

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.

Mike Gardiner moved ever closer to the Historic Touring Car title with victory in the opening race but had Neil Wood as a constant and determined rival in the flying Anglia and less than a third of a second split them at the flag. Wood was looking forward to trying to turn the tables in the second race later on Sunday only to find Gardiner absent after the Lotus Cortina suffered alternator failure and was put away.

Steve Platts had a great run to third in the first race but parked the Singer Chamois partway through race two so it was Robin Ellis (BMW) and Paul Wallis (Alfa Romeo) who rounded out the overall podium at the end of the afternoon.