,
The 2020 Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs Hamilton Motorsport Hillclimb Championship,
The 2020 Tillicoultry Quarries Wiscombe Hill Climb Championship,
The 2020 Torbay Motor Club Speed Championship,
The 2020 DEWS Speed Series,
The Triple M/Pirelli Hillclimb and Sprint Association Speed Championship, and
The National Hill Climb Association Championship.

Images:

- 172 Paul Haines (Gould GR59) - Fastest Time of the Day (FTD)
- 181 Steve Hill (Caterham 7), 1st in class B2.
- 124 Shaun Tuckey (Ford Ka), 1st in class C2.
- 110 Neil Tuckey (Westfield), 1st in class B3.
- 969 Simon & Jane Foster (Honda F2) – Combination (3 Wheel) FTD
- 1 Tom Short (KTM SMR) – Motorcycle (2 Wheel) FTD.

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