

January Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. Keep up to date with all the latest news, key events, and other information you might need!

LATEST NEWS

Bicester Scramble



A fantastic start to a new year of events, beneficiaries who supported the Cloudera race teams at RoR were reunited at Bicester Heritage's hugely popular event. Being some of the first to enjoy the new Goodwood Scalectrix Goodwood circuit, the slot car setup proved to be a hugely popular addition to the event. Huge thanks to Paul Wooding and Hagerty for their support at this event

Banter Brews & Cars - The one that snowed a lot!!

On Tuesday 16th January, we headed up to Wigan, for the first Banter, Brews and Cars event of 2024 at Three Sisters Circuit. With the Split control Mazda MX-5 in tow and an army of volunteer drivers set to deploy for a fantastic day of passenger rides, Mother Nature scuppered our plans. Determined not to disappoint, the team reacted quickly and over 19 beneficiaries were treated to an impromptu morning of drifting.



[Read more here](#)

The National Transition Event

Registration is open!

Designed for service leavers, veterans, and their families, this brilliant day of networking along with passenger rides at the Troops track day is a *must*.

Hosted at Silverstone Circuit's state-of-the-art conference center, you'll find everything you need to help you succeed in life away from the military; VetsUK, service charities and support agencies, forces' friendly employers and much, much more!

[Register to attend here](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Banter, Brews & Cars: The Battle of the Japanese Import **Wednesday 7th February**

The competition between the Mitsubishi Evolution and the Subaru Impreza has been going strong since the early 90s and there remains the age-old question of which is best...We're giving you the chance to settle the debate by enjoying thrilling passenger rides around Three Sisters Circuit as we host another action-packed day of recovery sport.



[Click here to register & attend](#)

Veterans@Heritage: An Introduction to 4x4 Driving **Wednesday 14th February - 0930hrs onwards**



Open to members of the Armed Forces Community, join us and gain valuable insight into the thrilling world of 4x4 off-roading. Kindly hosted by Hagerty (Building 141b The Commandworks) and our HQ for the day, you'll also be able to enjoy a brew or two on us and surround yourself with like-minded people.

[Register to attend Here](#)

Christopher Darwin Charity Track Day, Castle Combe **Thursday 14th March**

Thanks to the generosity of Christopher Darwin, we have the opportunity for beneficiaries to enjoy passenger rides. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Should you wish to attend, please email the team at team@missionmotorsport.org no later than **01.03.2024**. Those successful will be notified by the team.



Veterans Karting Championship



After a hugely successful championship last year, we're once again working with TeamSport to bring you another year of thrilling karting action. Kicking off the season at both **Leicester (20.03.24)** and **Newcastle (27.03.24)**, if you're a member of the Armed Forces Community and would like to participate, registration is now open!

[Find out more and register here](#)

April's events at a glance...

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
08.04.2024	Veterans @ Heritage	Bicester Heritage
16.04.2024	Banter, Brews & Cars	Three Sisters
17.04.2024	Veterans' Karting Championship: Round 3	TeamSport Crawley
20.04.2024 - 21.04.2024	Best of British Motorsport & Armed Forces Appreciation Weekend	Knockhill
21.04.2024	Scramble	Bicester Heritage
23.04.2024	Veterans' Karting Championship: Round 4	TeamSport Trafford
27.04.2024 - 28.04.2024	BTCC	Donington Park
30.04.2024	Veterans' Karting Championship: Round 5	TeamSport Gosport

Our 2024 calendar of events is now live on the website. Head over to www.missionmotorsport.org/events24 to find out what we have planned throughout the year. It's constantly updated so well worth checking regularly to see what else has been added!

VOLUNTEERING

Calling all supporters, volunteers and beneficiaries in the southeast

For those of you based in Kent or Sussex, we've got some exciting news about a couple of big events in the South East. We're in the early stages of planning and whilst we can't share details just yet, we can reveal that we've been asked to get involved and have been chosen as one of their supported charities.

