



SPRINT SERIES

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Event Report Round 4 Barkston Heath, 2nd August 2009

Barkston Heath in Lincolnshire played host for the second time this year to the Toyota Sprint Series. As this twisty sprint track was becoming familiar ground to many of the championship contenders, the organisers ran the track in reverse, which opened up a whole new challenge.

The event was expertly organised and run by track day organisers Javelin, with support from Blitz-UK, Millers oils, Fensport and the GT40C.

Another fine day was on the cards, so drivers were hoping for some great times. After the first few runs, it became apparent that it was going to be a day of many surprises, the track being quite challenging for grip, and tight corners providing little room for error. Often a cone would be hit by a rear end stepping out, leaving many drivers with void runs. By lunchtime, Jonny Milner held the lead with a time of 52.58 set on his first run, but snapping at his heels were Adrian Smith and Otis Hayes, with times of 53.06 and 53.66 respectively.

After the lunch break, drivers started giving it their all for the final 4 runs. Times were very close in all classes, and the pressure rose as drivers fought hard for those extra tenths. The only real casualties appeared to be cones and a few bits of grass. Adrian Smith took the lead on run 6 with a 52.13 to put pressure on Jonny Milner who gave his all on the very last run to snatch the win with a stunning 51.84 and a new course record!

Pictured below Jonny Milner using all the track!





Class F (1.0l)

Paul Thomas (above left) with the Aygo was having some ARB issues this round but still managed to win this class with a time of 64.74. Jane Newsome (above right) was chasing hard and finished runner up with her time of 66.18 with the Vitz.



Class D (Under 1600cc na)

Despite spending most of his time on track sideways in the Starlet, David Brooks (above left) won this class with a cracking time of 55.80, placing him 6th overall. Neil Latham (above right) was runner up in this class with his time of 60.63 set in the 20v mk1 MR2.



Class C (over 1600cc na)

A first-time win in class C for Craig Storey (above left) in his 3.0 V6 powered Celica ST182, setting a very creditable time of 59.61. Dan Quinn (above right) chased him hard in his Celica ST182 coming runner up with his time of 60.52.



Class B (Under 1600cc forced induction)

Phil Cutler (above left) in his supercharged Mk1 MR2 set a time of 56.71 on his last run to secure a class win, and 11th overall. Greg Jones (above left) was so close to this time with a 56.95 set in the Glanza V turbo, and was runner up.



Class A2 (Over 1600cc forced induction limited modifications)

Otis Hayes (above left) set a very quick time of 53.66 in his Celica GT4 on his third run which secured first in class as well as 3rd overall. Nigel Boby (above right) was second place with his time of 55.73 set on his last run in the Celica GT4.



Class A1 (Over 1600cc forced induction)

Jonny Milner's awesome time of 51.84 in the Celica GT4 ensured a class, and overall win, with Adrian Smith and the Corolla GT4 as runner up, and second overall with a time of 52.13.



Hard Charger Award

Adam Levinson (above), who shares the Servicetune Celica with 2 other drivers, deserved the hard charger award this round, setting a time of 57.07.



Awards

- 1st Overall; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- 2nd Overall; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- 3rd Overall; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Runner up; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- Class A2 Winner; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A2 Runner up; Nigel Bobby, Celica GT4
- Class B Winner; Phil Cutler, Mk1 MR2 Supercharger
- Class B Runner up; Greg Jones, Glanza V turbo
- Class C Winner; Craig Storey, Celica ST202
- Class C Runner up, Dan Quinn, Celica ST182
- Class D Winner; David Brooks, Starlet 4AGE RWD
- Class D Runner up; Niel Latham, Mk1 MR2 20v
- Class F Winner; Paul Thomas, Aygo 1.0
- Class F Runner up; Jane Newsome, Vitz 1.0

Hard Charger award : Adam Levinson, Celica GT4

Fastest Female: Diane Turner, Celica GT4

Summary

For the first time, the sprint track at Barkston was run in reverse direction, virtually all the drivers liked this new challenge, and were quick to compare both times and lines. There are many championship battles throughout the classes and for sure the battles will re commence in a weeks time at Woodbridge.



Full Results can be found at

http://twistysprint.com/sprint/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7&Itemid=15

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http://www.vibrance-net.co.uk/barkston_heath_020809

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