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## The 2009 MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship

With 3 days to go before entries close for the opening round of the 2009 MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship, the Riponian Rally, sponsored by MOTOSCOPE, has attracted a superb entry of 11 historic crews with 10 of those registered for the above championship.

So far entries have been received from the following:

> Steve Magson/Geoff Atkinson- Opel Ascona 400

After obtaining a new engine for his car from Germany a couple of weeks ago, Steve is hoping for a good start to the championship. He competed on last years Riponian, but retired half way through the event after problems with the car.

> Peter Smith/Russ Langthorne- Porsche Carrera RS

Debuting a newly built car for this years historic series, Beverley based Peter, a company chairman who rallied between 1973 and 1985, taking a few years out and returning in 2008 after the break.

> Paul Drinkall/Roy Brown- Porsche 911

Reigning MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Champions, Paul (a Holiday Park Proprietor) returns to the championship to retain his title. He has been a regular competitor in this car since 2004. He drives a 1974 2.7 litre Californian road car which he bought in 2002, and first rallied for the 2004 Robin Hood Forest Stages. changing the engine to a 3.0 Litre in 2006. Paul will be navigated by his usual co-driver Roy Brown.

> David Thirlwell/Dean Grabham- Ford Escort Mk 1

Having competed in the 2008 North East Tarmac Championship, David & co-driver Dean take to the forests in their "Old Gold" Uniflo Replica Mk 1 Escort.

David (a builder & joiner) has been competing for 35 years and lists as his interests outside motorsport as Ford Escorts, with his co-driver having the same interests. Here is a crew who definitely suffer from severe Escortosis.

> David Marshall/John McNichol- Ford Escort RS1600

A regular competitor in his pristine Uniflo RS1600, Leeds based David returns to the championship and is hoping for a successful season.

> Andrew Frost/Miles Cartwright- Ford Escort Mk 1 Mexico

Having had class wins on the RAC Rally and 2008 HRCR Challenge. Andrew won the 2006 & 2007 Irish Tarmac Class Champion. Miles had 13 overall victories during the 1970's and 80's in National stage rallies.

> Bob Bean /Malcolm Smithson- Ford Escort RS2000 16V

The oldest competitor registered for the championship and surely one of the most experienced. Having usually competed in a Ford Lotus Cortina, Bob debuts the ex Jeremy Easson, 2 Litre Holbay Ford Escort RS2000 on the Riponian and will definitely be a competitor to watch.

> Peter Humphrey/Neil Morrison- Opel Kadett

Bringing another Opel to the event, but this time the Kadett shape is Scotland based Peter Humphrey, a director for a building company who has been competing for 10 years.

> Keith Stones/Tom Hughs- Ford Escort RS1800

York based Keith in his Mk 2 RS1800, another competitor who competes in historics has 16 year old Tom Hughs alongside him for the Riponian. Another crew to watch with interest.

> Chris White/Chris Dewsnap- Ford Escort RS

Both driver and co-driver have been rallying for 20 years. Their Escort was built 2 years ago to full Group 4 spec by Grant Shand's RallyXtreme company.

Championship Co-ordinator Mark Casey said: " We are delighted to have so many historics out for this event and also a variety of cars aswell. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable rally through the Hambleton forests and we look forward to seeing you all in Thirsk at scrutineering. We wish you an enjoyable rally and I am hoping that you all have some good stories to tell at the end of the event. We would also like to thank MOTOSCOPE for their continued support for the championship and for this year the event aswell."

Registration for the 2009 MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship costs £15 per person or £30 per crew.

Championship regulations and information are on the website [www.motoscope.co.uk](http://www.motoscope.co.uk) This website will feature pre-event press releases, event reports, a small gallery from each event, championship tables and other important information.

### The 2009 MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship calendar:

Round 1:	Sun 15th February	MOTOSCOPE Riponian Stages	Thirsk
Round 2:	Sat 14th – Sun 15th March	Robin Hood Historic Stages	Edwinstowe, Nottingham
Round 3:	Sat 23rd - Sun 24th May	Jim Clark Historic Rally	Duns
Round 4:	Sat 6th – Sun 7th June	Chatsworth Rally Show	Chatsworth House,
Round 5:	Sat 27th June	Scottish Rally	Dumfries
Round 6:	Sat 26th September	Trackrod Historic Cup	Pickering
Round 7:	Sun 1st November	MEM Malton Forest Stages	Pickering
Round 8:	Sun 22nd Nov	Premier Historic Rally	Mansfield
Round 9:	Sat 5th Dec	Grizedale Stages	Coniston

The championship is open to all cars complying with the Historic Regulations in either Category 1 (pre 1960-1967), Category 2 (1968-1974) and Category 3 (1975-1981)