DORSET LAND ROVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025

GALA WEEKEND 2025

AUGUST 2025

August marked a return of the DLRC Gala weekend. With the concern of the Holt Heath Fire not long extinguised and road closures in the area, planning for the treasure hunt route and even concern on wether the event could run went to the wire. Friday night saw many arrivals for the weekend followed by a Tea on the tailgate meet on the Saturday morning. some of these stayed to watch or take part in the Gymkhana. This years games included javelin, blindfolded driving (almost as scary as it sounds) and musical chairs/landys. To say the competition was fierce would be an understatement; with the final down to George Benson and Peter Riddle those spectating could only brace themselves for impact, with Peter having the downhill as an advantage; the speed at which they both hurtled towards the centre cane could very easily have ended up in disaster!







GALA WEEKEND

With the games wrapped up, the barbecue was fired up and food and drink were eagerly consumed. For obvious reasons, there was no fire pit this year — but as night fell, we were rewarded with clear skies and some truly spectacular stargazing.









On the sunday morning teams set off to take part in a virtual treasure hunt. a brilliantly fun and, of course, fiercely contested activity. Points were awarded for photos of a vicar, a buzzard, a scheduled monument, and — among other things — anything red. Much to our disappointment, only one red car qualified for points. Jon Riddle, meanwhile, is still trying to delete the countless photos now clogging up his phone!"

GALA WEEKEND









If you didn't attend please check out some of the photos and videos on our socials. It is intended to run this event next year so please lookout for information in next years newsletters.



OCTOBER EVENTS

PAY AND PLAY

OCTOBER 26TH 10:00-16:00

CROSSWAYS

Ready to put your 4x4 skills to the test? Bring your Land Rover and join us for an unforgettable off-road experience. Tackle a variety of challenging terrain - mud, rusts, water, climbs and trees – all designed to let you explore what your vehicle can really do. Whether you're a seasoned off-roader or a first-time explorer our pay and play days are fun for everyone.

£30 for DLRC members.
£35 for non members
£15 Additional Driver
ALRC, Shire, SADLRC members also get discounted rate.
All welcome, but limited site numbers so please email to pre-book and you will be issued an entry number.
Email **DLRC.payandplay@outlook.com** to confirm attendance

HALLOWEEN LANING

OCTOBER 25TH 4PM

Halloween evening Laning Run
2 hr ish run.
ending at culpeppers dish.

As per previous halloween runs decorate your vehicle with a Halloween themed truck - there will be a prize for the winner. *please ensure any decorations on the outside of your vehicle are securely fixed.

This route is intended to be suitable for all off road vehicles however although not intended lanes cant be guaranteed to be scratch free.

Contact:
DLRC.newsletter@outlook.com
to book your spot
Closing date is 6pm Thursday 23rd October



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL NIGHT

OCTOBER 3RD 7PM
THE HOLME BUSH INN
CORFE MULLEN

AGM

NOVEMBER 7TH
DETAILS TO BE COMMUNICATED SHORTLY

RTV

OCTOBER 19TH
CROSSWAYS

GBLR SHOW

APRIL 25-26TH
SHEPTON MALLET

A new event on our Show calendar for 2026. full details and booking will be announced in the spring









PREVIOUS EVENTS

PURBECK RALLY

AUGUST 2025

As always the Purbeck Rally was well supported by club memebers.
The 2025 rally saw the Land Rover section moved to a new location. footfall was much higher than previous years and afforded us a ring side view from our club gazebo.
Attendance at local events like the Purbeck Rally help to spread word of the club and provide members with opportunities to show off their own vehicles. Look out for our 2026 show events and contact us if you wish to get involved.







PREVIOUS EVENTS

LANGPORT

SOMERSET STEAM & COUNTRY SHOW

JULY 2025

Another Good weekend at Somerset Steam & Country Show. This year as in other years the club offered 4x4 vehicle rides raising money for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Thanks to all that attended with the club and to Peter Riddle, Jim Welch, Doug Malgarin and Roger Pardy for doing the whole weekend.





