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Social Media Links

Club Website (Public)
https://slroc.uk.com

Facebook Page (Public)

https://www.facebook.com/suffolklandroverownersclub

Members Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1415408772075997

YouTube

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Instagram

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Upcoming Events

All events are subject to confirmation by committee

.**Events are held at our club site in Newbourne, unless stated otherwise**

30th November – Trial Set Up & Camp Over

1st December – Winch Trial

28th December – Camp Over

29th December – Mince Pie Driving Day

New Memberships

These prices are for new memberships only and not renewals.

Club Social Media

One of the 'background' tasks in conjunction with the website re-development is to increase our social media presence. Social media, if done correctly, can be very powerful, but equally it can be very damaging if got wrong.

MSUK now require the club to have a **'Social Media Policy'** which is being worked on. In the meantime, please check out the club account links which we can use to start building up our social media presence.

It is still the intention that the home of the club has to be the website and all other forms of media are communication mechanisms.

A task waiting to be completed, is to develop a strategy for how we manage our socials. This needs a dedicated social media role. Please see vacancies if you are interested.

Please note our official web address on page 1, the https://slroc.online address is temporary.

Membership Costs	12 months (Jan to Dec)	After July 1st (max 6 months)
Individual Membership*	£35	£20
Joint Membership (at same address)	+£15	+£10
Junior Membership – Under 17 (at same address)**	+£5	+£5

Notes:
***A 12 month membership subscription entitles you to free driving day**

****Juniors cannot be signed up as members independently (Parent or Guardian is required)**

Event Cost		
Club Driving Day*	**Individual Driver** **Additional Driver** (same vehicle) **Junior Afternoon Driver** (same vehicle)	£10 £5 £5

Notes:
***Where a club 'driving day' is used for a 'trial', the 'trial' costs apply due to additional MSA/IOPD charges (this will be published in advance)**

****Trial events will be priced differently due to increased costs for sites and licences.**

****For non SLROC members, an additional £5 day membership charge applies. Day memberships are not applicable at the Newbourne Club site**.



Soon Be Christmas…Or Rather Mince Pie Driving Day

Introduction

I would begin by saying we're going into the quieter season and whilst we may have finished show season it certainly doesn't mean we sit around with our feet up. I made a promise to Zoe I would be early with my chat this month (it's been a struggle to keep up of late as I've had a lot going on) and as a result, I'm on the naughty step (no change there really).

There is much preparation to do for end of year finances, renewals, Mince Pie Driving Day, AGM and not least trying to plan out what 2025 looks like.

During the month, members of SLROC provided a cortege for Russell's funeral and held a very successful Children in Need Driving Day.

Russell's Funeral Cortege

It was great to see a number of members and approximately 20 Land Rovers of all shapes and sizes, including a 109 previously owned by Russell that has since been restored gather at Sproughton to make their way to the Seven Hills Crematorium, convoying behind Russell in a mark of respect, and what a sight it was.

Trying to keep together was tricky mind, especially with other road users squeezing themselves into gaps that weren't really big enough for a vehicle to go in-between. Remarkably, all the land rovers got from A to B without breaking.

Thanks to Ryan for doing the lions share of organising this.

Children In Need Driving Day

9.15 on a Sunday morning at Newbourne can be cold, especially in November and sure enough – it was! The day started slow but then we had car after car arrive and before we knew it, we had a fantastic turnout of 17 vehicles signed on.

A few recoveries were required, which of course required a contribution to the donation bucket and a fantastic array of food was provided. A huge thanks to those members involved in baking these goodies, they were very good. Of course, participation in the consumption of these delights came after a donation was made.

Once again, the generosity of SLROC members shines through and we raised a grand total of **£236.21** for the benefit of Children in Need.

Membership Renewals

Your current membership runs until the 31st Dec 2024 although renewal for 2025 can be done anytime from the 1st December, (taking effect from the 1st Jan 25).
We do allow a 'grace' period during January for members to renew at the 'renewal' rates thus saving each person £5.

MSUK Competition Licences

Most of you will be aware, all our trials are run under the MSUK banner and we are required to have a RS Clubman's Licence from MSUK. These are free but are a mandatory requirement to be able to participate in a non-driving day event.

