

RISE TO THE TOP



CAIRNCASTLE HILL CLIMB

26/27 JUNE 2026



WELCOME TO...

CAIRNCASTLE HILLCLIMB FESTIVAL

2026

**... where we are hosting rounds 5 & 6 of the Cas-Kart NI Hill Climb
Championship.**

On behalf of Larne Motor Club, welcome to
Cairncastle Hill Climb 2026.

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Antrim Coast and Irish Sea, Cairncastle has become one of the most anticipated weekends in Northern Ireland motorsport. With fast flowing sections, technical twists and a flat-out charge to the summit, the 1.65-mile course continues to challenge competitors and excite spectators year after year.

The popularity of the event continues to grow, reflected once again in another exceptional entry received well before entries closed. We are delighted to welcome competitors, officials and supporters from across Northern Ireland, Ireland and the UK for two exciting rounds of the Cas-Kart N.I. Hill Climb Championship.

Cairncastle is a hill with character, history and unforgettable moments. Every year new stories are written on these roads, and we look forward to seeing what this weekend will bring.

With the continued support of our sponsors, volunteers, marshals, residents and organising team, we remain committed to building and improving the event for competitors and spectators alike.

Most importantly, we wish everyone a safe, successful and enjoyable weekend.

Welcome to Cairncastle.

Jonathan





WARNING

**MOTORSPORT
CAN BE**

DANGEROUS

**DESPITE THE ORGANISERS TAKING ALL
REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS. UNAVOIDABLE
ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN. IN RESPECT OF
THESE YOU ARE PRESENT AT YOUR OWN RISK.**



TIMES FOR THE WEEKEND

There is no arguing that Cairncastle is one of, if not the, best hillclimbs within the UK and Ireland. We are privileged to hold this event and honoured by the repeat annual turn out for the weekends racing. Our goal is to make your weekend as fun as possible and provide you with as many runs as feasible. With this in mind we ask that all competitors be aware of their class running order, have fun and be safe.

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

Practice starts at **13:00** Timed Runs start at **16:00**

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

Practice starts at **10:00** Timed Runs start at **13:00**

*Please note that these times may change on the day

SPECTATOR SAFETY

Watching a live motor sport event is a thrilling experience and one of the best ways for fans to get close to the action, experiencing the sport's sights, sounds and smells first-hand. The MSUK, event organisers and venues strive to keep spectators safe but ultimately all spectators are responsible for their own personal safety

Here are some tips that spectators should remember at live events:

- Always keep your own safety in mind
- Park in a safe place
- Follow

marshals' instructions • Observe and obey all event signs • Stay within the official spectator areas • Do not enter any prohibited areas • Keep off the road or track • Listen to official announcements • Expect the unexpected. In particular, remember: • Cars may run wide on corners • Cars may cut corners • Cars may throw up stones • Cars may overshoot junctions • Cars may leave the road. So, have fun but keep safe!

THANKYOU

We would like to thank the following for supporting Cairncastle Hill Climb

- Laird Grass Machinery**
- APW Fire Protections Ltd**
- Carey Cleaning Machines**
- Rock Motor Works**
- Hawthorne Motors**
- Woodside Logistics Group**
- MAC Security**
- The Autodock**
- Bush Filling Station, Coleraine**
- Spar, Craigyhill**
- The residents of Cairncastle**
- All Marshals**

NEW FOR 2026

UPDATED CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS STRUCTURE

THE 2026 SEASON SEES THE INTRODUCTION OF A REVISED SPRINT AND HILLCLIMB CLASS STRUCTURE ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE NEW FORMAT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CLEARER PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SPORT WHILE ENSURING CLOSER COMPETITION BETWEEN SIMILAR VEHICLE TYPES.

ALTHOUGH MANY FAMILIAR CLASS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED, THE EXCITING VARIETY OF MACHINERY SEEN AT CAIRNCASTLE REMAINS UNCHANGED - FROM STANDARD ROAD-GOING CARS AND HISTORIC SALOONS THROUGH TO SPORTS LIBRE SPECIALS AND CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING RACING CARS.

THE NEW STRUCTURE - A CLEARER PROGRESSION				
A	B	C	D	E
CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
ROAD GOING & HISTORIC	SPECIALIST ROAD CARS	MODIFIED & HISTORIC COMPETITION CARS	SPORTS LIBRE, RALLY & 4WD COMPETITION CARS	RACING CARS

PREVIOUS CLASS		NEW CLASS
1	→	A1 / A2
2A	→	A2 / A3
2B	→	A5
3	→	A7
5	→	B1
6A	→	C3 / C4 / C5
6B	→	C3 / C4 / C5
7	→	C1 / C2
8	→	D1 / D2
9A	→	D1 / D2
9B	→	D1 / D2
12	→	D3
13	→	E1
14	→	E2
15	→	E3
16A	→	A6
16B	→	C6

RECORDS TO BEAT

THE BENCHMARK OF THE HILL



64.89
SECONDS
ROB DWANE - OMS 25

IN 2025, ROB DWANE BECAME THE FASTEST DRIVER EVER TO TACKLE CAIRNCASTLE HILL, SETTING A NEW OUTRIGHT HILL RECORD OF 64.89 SECONDS AROUND NORTHERN IRELAND'S LONGEST HILLCLIMB.

