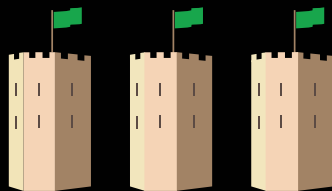


# SUMMER'S BACK. AND THEN SOME.



**THREE CASTLES TRIAL**  
**8-11 JUNE 2027**

EVENT PARTNERS





## CLASSIC RALLYING AT ITS BEST

IN A LAND OF MEDIEVAL MOUNTAINS AND MYTH

Welcome to the twenty-third Three Castles Trial. The experienced Three Castles team once again bring you a friendly, competitive event with an imaginatively planned, scenic route and a careful eye on comments from previous years. Each day is a fine combination of touring, regularity rallying, and driving tests, with the emphasis shifting between them daily while incorporating a taste of all. Heritage and Classic category cars share the same experience. The best ingredients of previous years feature and as ever, there are new ideas this year, including a stunning new country house venue and more of the regularities you most like....

Cars of all ages from 1923 to 1990 are now welcome. Post-1953 cars enter Classic categories for Master, Expert, Novice and Beginner experience levels while all pre-1954 cars enter the Heritage category. Everyone enjoys the same three-day historic road rally, with touring sections and competition carefully balanced between regularity sections and driving tests. You share the same route and social programme; the Heritage category has its own awards equal to those shared among the Classic categories.

Most importantly, our system of scoring evolves to use the class index system for tests across the Overall as well as the class results. Any age of car can win overall, if competitive in its class.



Based comfortably in a single town, the charming Victorian resort of **Llandudno** on the North Wales coast, the Trial is fun for crews of any experience level. Running on weekdays to avoid the crowds, we visit fine venues, from historic Tower to the twisting kart track at **Parc Glasfryn**, the wide runway of **Parc Lleweni** and the fantastic, closed road thrills of the

**Great Orme**. We will have tests over several stately home drives, those already confirmed including **Plas yn Cefn, Hartsheath, Plas Faenol and Penrhyn Park**.

We plan to enjoy lunch beside the sea at **Dylan's, Criccieth** and in fine surroundings at **five star Palé Hall** in its stunning marquee. We also plan a return this year to Bryn Williams @ **Theatr Clwyd**, voted our best lunch in 2026! Five fine coffee and tea halt venues lie ahead: **Pant Du Vineyard, Bodnant Welsh Foods, Tower**, the **Caer Rhun Hotel** and **Bryntirion Inn**.

A careful balance of around twenty great hard-surface tests and twenty regularity sections will offer plenty to do each day, and you'll enjoy the scenery, too. There's just as much to enjoy when you're out of the car, facilitated by our dedicated Hospitality team. Help and support are with you all the way, with safety team backup and our great Brit Assist crews backed by overnight facilities in Llandudno. Not to mention our friends at **Penderyn Welsh Whisky, Brantz Rallymeters, Vintage Tyres and Magneto, Clwydian** and **Concours** who all support us again. They are joined by our new media partner **Octane** who we hope to see out on the event.

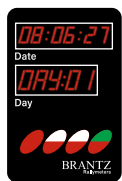


**Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Team** is our official Three Castles charity – this vital local volunteer group has become increasingly busy every year. With your help, we give them great support, and once again, some of our test venues will also be donating their fee to charity.

Our mid-event dinner offers something for everyone, with premium venue **Caer Rhun Hall** joining the Imperial, and the return of 2026 hit, **Da Venezia**. New this year is a tiny Chinese restaurant that's the best for miles, **Perfect Circle at Wu's**

Oh, and the weather next June will be glorious, of course. It almost always is... Join us in 2027. You'll enjoy every minute.

*Ian Crank*



## TUESDAY 8TH JUNE

### WARMTH AND WELCOMES

*An exhilarating taste of the competition to come...*

The elegant Victorian seaside town of Llandudno will be our home for four days and nights. Optional pre-event training webinars and an included-for-all online event introduction will have set the scene. There'll be a great atmosphere at scrutineering, from 08.00 on Llandudno Promenade. The Imperial Concours d'Elegance will be sponsored again this year by our Rally HQ, the Imperial Hotel, and we can all enjoy the show from 10.00 – 12.00.

