Cheltenham Motor Club are again seeking permission and authority from Motorsport UK and Gloucestershire [Herefordshire] Council to run a special stage motor rally on officially closed road in your area.

The Hills Ford Stages is proposed to take place on roads in Gloucestershire on Saturday 13th September 2025. Accompanying this email is a map showing the roads that we are seeking to close for the event and a booklet titled “Rally Guidelines” which has been produced to give you information about the organisation, running and safety of a closed road rally event. In next few days you will receive an email from David Powell of Motorsport UK advising you of a six-week consultation between parish councils and Motorsport UK about the proposed event.

During the Motorsport UK consultation period you are encouraged to seek views and opinions from your elected councillors and these views, positive and negative, should be forwarded to David Powell at Motorsport UK and to me as Secretary of the Event. Following the Motorsport UK consultation period, you will receive another email from me, the Event Secretary, explaining that there will now be a Local Authority consultation period between the residents and businesses on the proposed route, Gloucestershire [Herefordshire] Council and the event organising team. That email will also contain a date and times of a face to face “Meet Us” event which will take place locally where members of the event organising team will be available to explain about the event, how it is managed and organised and be able to answer any queries that your parishioners may have.

Residents and businesses will be contacted by personal visit from members of the organising team who, where possible, will explain face to face the proposed event and route and record views and opinions. At the same time letters will be delivered explaining the proposed event and route and provide contact details for the organising team. A web link will direct people to the Hills Ford Stages website where an online version of Rally Guidelines will be available. During the Local Authority consultation period, we would encourage you to disseminate information about the proposed event via your social media platforms or parish council portal.

Also, during this period, you may find that you are approached by parishioners seeking advice about the event or want further information, please direct them to the contact details which will be supplied in the email I send and, in the letter, distributed to residents and businesses. Both the Motorsport UK and Local Authority consultation processes and the organisation of the event as a whole is supervised by the Safety Advisory Group. This Group is made up of members from the local authorities, emergency services, Motorsport UK and the event organising team

If you have further queries please do let me know.

Kind Regards
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Event Secretary

