

# Rally Support Scheme

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## What does 'Authorisation' mean?

- Driving Licence Regulations or MOT laws do not follow the driver or vehicle into an off-road event, but Insurance, Road Traffic Act 1988 and Motor Vehicles (Off Road Events) Regulations 1995 do.
- The Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA) and the Motor Vehicles (Off-Road Events) Regulations 1995 (Off-Road Regs) are linked through Section 13A of the RTA. This provision created an exemption from certain offences under the RTA when driving takes place in public places (not roads) during authorised off-road motoring events.
- The NTET is recognised as an 'Authorised Body' under the 1995 No. 1371 Road Traffic Act. Being recognised as an 'Authorised Body' imposes a duty of care on the NTET, as well as on rally organisers. This duty of care binds the NTET to protect pedestrians, drivers, passengers, and other road users who are then able to claim if they are injured in an incident that was not their fault. This extends to anyone where it is found a duty of care is owed, i.e., the owner of the vehicle, the Rally Organiser, the NTET or the insurance provider.
- As an 'Authorised Body', the NTET could sign off on 'Authorised Event(s)'. This meant that the NTET was required to issue guidance to rally organisers on how to safely run an event, keeping in mind their duty of care, and ultimately, be liable for upholding its duty of care to those on site at a rally.

## What does removal of Authorisation mean?

Not the end of how the NTET will support Rallies.

End of Authorisation only meaning that the exemptions under the Road Traffic Act will no longer be available.

## Why have we removed Authorisation?

Lacked sufficient volunteers with appropriate qualifications to lead the function and to monitor rallies effectively

Gaps in product offering to members including offering training to rallies annually

Duty of Care liability to members of the NTET Board too onerous

Code of Practice not up to date with legislative and insurance requirements

How will previously  
Authorised Rallies  
continue?

Rallies will continue as normal.  
Only difference is that the drivers no  
longer have the exemption from the  
offences under the Road Traffic Act.

Steam Apprentice Club will not be  
affected.

# What are we offering as an alternative?

## WHAT DID WE OFFER?

## WHAT'S ON OFFER NOW?

### REBRANDING TO 'RALLY SUPPORT SCHEME'

Code of Practice to Rally Organisers

Provide a 'Good Practice Guide' for Rally Organisers

Access to the Purple Guide

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Circulation of Rally List

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Access to the Disc Scheme

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Training Events to Rally Organisers

\*Training Events to Rally Organisers

Exemption from offences under the Traffic Act.  
A person is exempt from sections 1, 2 or 3

\*Support from a H&S and  
Legal professionals

Demonstration of Compliance Regulations,  
H&S and Insurance Act

Scheme is free for 2025,  
but a fee will be payable from 2026 onwards







Will Authorisation return?



How you can  
help.