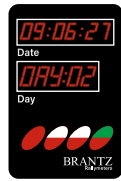
The optional Penderyn Prologue over a fresh route, with a practice regularity section and a driving test will warm everyone up in the afternoon, finishing with a car show back on the Prom.



Prizes for the Prologue and the Imperial Concours will be awarded at a Welcome Dinner held at Venue Cymru, which will also be the Awards Dinner for the Mostyn Trophy, a one day 'taster' rally we run that day for newcomers. You'll mingle too with entrants on the new Pomeroy Challenge for VSCC members in prewar cars, which runs after the Three Castles all week over a shorter route.

#### A word on sustainability

*For Three Castles, sustainable motorsport means meeting today's needs without compromising the options of future generations. We believe there are three keys to more sustainable motorsport: environment, economy, and society, and we are aligned with Motorsport UK and FIA Action for Environment initiatives. We continue the local social and economic involvement we initiated more than 20 years ago, and we have a sustainability strategy that includes current practices and future plans.*



## WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE

### SEAS AND SIGHTS

*Long views and a wide-ranging day with quite a few regularity sections and five test venues planned, taking coffee at picturesquely sited Pant Du Vineyard then exploring the remote Llŷn Peninsula before taking lunch beside the sea in the 30's style of Dylan's then turning south and west once more over higher hills to reach tea and the finish of the day in the Conwy Valley.*

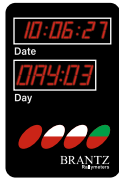
Starting at 08.00 from Llandudno Promenade, we begin today with a run west to reach driving tests including Penrhyn Park and Parc Faenol, which are preceded by the first short regularity of many today. Stopping for coffee at the delightful Pant Du Vineyard, you should be warming up nicely for the pleasures to come.

These include the fun to be had at Parc Glasfryn, the kart circuit on the Llŷn Peninsula, and fine regularities with long sea views down that way, leading us back in time to Criccieth for lunch by the sea under the watchful gaze of its ruined castle, at Dylan's restaurant. Designed in the 1930s by the architect of Portmeirion, Clough Williams-Ellis, it is an equally striking contribution to the Welsh built landscape.

Later, we motor back over the hills to take in the famous test over Trawsfynydd Ranges, en route to more regularities and a well-deserved tea at Bodnant Welsh Foods.

Back in Llandudno, dinner offers the choice of a chauffeured trip to premium venue Caer Rhun Hall, an included dinner at the Imperial, and Italian gem Da Venezia. Joining them this year will be a tiny Chinese restaurant that's the best for miles, Perfect Circle at Wu's.





## THURSDAY 10TH JUNE HILLS AND HEIGHTS

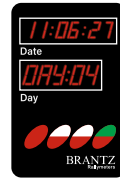
*A day for fabulous hills, which takes in driving tests at such places as Glan y Gors, and Llyn Brenig with coffee at Bryntirion Inn and lunch at the historic Palé Hall, now a five star Relais et Chateaux Hotel, while we finish the day at another fine old house turned hotel, Caer Rhun Hall, just a short run from town.*

We're off from the Promenade at 08.00 today, heading south via a great test venue to enjoy an early visit to Glan y Gors Kart Circuit. From here, we head south-east, over demanding regularities to reach the welcoming Bryntirion Inn for a well-earned coffee.



Lunch is but yards away, but two hours of some of the finest driving roads in North Wales await you first, and these regularities will test the best.

As we rest and enjoy lunch in Pale Hall's superb marquee amid extensive gardens, the talk will surely be of what is to come. Palé is the mid-point in the rally this year, and what a mid-point it is. All too soon, though, more scenic roads lead us away on another regularity. Finally, we head back north via another classic test venue and two regularities to round things off. Time now to visit another old favourite, Caer Rhun Hall, where we take tea and finish the day. A short run back to Llandudno awaits, before a free evening prepares you for the day tomorrow!



## FRIDAY 11TH JUNE HALLS & HOUSES

*An exciting final day, including the challenge that is the Great Orme, trickier regularity sections, coffee at an old favourite, Mostyn Hall. We lunch at a favourite venue, Bryn Williams @ Theatr Clwyd, and return to a spectacular finish ion Llandudno. Now, what could that involve?.*

A traditional Three Castles trip around the Great Orme begins this testing day, while several country house tests including a secret venue we haven't been able to visit for many a year follow, separated by short regularities as the tempo rises.

