

Guidelines for Motor Vehicle Trials

1. No event shall take place on any Public Right of Way that does not carry vehicular rights. This precludes Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways and Restricted Byways from use for Motorised Trials. A Public Footpath, Public Bridleway or Restricted Byway may be crossed by the Trial providing the crossing is marshalled.
2. Byways Open to All Traffic and Non-Classified Highways may be used provided they are sustainable and are not affected by a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting use by the classes of vehicle involved in the Trial.
3. Organisers will be required to demonstrate that they have notified Parish/Town Councils of their activities to ensure that the local community is kept informed. Notification shall also be provided in writing
4. Organisers will be required to demonstrate that they have the written consent of the owner and occupier of the land prior to the Trial taking place.
5. Organisers will be required to indemnify the County Council in the event of any accident occurring which involves members of the public and participants during the Trial.
6. Organisers must restore sections, repair any damage to the route or infrastructure caused by the event, within two weeks of the event taking place. The County Council reserves the right to repair any damage to a route which occurs as a consequence of the Trial and recharge the organisers for the cost of these works.
7. Organisers should avoid Trials at night where the route is close by a settlement without having notified the local residents.
8. Any Trial should be run in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1988.
9. A risk assessment shall be carried out on each route to assess the likely impact on other users and to mitigate against accidents. Consideration shall be given to requesting a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order in the event that public safety may be compromised whilst the event is underway. Normal charges will apply and will be charged to the applicant when incurred.
10. If an organisation fails to conform with these requirements, the County Council will not authorise any future events until such time as the organisation can demonstrate compliance.