

The Wessex Popup Post War Heritage Trial
promoted by
The Vintage Sports Car Club in association with
the Heritage Sporting Trials Association (HSTA)

As part of the VSCC initiative to include some post war cars the VSCC are running a new trial for post war Heritage Trials cars. The trial will not be part of the VSCC Awards calendar and while being held under a VSCC MSUK licence it will not use the VSCC office and club resources.

To deliver this event the VSCC have teamed up with the Historic Sporting Trial Association (HSTA) who announced in 2020 they would develop a new concept called Heritage Sporting Trials.

Their aim was to attract owners of early post war Heritage trials cars NOT fitted with fiddle brakes, such as the Dellow, Allard and HRG to bring their cars out again. These cars would not be competitive in current historic trials against the Cannons and as the modern classic trials are generally too rough for 60/70-year-old fairly fragile machinery it was felt they should have their own trial. The response was amazing. If it had not been for the Coronavirus the Inaugural Heritage Trial would have taken place in June 2020 and there would have had at least 42 cars at the event with many new drivers. Finally, the Inaugural Heritage Sporting Trial was held in July 2021 with some of the competitors entering a trial for the first time. Since the event HSTA has had interest from new competitors, and some owners of heavily modified trials cars are even considering returning them to original format.

The 2022 Wessex Trial is open these Post War cars accepted by the HSTA

HERITAGE Class: Post WW2 cars of a type which competed in sporting trials prior to 1956 e.g., Dellow, . These vehicles must largely be in original period specification e.g., engine/gearbox/rear axle. Period modifications such as alternative head, additional carburettor, supercharger, hydraulic brakes may be acceptable

MODIFIED HERITAGE class: Modified post WW2 cars of a type which competed in sporting trials prior to 1956 e.g., Dellow. These vehicles may have later major modifications e.g., engine/gearbox/rear axle replaced. Any replacement components must have been available before the end of 1969.

INVITATION CLASS: Open period trials cars that do not conform to other classes but may be considered acceptable by the organisers in the spirit of the event.