We take coffee and enjoy another test at Mostyn Hall, a stunning house with much history. Now we head east to enjoy a test at Hartsheath before more regularities take us on to Mold and Theatr Clwyd, where leading chef Bryn Williams has his team waiting to welcome us again as they try to top their standout performance in 2026



The event is far from over. There are still three regularities and fine tests in store. The day's fifth regularity section leads us away from lunch, towards two driving tests and a sixth regularity brings us to a last test and a last regularity that should prove a worthy sting in the tail. Around five hundred and fifty miles across all four days, including the Prologue. Open roads and genuine hospitality at every turn. Your feedback tells us that the Three Castles Trial is unbeatable fun. And in 2027, with more fresh ideas than ever and venues to our familiar high standards, we aim to prove it again.

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## GREAT VALUE

### Entry to the 2027 Three Castles Trial costs:

- **£3,245 until 30th November 2026\***
- **£3,745 until 31st March 2027**
- **£3,495 until 31st January 2027**
- **£3,995 thereafter until entries close**

\* Previous entrants can save a further £100 if entering in October.

### NEW: Easy payment plan for entries

Five equal monthly payments by bank transfer of £725, the first £725 must be dated on or before 30.11 then four further instalments of £725 per month payable on or before 31.12, 31.01, 28.02, 31.03= £3,625 (completes 31.03.27). *Credit cards not accepted.*

### EACH ENTRANT RECEIVES:

- Eight quality lunch, tea and coffee halts covering all three rally days.
- Three included evening meals comprising:
  - Seated 3 course Gala Welcome Dinner.
  - Seated 3-course Mid Event Dinner
  - Seated 4 course Awards Dinner
- Event bulletins, results and website gallery
- An image of your car in action, post-event
- A high quality Three Castles gift
- Free team entry for further interest
- A bespoke souvenir map book
- Roadbooks, Timecards and Documentation
- Option to enter the Imperial Concours d'Elegance.
- Entry to all venues, test venue fees and road tolls
- Rally plates, door numbers
- An award for every finisher
- Quality glass overall, category, class and team awards
- Prologue Day including seminar, practice route, practice test
- Customer Service, including Event Hospitality and Safety teams
- Fully equipped Brit Assist breakdown teams supported by an evening garage service in central Llandudno.
- Safety team following the event

### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is entirely at your discretion. You choose and book your accommodation yourself. A 'rally deal' is available at Rally HQ, the Imperial Hotel, where we have rooms reserved. Expect to pay from £185 per night for two sharing a twin or double room with breakfast at this AA★★★★ hotel. Full details and booking instructions (rooms are released in strict order of entry; for the best choice, book early) will be sent with our confirmation when you enter. We suggest you book right away to avoid disappointment. We recommend you take five nights, arriving Monday 7th June, but it is possible to arrive on Tuesday 8th too.

Other good four star hotels in Llandudno include:  
**Osborne House** <https://www.osbornehouse.co.uk>  
**The Empire** <http://www.empirehotel.co.uk>  
**St George's** <https://stgeorgeswales.co.uk>  
**Bodysgallen Hall** <https://www.bodysgallen.com>

These hotels all know the rally well and we're sure they'll look after guests as well as they always do.

### FURTHER OPTIONS

Please tick those options you wish to take on the Entry Form, when entering:

- Covered, secure, locked overnight parking in central Llandudno (Five nights 7th June – 11th June: £50 supplement)
- Secure trailer and tow car parking in Llandudno (five nights 7th June – 11th June, £75 supplement)

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*NB: Detailed specifications subject to change. Route description illustrates intent and may vary.*

## ABOUT THE TRIAL

The Three Castles Trial is designed for cars of a model first registered 1923-1990. Surfaces are non-damaging throughout, and great care is taken to offer only smooth, hard surface tests. The enthusiastic may prefer to fit a sump guard but with a bit of care such things are not needed, and it is perfectly possible to enjoy the event, as many do, in a standard car fitted only with a basic tripmeter, which is necessary to enable you to follow the roadbook.



## ABOUT THE CLASSIC CATEGORIES

The Classic categories are designed for cars of a make and precise model first registered on or before 31st December 1990, which must look "in period".

They travel the same route as the older cars in the Heritage category, the two groups kept separate until the whole rally is seeded in order of overall positions before the final day. In addition, we separate drivers of different experience, vary the starting order, and this year we even introduce a separate rally designed for VSCC members in prewar cars, the Pomeroy Challenge, running just after the Trial cars.

