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Hello and welcome to the slightly late May edition of MSF News! May has seen the start of the season of competition for our two lucky Drive winners with The Warwickshire Drivers Autotest, a full report is inside. We also take a look at how the competitive season is going for MSF members currently and future projects looking ahead to the second Drive event on June 8th and the summer.

John and Julian our two Drive winners embarked on their career in motorsport in May with an Autotest in the Micra. The event went well for both drivers, it was enjoyed hugely and most importantly the car lasted the distance!

Positioned in between more experienced drivers of John Moffatt and Mike Sones, both John and Julian were able to see the test performed by these ex-MSA Champions so it gave them some idea of where they were going to go and were also able to get advice off them throughout the event. Many thanks to John Moffatt and Mike Sones for their expertise and advice throughout the day.

BTRDA MSF member Andy Egger also helped out on the day and made positive comments about how the event went for our two scholarship winners.

"The first event for the scholarship winners went very smoothly, both drivers immediately showing the potential and enthusiasm which got them noticed on the selection day. Performance wise there was nothing to separate the pair, the close competition and healthy banter throughout the day was great to see and with that attitude of course they fitted in well with the autotest regulars!"

Nick Pollitt Vice Chairman of the BTRDA Main Council was very pleased with the efforts of the two drivers at the event and pointed out that "They managed to completely wear out four Hankook tyres on the day- so they must have been trying hard!"



John and Julian contemplating the course

Another person pleased with their performance over the day was John and here is what he has got to say about the first event in the Micra.

"Overall I thought we both did well considering our total lack of experience. It began to feel a lot more natural as the event went on and I think that if I went back now I'd catch a few people who beat me on the day! It started out as nerves but turned into pure fun...and I can't wait to do it again! I was asked why I looked so serious, but I reminded the questioner that it's "serious fun" as you guys say and he had stumbled across me doing the serious part! I was very impressed with Julian - he was fantastic for someone who can't even drive on the roads yet!"

