

## **Champions decided at HSCC Mallory Park**

At least two Historic Sports Car Club racing champions for 2021 were crowned as the club returned to Mallory Park for the first time in a decade for a weekend of racing (18/19 September).

The weekend delivered some great racing in generally warm and sunny weather, despite a torrential downpour on Sunday morning that disrupted qualifying for a while.

Grids were a little down on what had been expected and it is clear that the clash with the Goodwood Revival had kept some entrants away, while some others were still resolving issues from Oulton Park three weeks earlier. However, those that were there enjoyed a double-header on this friendly circuit, where slick organisation ensured both days ran smoothly despite the weather interruption on Sunday.

Another strong 70s Road Sports grid was headed by Will Plant although in the opener he had to deal with the fast-starting John Williams and then had Dave Karaskas (TVR 3000M) and his father Richard as constant shadows. Williams should have been on the podium but had gear selection dramas at the Hairpin on the final lap and slipped to fourth as he coasted to the finish line.

In the second race Plant was away clear until his Morgan +8 lost oil pressure and he quickly turned it off and parked up. Meanwhile, the unfortunate Karaskas had speared into the barriers at the Esses after unintentional contact during some lappery and it was Williams who brought the Porsche through for a well-earned victory over Plant senior.

A little way back, Gavin Johnson and Gary Thomas had a titanic scrap for Class D spoils, with Thomas struggling to get the misfiring Lotus 7 out of the Hairpin on every lap and running wheel-to-wheel with Johnson's Porsche 924. Eventually, Johnson got the verdict by three quarters of a second after a huge contest. Jason Wood (Vauxhall Nova GTE) was the best of the concurrent 80s Production contenders.