Back on the Trial, whichever category you enter, you'll have your own Awards and can enjoy a Concours d'Elegance entry. Forming a team with others, carefully balanced by us between the different experience categories, adds to the spirit of fun and competition. This just happens; you don't have to do a thing.

## ABOUT THE HERITAGE CATEGORY

The Heritage category is designed for cars of a make and model first introduced before 1st January 1954. You'll always travel together over the same route as the Classic category cars. You'll travel the same route and tests and stop at the same excellent venues.

You'll have an automatic Concours d'Elegance entry. Friends in the Classic and Heritage groups can socialise together in the evenings.

## COMMENTS ON THE 2026 THREE CASTLES TRIAL

*"...many thanks to you and your organising team for an excellent event. The quality of everything is way above any other event I have recently done in the UK. Great route and clearly extensive PR as we saw many people out to watch. Marshals were brilliant. Food on the event was excellent, and the venues were well chosen. Speeds on the regularities were very well judged for the road conditions and type... The Great Orme is a bucket short list for most of us, so that was brilliant. Hope we'll be back for another go next year."*

**Simon Malins, England**  
*Classic, first-time entrant, 2026*

*"...Thanks to you and your team for what proved to be another challenging and entertaining event organised and executed to your usual high standards. The competition, company and culinary delights (...!) certainly warrant a 'Save The Date' on our 2027 calendar."*

**Hubert & Patrick Lynch, England**  
*Classic, returning entrants, 2026*



*"...I wanted to thank you and your team for putting on a super event last week. This was my second effort at 3 Castles, and I have to say I enjoyed it even more this second time around. I have done many stage events in North Wales in the past, but I found myself using roads that I haven't been on in any direction; some great innovations, I feel. I also like how the event gives money to Charity; I don't remember doing this in my rallying past, but long may it continue. Finally, I liked the way the dinners were arranged at the event, going out to eat at places I might otherwise not have visited...Many thanks and see you next year."*

**Phil Cottam, England**  
*Classic, returning entrants, 2026*

*"...What can I say - yet another brilliant event enjoyed by all, a real credit to you, Wendy and the whole team who help to make it happen! So many people are involved, which must be a logistical nightmare to organise. We thoroughly enjoyed our week...The route was really good with some great roads and tricky junctions to keep everyone on their toes, together with great hospitality stops, especially the superb lunch at Caer Rhun Hall. What a lovely spread of food...thank you so much for all your hard work. We look forward to next year's event!"*

**James & Gilly Holt, England**  
*Heritage, returning entrants 2026*

*"...a line to say how much we enjoyed the 2026 event... This year's route was excellent and the distances superbly accurate with overall timing right for the roads selected. And a special mention for the marshals and Brit Assist. If we are still more or less capable next year, we will be there again!"*

**Rich Harrison & Peter Boyce, England**  
*Classic, returning entrants, 2026*

*"...Well, what a week! Chris and I had an amazing time driving around North Wales on the Three Castles Trial. It was a massive learning experience for us both, never having done anything like it before - thirty or so hours together in a 'sardine can' (Chris's words!), and we didn't argue or fall out. Apparently, that means we're set for life. Chris is now on the hunt for an inexpensive classic car he can fit in comfortably and drive! We would like to have another go at it, now we have an idea what to do."*

**Jane Gallop, England**  
*Classic, first-time entrant, 2026*

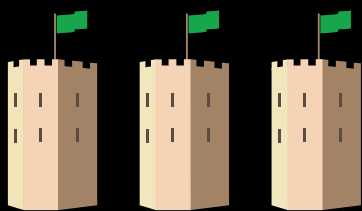


*"...of the 15 Three Castles that I have enjoyed, this was the hardest yet – but very fair and great fun... with 20 tests, most of which were long and good, the event is always cherished by those who like to stretch their cars (and their driving abilities!). The route laid out was challenging and included some roads I don't recall using before – well done, Matt and Baz, for using new ground... Lunchtime venues were great...I really enjoyed Theatr Clwyd and Caer Rhun – neither of which I had eaten at previously..... very good indeed. All in all, a great week, made possible by the hard work of you and all your extensive team. Ian joins me in sending our thanks"*

**Paul Bloxidge, Wales**  
*Classic, returning entrant 2026*

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