MSUK have changed (upgraded perhaps), their systems, affecting the way in which both individuals and clubs log-on. They have published some self-help guides and these are detailed later in Nooze. If anyone has particular difficulty please do reach out to one of the committee. We're looking at how we can best support and ease the process of the clubman licence renewal.

Next Events

Winch Trial Sunday 1st December

An event for those of you that a) have a winch and b) like playing with them. Camping is available from the Friday 29th Nov with set-up on the Saturday. Let's see what Tim and the team come up with this time.

Mince Pie Driving Day Sunday 29th December

Our annual close out and celebration where we hope to see as many of you as possible. Our charities whom we have been raising money for have been invited and everyone can give themselves a pat on the back for what has been a fantastic year.

For those that feel the urge to camp in what can be a cold field we can arrive on the Saturday 28th December.

2025 Planning

About 6 weeks ago, I emailed the committee asking for ideas of what 2025 looks like with a focus on how we grow the club. Tim & Tony are looking to get the years trialling events planned out in advance so we can all plan what we'd like to attend and hopefully have some more Marshals commit to helping also.

During 2024, we used some of the driving days for trials, probably too many in my view but we did this for good reason. This was partly due to the logistics of setting up for a Saturday trial on a Friday and partly to focus attendance in having a single event during a weekend which in theory helps with Marshal attendance also.

A comment from some members last year is that often, members can only attend 1 event / 1 day at the weekend, mix in work and other commitments of both the organisers and members and we have to take a punt as to what events to run and when.

Driving days had not been well attended of recent years although are still enjoyed by many and allow 'practice' (or indeed playing) in a non-competitive environment. The latter part of the year has seen more people attend the driving days and they will remain a firm part of the club's calendar.

We have a broad cross section of members and interests, and we have to try and accommodate everyone.

In short, if anyone has any ideas / thoughts / suggestions on what you'd like to see in 2025 please do send them in to the committee.

Closing

Well, I think that's it. With these chats I try and give you an insight into what the club / committee are doing and how things are going. Everyone that helps, both on and off the committee does so giving up vast amounts of their own time and simply the club wouldn't exist without members doing what they do.

It looks like we've had a strong year, and we have something to continue building on.

Right now, the cold and frost has claimed the first battery failure of the year so for me it's thermals on and to brave the northerly wind that blasts the front of my house.

Jeremy

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Children In Need Driving Day

Thank you everyone for their incredible generosity...
....and recoveries (obviously planned)!
We raised £236.21, a fantastc amount.






















Remembering Russell



Well, what a send off we gave Russell!
We had an incredible convoy made up of 18 Land Rovers, which was led by a recently restored Series 2, once owned by Russell himself.
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.













Young Drivers at Club Events

Background

A review of the club SRs (event rules) was carried out during 2024. One of the aims was to enable younger drivers to compete, particularly for the 'Ladies and Juniors' trial. The draft and final documents were reviewed with the club committee including the comp secs. The upshot of this was that we were able to reduce the minimum age of drivers from that set by the club previously, and compared to that of most, if not all, Land Rover or 4x4 clubs.

Drivers as young as 13 years old can compete in trials **BUT** that is for **TYRO events**

We do have to abide by the MSUK regulations ('Blue Book') and IOPD guidelines as do any club organising off-road driving (Secretary of State legal requirement). We are also answerable to our insurers and above all, we want to keep our young people safe.

When undertaking the review, I consulted with MSUK officials, IOPD (including their Guide to Children and Activities & Events involving mechanically propelled Vehicles Off-Road) and other bodies including the NFU (I drove tractors at farms, on and off road, before I was 16 but things have been tightened up since then). They made matters quite clear. The IOPD recommend that any vehicle driven off-road by someone under 16 should be restricted such that it is not capable of more than 30 MPH, so you would have to detune that V8 a fair bit! Some clubs run 'junior trials' for younger drivers but they are lawn mower engine based.