EVERY COMPETITOR LINING UP THIS WEEKEND STARTS WITH ONE TARGET IN MIND – **CAN THE RECORD BE BROKEN AGAIN?**

OVERALL HILL RECORD	FASTEST ROAD CAR	FASTEST SPORTS LIBRE	FASTEST HISTORIC	FASTEST VINTAGE
64.89	79.56	68.25	83.03	96.96
ROB DWANE	IVAN MCCULLOUGH	RICKY MCGIMPSEY	STEPHEN HARVEY	ANDY JOHNSON
SET IN 2025	CLASS 3 RECORD	CLASS 9B RECORD	CLASS 16B RECORD	CLASS 17 RECORD
CLASS 6A RECORD	CLASS 6B RECORD	CLASS 9A RECORD	CLASS 12 RECORD	CLASS 7 RECORD
83.42	79.10	71.78	74.92	72.79
JONATHAN STRAIN	DARA FAY	DANIEL CAMPBELL	ROB DWANE	JACK BOAL
SET IN 2021	SET IN 2025	SET IN 2023	SET IN 2022	SET IN 2022

DRIVERS TO WATCH

AT CAIRNCASTLE 2026

THE HILL RECORD HOLDER

ROBERT DWANE - OMS 25

BACK TO GO EVEN FASTER IN 2026



PROUD TO SUPPORT CAIRNCASTLE HILL CLIMB

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE TOP NAMES TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS WEEKEND.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE FULL AND FINAL ENTRY LIST, CLASSES AND COMPETITION NUMBERS



DANIEL
CAMPBELL

TOYOTA STARLET



GARY
WARREN

RAZOR EMPIRE



DARA
FAY

SUZUKI SWIFT



GRAHAM
THOMPSON

GTR TURBO



AWD FIREPOWER
OLIVER CORMICAN
WILLIAM CAREY
SEAMUS MORRIS
IAN LANCASHIRE

SEE THE ENTRY LIST
& LIVE TIMES



EVENT HUB

GET INVOLVED



MARSHALLING

Marshals are there to make sure that events are run safely and effectively. Duties range from displaying flag signals and clearing debris to providing communication cover as well as running a start, finish line or assembly

TIMEKEEPING

Timekeepers record competitors' times and positions in order to determine the event results. Tools range from handheld stopwatches to electronic timing systems that can measure to the nearest thousandth of a second.

CLUB VOLUNTEER

You could also join Larne Motor Club and help out as a committee member, treasurer, club secretary, social officer, equipment officer, publicity officer and more.

SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineers check that cars comply with the technical regulations to ensure safety and fair play. While experience in engineering or a similar technical field can be an advantage, it is not essential.

OFFICIATING

Once you've gained some experience in one or more of the previous roles you can consider becoming a Steward, Secretary of the Meeting or Clerk of Course, who are responsible for ensuring that events are run in accordance with sporting regulations.

Contact Larne Motor Club today and GET INVOLVED.

WE'RE ALL FAMILY



CAIRNCASTLE HILL CLIMB IS MORE THAN A MOTORSPORT EVENT.

BEHIND EVERY COMPETITOR IS A FAMILY, A TEAM, A VOLUNTEER OR A FRIEND HELPING TO MAKE THE EVENT HAPPEN.

ACROSS THE PADDOCK YOU'LL FIND FATHERS AND SONS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HUSBANDS AND WIVES, LIFELONG FRIENDS AND MULTIPLE GENERATIONS SHARING THE SAME PASSION.



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE EVENT



EVERY RUN UP THE HILL RELIES ON AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS.



MANY GIVE UP THEIR ENTIRE WEEKEND YEAR AFTER YEAR HELPING DELIVER A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT.



LIFE IN THE Paddock

SOME OF THE BEST MOMENTS AT CAIRNCastle HAPPEN AWAY FROM THE STOPWATCH.

THE Paddock IS WHERE COMPETITORS PREPARE CARS, HELP RIVALS, CELEBRATE SUCCESS AND SHARE STORIES.



**"ARE YOU...
BRAVE ENOUGH
TO CONQUER
THE HILL?"**

FINISH

CARPARK



LANE

MIDPOINT



COTTAGE

LANE

START

