



PRESS INFORMATION

## **MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

The Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge, long established as one of the UK's most competitive and exciting race series, enjoys a complete revamp for 2002 and a new positioning as the ideal track-career 'second step'.

With backing from Britain's leading weekly racing newspaper, Motorsport News, the championship provides the ideal stepping stone for drivers seeking to move up the Caterham ladder of opportunity.

A new class for graduates of the 2001 Caterham Academy 'starter series' allows drivers to step up to the Roadsport Challenge without the need to make many costly alterations to their cars, an opportunity of which many have taken advantage.

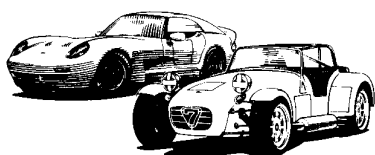
At the heart of the series is the powerful yet affordable Caterham Roadsport chassis which, though outwardly recognisable as having as its basis Colin Chapman's timeless Lotus 7 design, has over 45 years of refinement and evolution become a very different and much more sophisticated sports car.

Under the bonnet is a naturally aspirated MG X-Power 1.6-litre, 16-valve engine which, in the Class A cars, develops 138bhp at 7000rpm, delivered to the rear wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox. The mechanically very similar cars in Class B pack a 115bhp punch. The engines of all competing cars are power-rated and sealed by Minister Racing Engines to ensure fairness.

With a minimum regulation weight of just 515kg, and treaded control race tyres supplied by Avon, the Roadsport Challenge cars enjoy levels of performance and roadholding unrivalled at this level of the sport.

In any form of motor sport, safety is a key consideration. Among the Roadsport's safety features are a full roll-over cage, cockpit impact protection bars, aluminium honeycombe chassis side protection, a six-point full harness safety belt system and a fire extinguisher system. To be eligible to contest the championship, the drivers must hold a National B racing licence issued by Britain's motor sport governing body, the MSA.

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For 2002 the Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge enjoys the elevated status of being one of the British Racing and Sports Car Club's premier race series, with headlining races at Castle Combe, Silverstone, Snetterton, Knockhill, Brands Hatch, Cadwell Park and Oulton Park. It will close its season at Brands Hatch in October with the fantastic Caterham Festival, where more than 250 Caterhams and Lotus 7s are expected to compete in a three-day celebration of the marque.

The gathering momentum of the series, and the kudos of association with it, is recognised by a growing number of backers. Joining title sponsor Motorsport News on the roster this season are MG X-Power, Cooper-Avon Tyres, Minister Racing Engines, Comma Oil & Chemicals, Bilstein, Mitchell Cotts Transmissions, Arch Motors, Stack, Fairmont Insurance, Corporate Innovations and Logitech.

The championship will be decided over 10 races at eight meetings, and the chances are strong that, as in 2001, the title fight will go down to the wire. The Class A champion's prize is well worth winning – the lucky driver will be able to exchange his or her Roadsport for a new Superlight chassis, with which to contest the 2003 Superlight Challenge.

The Class B champion will, meanwhile, have their car upgraded to Class A Roadsport specification for 2003.

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Photography available from [www.imagevaults.co.uk/caterham](http://www.imagevaults.co.uk/caterham)



**Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge**  
Provisional calendar 2002

	<b>Circuit</b>		<b>Organising club</b>
1 Apr	Castle Combe		BRSCC
20 Apr	Silverstone National		BRSCC
11/12 May	Snetterton		BRSCC
1/2 Jun	Knockhill	Double Header	BRSCC
13/14 Jul	Brands Hatch		BRSCC
11 Aug	Cadwell Park	Double Header	BRSCC
14 Sep	Oulton Park		BRSCC
4-6 Oct	Brands Hatch	Caterham Festival	BRSCC

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## Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge

Registered entries – Class A

No	Name	Home	Team
2	Steve Ruston	Cannock / Staffs	Team Parker Racing
3	Nelson Rowe	Wotton-under-Edge / Glos	Rowe Racing
4	Gordon Matthew	Sambourne / Warwicks	Hyperion Motorsport
5	Kevin Sayer	Sandhurst / Berks	
6	Martin Wilson	Farnborough / Kent	
7	Darren Ashley	Woodford Green / Essex	Arrowstar
8	Sarah Reader	Loxley / Warwicks	
9	Andy Sayle	Congleton / Cheshire	Votex Racing
10	Steve Collison	Buckingham	
11	Russell Wakefield	London	
12	Jon Wolfe	Solihull / West Mids	Taylor's Foundry Motor Sport
14	Oliver Bull	Portishead / Bristol	
15	Geoff Thomas	Olney / Bucks	
19	Andy Crossley	Buckingham	
20	David Dyson	Altrincham / Cheshire	Arrowstar
21	Roger Wilkin	London	
24	JM Littman	Waltham Cross / Herts	Taylor's Foundry Motor Sport
25	Richard Holmes	Wheathampstead / Herts	
27	Dominic Paul	London	Team Parker Racing
42	John Lovell	Hindhead / Surrey	
53	Martin Walker	Chelsfield / Kent	Hyperion Motorsport
55	Tim Halket	Cambridge	Hyperion Motorsport
74	Neil Robinson	Sandy / Beds	Taylor's Foundry Motor Sport
88	Andy Blyth	Wokingham, Berks	



## Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge

Registered entries – Class B

No	Name	Home	Team
1	John Gaw	Edinburgh	
2	Brent Perkins	Olney / Bucks	
3	Richard Gomes	Brockham / Surrey	Team Parker Racing
4	Richard Thomas	Pluckley / Kent	
5	Jamie Constable	Old Windsor / Berks	
6	Tony Lawrence	Camberley / Surrey	Hyperion Motorsport
7	Steve Hindle	London	Caterham Midlands
8	Chris Fox	London	
9	Adrian Russell	Banstead / Surrey	
10	Mike Cantillon	Arkley / Herts	
11	Sebastian De Groot	London	
12	Alastair Mackereth	Oswestry / Shropshire	Caterham Midlands
13	Ian Fox	Lawford / Essex	Hyperion Motorsport
14	Oliver Greaves	London	
15	Stephen Lyon	London	Caterham Midlands
16	Daniel Mitchell	Tilty / Essex	
17	Ruben Mookerjee	Hook / Hants	
18	Jason New	Crowthorne / Berks	
19	Mark Harris	London	Team Parker Racing
21	Campbell McClory	Worcester	Team Parker Racing
26	Simon Taylor	Sidcup / Kent	Team Parker Racing
27	Simon Hopkins	Great Glen / Leics	
32	Terry Clark	Northwood / Middx	
47	Steve Sabine	Hornchurch / Essex	
55	Steve Lindsey	Richmond / Surrey	
77	John Watson	Chesterfield / Derbys	
99	Barrie Jennings	Acton Turville / Glos	



## **MOTORING NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

Championship awards

Overall Class A champion  
Overall Class B champion  
Runners-up each class  
Third overall each class

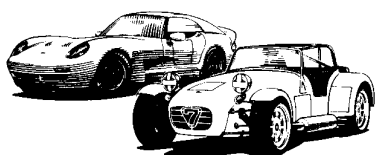
Exchange Caterham Superlight race chassis  
Free conversion kit to Class A specification  
£500 Caterham parts voucher  
£250 Caterham parts voucher

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS**

Motorsport News  
MG X-Power  
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Mitchell Cotts Transmissions  
Arch Motors  
Stack  
Fairmont Insurance  
Corporate Innovations  
Logitech

## **CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION**

The 2002 Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge is organised under the auspices of the British Racing and Sports Car Club. It is co-ordinated by Kim Denning



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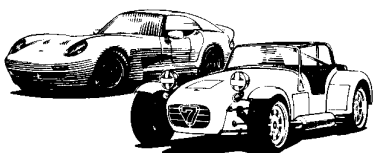
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## **MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

### Chassis specification

Engine	1.6-litre MG X-Power all aluminium unit mounted longitudinally 10.5:1 compression ratio Mechanical tappets, double overhead cam, 16 valves side exit catalytic competition silencer
Maximum power	Class A, 138bhp@7000rpm Class B, 115bhp@6000rpm
Maximum torque	Class A, 115lb ft@5000rpm Class B, 107lb ft@3000rpm
Transmission	Class A, six-speed manual Class B, five-speed manual
Brakes	Front/Rear, 228mm solid disc
Suspension	Front, independent, twin wishbones, anti-roll bar, race-spec Bilstein dampers Rear, de Dion, lower A frame and upper radius arms, adjustable anti-roll bar, race-spec Bilstein dampers
Wheels & tyres	6J x 13 alloy wheels Class A, Avon ACB10 treaded race tyres Class B, Avon CR500 treaded race tyres
Safety equipment	Six-point race harness, fire extinguisher system, honeycombe boot floor panel, side-impact protection system
Dimensions	Wheelbase, 2225mm Front track, 1336mm Rear track, 1336mm
Minimum weight	Car without driver, 515kg



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## MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE

Roll of honour

### CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10

<b>1999</b>		<b>2000</b>		<b>2001</b>	
1st	Rob Jenkinson	1st	John Gladman	1st	Martin Gregory
2nd	Rob Barff	2nd	Clive Richards	2nd	Keith Robinson
3rd	Gerry Taylor	3rd	Simon Pullan	3rd	Jamie Derbyshire
4th	Ross Beer	4th	Ross Beer	4th	Jason Sutherland
5th	Alan Finn	5th	Peter Haynes	5th	Paul Kite
6th	Ross Bygrave	6th	Nick Jacobs	6th	Barry Horne
7th	Peter Haynes	7th	Martin Gregory	7th	Frazer Gibney
8th	Guy Spurr	8th	Simon Bennett	8th	Luc Paillard
9th	Mark Mayall	9th	Laurence Finlay	9th	Steven Frost
10th	Stuart Wright	10th	Jason Sutherland	10th	Guy Spurr

### RACE WINNERS

#### Brands Hatch

20/08/00 (Indy)	John Gladman	20/08/00 (Indy)	John Gladman
10/09/00 (GP)	John Gladman	10/09/00 (GP)	John Gladman
07/05/01 (GP)	Keith Robinson	30/09/01 (Indy)	Barry Horne

#### Castle Combe

24/09/00	Clive Richards	27/08/01	Keith Robinson
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#### Croft

09/07/00	John Gladman	09/07/00	John Gladman
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#### Donington Park

02/04/00 (Nat)	Simon Pullan	02/04/00 (Nat)	Simon Pullan
29/05/00 (GP)	John Gladman	02/06/01 (GP)	Jamie Derbyshire
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#### Knockhill

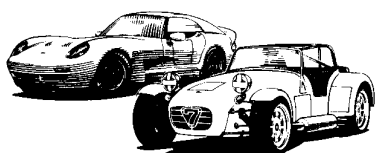
04/06/00	Clive Richards	04/06/00	John Gladman
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#### Oulton Park

23/06/01 (Int)	Martin Gregory	18/08/01 (Fost)	Barry Horne
18/08/01 (Fost)	Jamie Derbyshire		

#### Snetterton

07/05/00	John Gladman	25/03/01	Martin Gregory
22/07/01	Martin Gregory		



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