

Borough 19 & Lotus Motor Club Hethel Sprint Marshals Briefing, Sunday 7 September 2025

Dear Marshal,

Thank you for volunteering to marshal at the Borough 19 Hethel Sprint event on Sunday 7th September. This is a rare opportunity to be involved with Norfolk's *other* permanent car circuit, and we have around 90 cars to run on a fast and flowing venue.

Tickets

Borough 19 will provide the necessary links to confirm your attendance at the meeting by signing-in on-line using the Borough 19 electronic sign-on system. If you do not have the necessary technology to sign in on-line, please speak directly to me on 07796 267130, and I will see if I can help.

You will be asked to park in the staff car park by the main gate, and to walk across to the Lotus Driving Academy reception area (which you should see directly in front of you). We will tick you off the list at that point, and make sure that you have everything you need for the day.

Most posts are easily accessed on foot, but for those on the further points we will arrange a lift.

Please note that you cannot bring anyone along to spectate – but we are always happy to find new faces some useful jobs to do, either on the circuit or in the paddock.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LOTUS REQUIRE (AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY) THAT YOU DON'T USE CAMERAS OR CAMERA PHONES WHEN ON THE PREMISES.

There will be a briefing for all marshals at 8.15am, at the LDA. I will allocate posts at that point.

Once the briefing has finished, please go to your post. We will then complete radio checks, etc.

We want to start the event at 9.00am if possible.

Refreshments

There will be a burger van on site, offering breakfasts and lunchtime meals, along with hot and cold drinks. We will give you a meal voucher when you check in.

Post Equipment:

A red flag and a box of equipment will be delivered to your post. Unlike Snetterton, all posts are in the open air. We will allocate radios, and these will need to be collected from the LDA before you go on post.

Sprint Procedures

Please remember that this is a sprint event, so there are some differences in the way things are done!

- The only flag you will use is the red flag, and display goes back to the start line from the post it is first displayed at. Any post can and should display this flag if there is any danger to the next competitor arriving at your post. ***Please wave the red flag vigorously – don't just hold it out.***
- Unlike circuit racing, sprint competitors should only be reported if all four wheels have left the track or kerbing. Please report this on the radio as "Four Wheels Off" (please don't use the usual "exceeded track limits" and "left track and continued").
- You must also report any instances where a slower car holds up the next competitor ("baulking") or if a faster car overtakes a slower one.
- Some of the track at Hethel will be marked with cones – if a driver clips these cones, we need to be told about this, and how many cones have been displaced. If you don't know the routine about marking the cone positions, please ask me.
- The plan is that any Juniors (if applicable) will complete 3 observed laps, followed by all competitors getting one practice run and up to four timed runs for the class awards.
- The Sprint radio controller (me) will keep you up to date throughout the day on any changes to plans or procedures.
- Please ensure that any gates near your location, both Pedestrian & Vehicle, remain closed.
- If you need time to clear debris off the circuit, please remember to ask for the start to be held. Only about half of the circuit is visible from the race control area at Hethel so we need to know before you go onto the circuit, or anything else that happens.

If you find that you are now unable to marshal at this event, where you had previously shown you could, please advise Kevin Farrell on 07796 267130.