BLAST FROM THE PAST

Halloween Greenlane Treasure Hunt & Charity BBQ

31st October 2015



PREVIOUS EVENTS

COMPTON ABBAS

LAUDED

JULY 2025



July saw DLRC and Tea on the Tailgate support the Lauded event at Compton Abbas.
The weather was not in favour on the Saturday but it was a very relaxed meet-up with a lot of interest in what we do as a club, we even welcomed a couple new memebers to the club.









SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB NIGHTS

The club arrange social nights at varying locations throughout the year.
please support these social nights where possible as its your chance to catch up with other members and moan about your latest rattles and breakdowns. its also a great way to find out about whats happening with the club and to get involved.

upcoming club nights are listed on our upcomming events page of this newsletter. as always full details are also on the Facebook group

JULY
TRUE LOVERS KNOT
TARRANT KEYNESTON





SEPTEMBER
THE FOX
ANSTY

NEXT CLUB NIGHT

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER
THE HOLME BUSH
CORFE MULLEN

RTV TRIALS

WHAT IS IT: Road Taxed Vehicle trials are competitions where drivers attempt to navigate their vehicles through a series of gates (defined by canes) without touching them, reversing, or stopping.

FOCUS: The emphasis is on precision driving and vehicle control, rather than speed.

TERRAIN: Courses may feature various terrains, including hilly, bumpy, muddy, sandy, gravely, or even partially flooded areas.

SCORING: Competitors are scored based on how many gates they touch or how many times they stop, with the driver scoring the fewest points winning.

AUDIENCE: Suitable for beginner and experienced drivers, a friendly and skill-based competition.





MAY: WINTERBORNE ABBAS

NAME	CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL SCORE	POSITION
Peter Riddle	S L	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	3	1	0	**19**	**3**
Mike Webster	M	0	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	**11**	**2**
Ben Dean	L	1	8	12	12	9	2	5	4	8	8	**69**	**7**
Rob Shadbolt	s L	7	2	1	6	5	2	9	0	8	0	**40**	**5**
Roger Pardy	M	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	**7**	**1**
Xander Shadbolt	S L	0	5	2	7	9	9	8	0	6	0	**46**	**6**
Jon Riddle	S C	0	0	4	2	6	0	8	3	2	0	**25**	**4**

AUGUST: KNITSON

NAME	CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL SCORE	POSITION
Rob Shadbolt	s L	4	10	3	2	7	7	11	**44**	**4**
Mike Webster	M	0	0	0	1	9	5	1	**16**	**2**
Max Childs	L	0	0	2	7	7	6	1	**23**	**3**
Xander Shadbolt	L C	7	1	4	10	8	10	6	**46**	**5**
Roger Pardy	m	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	**2**	**1**
James Gray	L C	9	1	10	10	9	12	6	**57**	**7**
Ron Hogg	S C	0	0	1	4	-	-	-	**5**	**-**
Robin Baylis	S L	9	1	3	10	9	6	11	**49**	**6**