If you're around in June and this has spiked your interest, please get in touch with Mark by emailing volunteering@missionmotorsport.org. At this stage, there's no commitment - we're just trying to build a community ready for action!



FUNDRAISING

Rev Up Your Support; Could you fundraise for us?

We're reaching out to you with an exciting proposition – why not turn your next event into a powerhouse for charity by fundraising for Mission Motorsport? Whether it's a charity run, a car wash, or a bake sale, any event can become a powerful fundraising opportunity.



Take Gavin Henderson, who undertook a mammoth challenge to ride for 15 days unsupported more than 8,000km (5,000 miles) from the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) to Tuktoyaktuk, north of the Arctic Circle and back on his Triumph Tiger 800XC motorbike. He raised a staggering £1570.

Whether you're a racing enthusiast or just passionate about making a positive impact, join us in the fast lane of giving back. If you have a fundraising idea, we'd love to hear from you - simply email the fundraising team at fundraising@missionmotorsport.org.

Donate to Mission Motorsport whilst shopping online!

We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!



All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE!

[Sign up to Easy Fundraising here](#)

TRAINING

Upskill & gain automotive qualifications with us!

Located at our Headquarters in Wantage, Oxfordshire, the Mission Motorsport Training Wing offers a range of vocational training opportunities. As an approved training provider to the MoD's Career Transition Partnership, we can offer service leavers, WIS and Veterans the ability to utilise their [Enhanced Learning Credits](#) or Resettlement Grants.

IMI Level 2/3 Award in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Repair & Replacement



Our Level 3 Electric/Hybrid Vehicle course is designed to give the skills and knowledge to safely prepare the vehicle for work, carry out testing, and repair activities. This course complements current industry qualifications providing you with an IMI-certified qualification allowing you to safely work on high voltage vehicles upon successful completion. **The next course is running in February.**

[Click here to find out more or to enroll here](#)

Other News

NHS expands mental health support for veterans with more than half saying it's hard to speak up



The NHS is rolling out an expanded mental health support service for Armed Forces veterans, as a survey found that more than half find it difficult to speak up about mental health issues. The health service has launched a new campaign to highlight its **Op COURAGE** service, which now includes enhanced specialist support for addictions.

[Read more here](#)

Research into leaving the military and transitioning to civilian life – participants needed!

Run by King's Centre for Military Health Research (Kings College London), the research team wants to hear about your experience of leaving the military and transitioning to civilian life. You will be asked to complete an online survey estimated to last 70 minutes. Questions will explore the impact transitioning has on relationships, mental health, etc. You will also be asked to answer some short demographic questions about yourself.

To participate or to find out more, please contact the research team direct at vetwrite@kcl.ac.uk



ARE YOU UK EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL?
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you **above 18**?
Did you serve in the UK Armed Forces for **at least 2 years**?
Have you left the Armed Forces **within the past 10 years**?



Then this could be the study for you!
We want to hear about your experience of leaving the military and transitioning to civilian life.

What's involved?
You will be asked to complete an online survey estimated to last 70 minutes. You will be asked to write responses to four questions, related to how transitioning from the military to civilian life has been for you. Questions will explore the impact transitioning has on relationships, mental health, etc. You will also be asked to answer some short demographic questions about yourself.

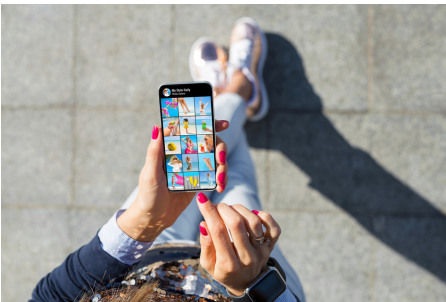
Contact us!
To participate or if you have any questions, contact us at:
vetwrite@kcl.ac.uk



This study is being run by King's Centre for Military Health Research (King's College London). The PIs are Alexandria Smith and Rafiyah Khan. Ethical clearance has been granted by King's College Research Ethics Committee (Ref: MRSU-23/24-40002).

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