For **CCVT** (Cross Country Vehicle Trial) or **RTV** (Road Tax Vehicle) the **minimum** age is 15 years old (with certain conditions)

Motorsport UK (MSUK) make a distinction between factory standard vehicles and those which have been highly modified, or even 'buggies'. TYRO trials, aimed at beginners, are very much intended to be driven in standard road taxed cars, as owned and used by many families. However, it's also recognised that a family might also wish to use an 'off roader' or buggy at such events for whatever reason. There is therefore dispensation to do so. Arguably, a well-prepared buggy is actually safer than a 'bog-standard' motor, but the latter is more of a known quantity, especially if it has a valid MOT, thus having been examined by a professional. So, a 13-year-old can drive any vehicle type (Land Rover of course) - road taxed Land Rover, trailered Land Rover or Land Rover based buggy in a Tyro, if accompanied by an appropriate supervisor.

Passengers in the rear seats in a **TYRO** can be as young as 2 years old

(note: this item is about young drivers – older drivers can also compete in Tyros with such vehicles of course, even without supervision if they are mature enough ha ha!)

When it comes to a CCVT the situation is a little more complicated. Here the minimum age of driver is 15, where the individual has suitable off-road experience. MSUK suggest a number of TYRO trials logged, whilst the committee also felt that there are other

means of demonstrating this, including signing on at driving days and so on. I've seen a number of our younger people driving at events and personally would have no problem letting them compete.

For driving days it is pretty much the same, although I would leave some of that to the discretion of the CoC – they might want younger drivers to avoid the more challenging terrain depending on the circumstances.

I hope that helps clarify the situation. I've not included all the technical details as that would mean writing out the 'Blue Book' and the SRs. The MSUK Yearbook ('Blue Book') is available online or via the Revolution App and is moving to a new format called NCRs and the SRs are available from any committee member including myself as well as being published for any trial. Please don't hesitate to contact me or speak to me at an event.

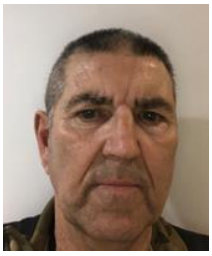
Best wishes, Tony Chamberlain (SLROC Safety, Compliance and Training Officer).

Events Calendar

Key	Club Event	Competition	Club Show	Camp Over/Other

Date	Event	CoC
Saturday 30th November 2024	Camp Over & Trial Set Up	
Sunday 1st December 2024	Winch Trial	Tony Chaberlain
Saturday 28th December 2024	Camp Over & Social	
Sunday 29th December 2024	Mince Pie Driving Day	Tim Dyer
Saturday 18th January 2025	Camp Over & Social	
Sunday 19th January 2025	Club Driving Day	
Saturday 15th February 2025	Day into Night Simon Foster Trophy Event	
Sunday 16th February 2025	Club Driving Day	
Saturday 8th March 2025	Camp Over & Social	
Sunday 9th March 2025	AGM & Club Driving Day	

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Children's Polo Shirt **£13.00**
Children's Fleece **£20.00**
Children's Hoodie **£16.00**
Children's Hi-Vis **£5.00**
Beanie Hat **£10.00**
Cap **£10.00**
Bucket Hat **£15.00**
Panel Sticker **£4.00**
Small Stickers **£1.00**
Window Sticker **£1.00**
Long Sticker **£4.00**
Keyring **£1.00**
2m 5 Tonne Strap **£18.00**
Bow Shackles **£9.00**
Jate Clamps (pair) **£18.00**





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You can also email clubshop@slroc.uk.com



SLROC Juniors

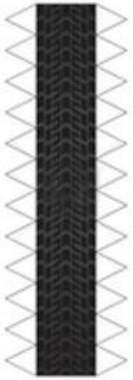
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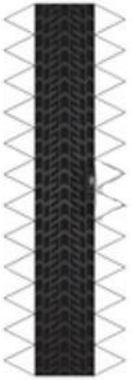


