



**Scottish
Association of
Motor Sports
Clubs**

A national centre of excellence for training for motorsport in Scotland.

Training is a key aspect of the Association's remit. We organised 31 training events for volunteer marshals and officials in 2023 which resulted in 1772 attendances. 95% of attendees rated the training as Excellent or Good.

The training programme is supported financially by the British Motorsport Trust, and in 2024 we were extremely fortunate to have received committed grant funding of £35,000 for 45 events. This is an 87.5% increase on last year's grant allocation and is indicative of the quality and range of our training programme.

Knockhill Racing Circuit, Scotland's National Motorsport Centre, have offered the Association a building and space that they no longer need to use that we have established a physical training centre.

The principal beneficiaries will be the c.1200 Scottish volunteer Marshals and Officials registered with Motorsport UK.

This is a collaborative project. The Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs represents the 50+ clubs registered with Motorsport UK, all of whom will benefit from the facility. The centre will be run by the Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs with the key stakeholders being the Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club, Knockhill Racing Circuit, the Scottish Motor Racing Club, and Motorsport UK.

The Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs
(232488) is the Regional Association of
Motorsport UK in Scotland.

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**Regional
Association**

The Future

We have a vision to significantly expand both the internal and external space:

Car Fire Simulator

All Marshals and Officials need a practical understanding of fire development, particularly contextualised to the motorsport environment. "Fire Practical" is also a required module for all marshals on the Motorsport UK Marshals Pathway.

We used to have a car simulation rig for fire training but this reached end of life in 2022. Since then, we have used propane gas or fuel in trays – but this is not suitable or realistic for a motorsport environment.

We are currently designing a heavy gauge steel simulator which will enable marshals and officials to fight a variety of car fires, allowing for greater realism and flexibility in training. The design allows us to respect the environment and observe health and safety as well as learner safety requirements.

Discipline Training

We also have plans to incorporate a sealed surface area for racing circuit, sprint, and hillclimb training, and a loose surface area for rally and cross-country stage training.

Classroom facilities

The ideal facility would have a variety of different sized classrooms and meeting spaces. To achieve this will require an extension or rebuild of the current building. We are in discussions with an architect on the most cost-effective method whilst also factoring in accessibility and sustainability issues.

All of this work will require to be financed by a variety of funding streams. We also need to enter into a more formal agreement with Knockhill Circuit as the land owners.

Consequently, the Association's Management Team are in the process of establishing a separate charity (SCIO) to manage the training centre concept. This will enable us to take advantage of a number of benefits. It offers access to funding that is currently only available to charities and we can also make the maximum benefit of any funding opportunities from grants and donations.