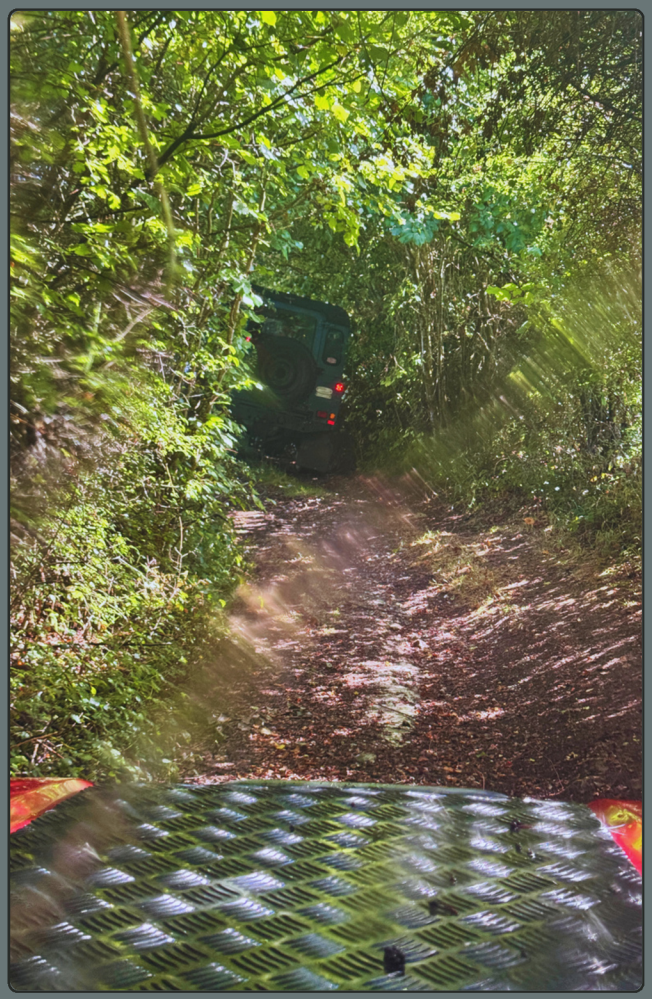
GREEN LANING

The club arrange green laning events throughout the year.
This year has been particularly challenging, arranging events that fit around organisers availability and ensuring no damage to our precious lanes. It is a sad reality that misuse and off piste action is resulting in the closure of many lanes. As a club we strive to set a good example and abide by the GLASS code of conduct.

AUGUST - AROUND THE OX DROVE







This event was fully subscribed with 6 vehicles meeting in blandford to explore some lanes around Shaftesbury, towards the Deverills and down into six penny handley. The route was billed as scratchy but a couple of the lanes proved this description to be inadequate. The bushes were ripe with autumn fruit and on completion of the route I think we had probably collected enough sloes to make a decent batch of gin!!



DLRC MERCHANDISE

WE WILL BE SUBMITTING AN ORDER FOR NEW CLUB MERCHANDISE!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ORDER HOODIES, T-SHIRTS, POLO SHIRTS, THINSULATE BEANIES, BASEBALL CAPS, AND SNAPBACK TRUCKER CAPS (SEE EXAMPLES BELOW).

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO PLACE AN ORDER AND ARRANGE PAYMENT, EMAIL **DLRC.MERCHANDISE@OUTLOOK.COM BY 25/10/2025. ITEMS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER AGM.**





PRICING

Men's t-shirt - £27.50
Includes left chest embroidery (Club logo), right sleeve embroidery (Dorset flag), back print (dorsetrover.co.uk)

Everyday Polo - £30
Includes left chest embroidery (Club logo), right sleeve embroidery (Dorset flag), back print (dorsetrover.co.uk)

College Hoodie - £40.00
Includes left chest embroidery (Club logo), right sleeve embroidery (Dorset flag), back print (dorsetrover.co.uk)

Thinsulate Beanie - £12
Includes front embroidery (Club logo)

5-panel baseball cap - £12
Includes front embroidery (Club logo)

Snapback trucker cap - £12
Includes front embroidery (Club logo)











CLUB DISCOUNT



Demand Exhaust Craft.

Demand engineering are a family engineering company with over 14 years experience of designing and building stainless steel exhaust systems, specialising in Land Rover Defenders. all their exhausts are hand made from T304 Stainless components and fully TIG wleded and back purged.

Demand engineering kindly offered 5% off your invoice price on proof of DLRC memebership.

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THANKS & MENTIONS

TO OUR MEMBERS

The club only exists due to the commitment of our members and committee members, so firstly thanks to you all. If you have ideas for the club please feel welcome to share them with the committee our pub social nights are a great way of sharing your thoughts and ideas with us.

Events can only be run with your support! We value every members attendance at events, and we are always after volunteers for assisting at events.

If you have anything you wish to contribute to future newsletters please contact:
dlrc.newsletter@outlook.com

KEEP UP TO DATE

Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd

Facebook is our main hub, here you will find the latest updates on events, recent pictures and general discussions. We have another page dedicated to selling:
Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd
(Vehicle parts for sale and wanted ONLY)

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Now on Instagram!
Keep up to date on upcoming events and news.

www.dorsetrover.co.uk

New website coming soon!
We're keen to update our website to make it easier for members and non members to interact with the club.

MEET THE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Jon Riddle

VICE CHAIRMAN: Mike Webster

SECRETARY: Roger Pardy

TREASURER: Helen Hassall

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Peter Sanwell

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