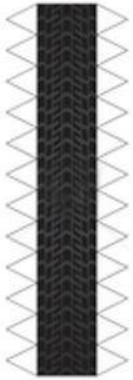


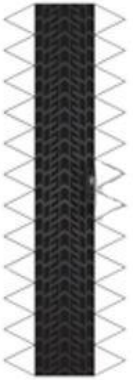


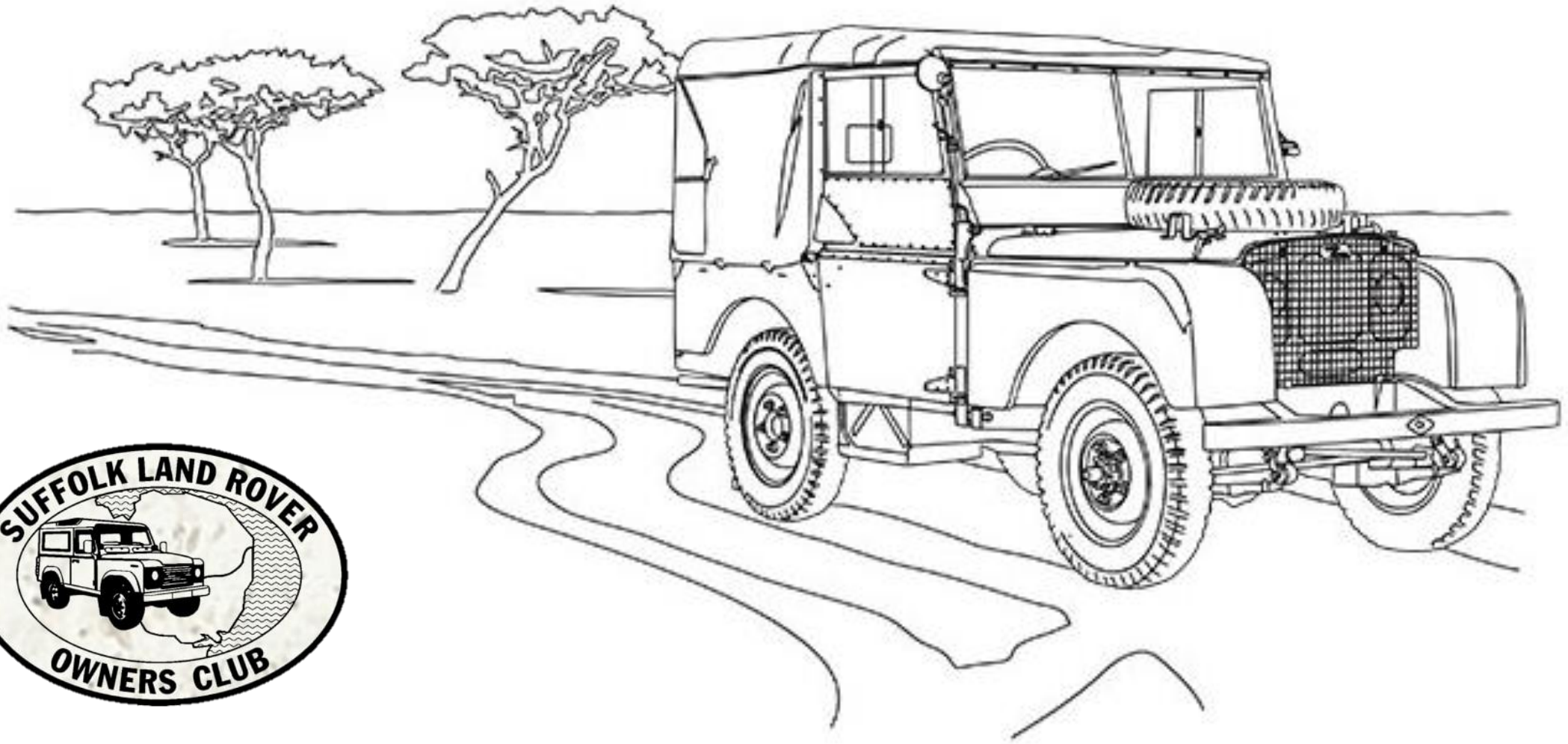












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The Club Site

The club has its very own off roading site which we use monthly for weekend events and competitions.

The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne and can be found with the postcode **IP12 4PA.**

What Three Words (WTW): **cupboards.dribble.scrubber**

Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down around the village, especially on the access track which has a 5mph limit.

See you there!