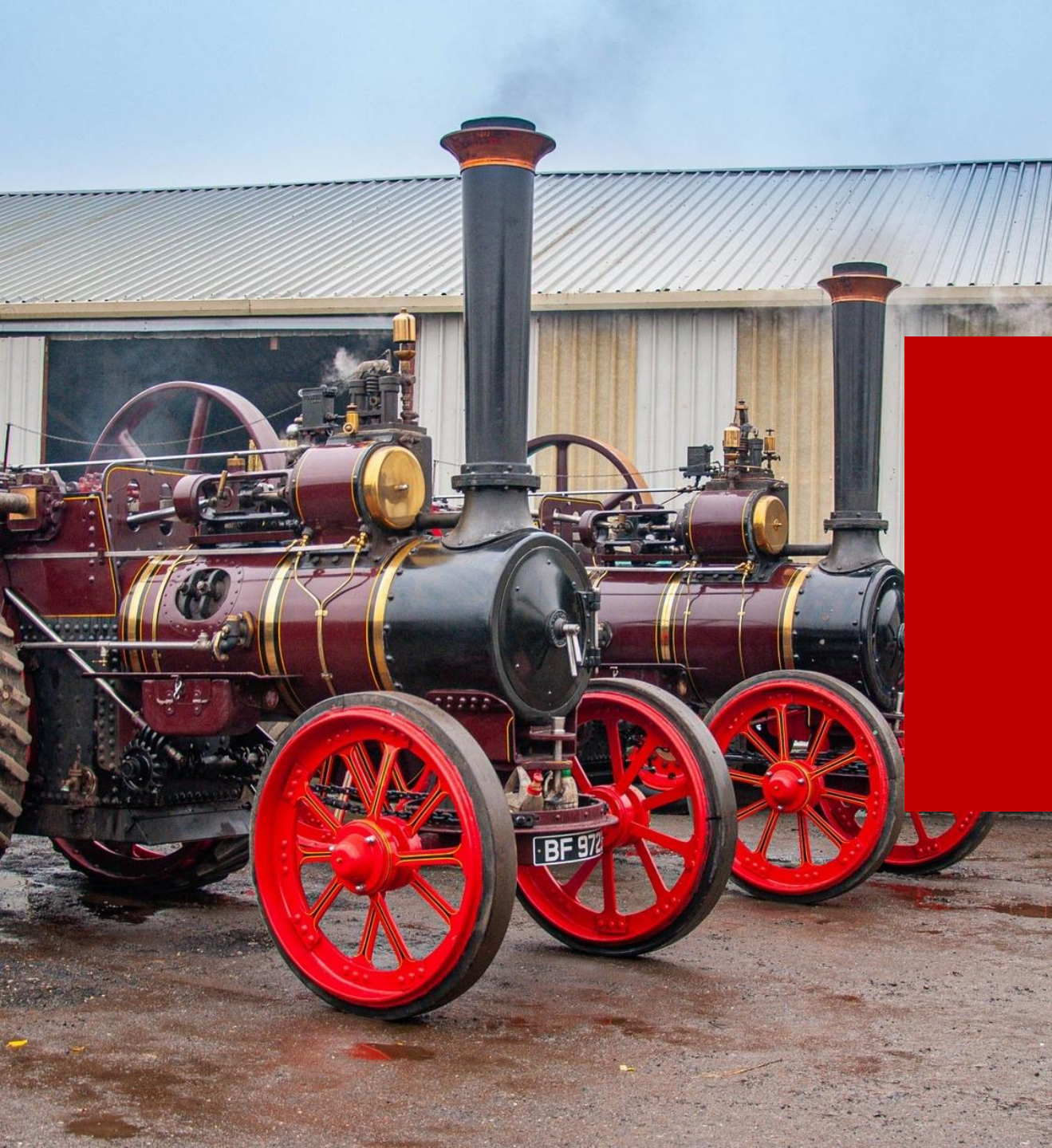
We are seeking a **Rally Support Officer** to lead and develop the **Rally Support Scheme**. This is a newly created role, providing an exciting opportunity to shape the future of the Scheme and support rally organisers.

### Key Responsibilities

The Rally Support Officer will be responsible for:

- ❑ **Primary Point of Contact:** Serving as the main liaison for rally organisers, overseeing between 60–80 events annually. Managing Rally Invitation Forms and confirming acceptance with organisers.
- ❑ **Event Coordination:** Consolidating and maintaining a list of ‘Supported Events’ and ensuring the NTET website is updated accordingly.
- ❑ **Escalation & Compliance:** Acting as the escalation point for rally organisers, referring any legal or health and safety queries to the NTET General Council and coordinating with a third-party provider for expert guidance.
- ❑ **Training Coordination:** Arranging and facilitating training sessions through an external provider, based on requests from ‘Supported Events.’
- ❑ **Policy & Compliance Support:** Collaborating with the TSU (Technical Support Unit) to ensure the ‘**Rally Support Scheme: Good Practice Guide**’ is reviewed and updated annually where necessary, reflecting any legislative or health and safety changes.

Please contact [rally.auth@ntet.co.uk](mailto:rally.auth@ntet.co.uk) if you can help.



What are the impacts for SAC?





## Can SAC still steer or drive at events?

- Yes. Provided the following conditions are met:
  - *RTA Insurance*
  - *Supervision by qualified drivers*
  - *Engine Owner's insurance*
  - *Apprentices should be physically capable of operating the controls safely*
  - *Age restriction*
- Suitable provisions are in place to accommodate full size and miniature engines in terms age and ability .
- A designated Playpen where the public do not have access.

**Note – The ‘Rally Support Scheme: Good Practice Guide’ will be updated to reflect these changes.**



## Q&A Session

