

Records fall at Scammonden Dam

In the summer of 1975 Roy Lane in a Chevrolet McRae GM1 set new record for Scammonden Dam at 21.97 seconds on his way to victory in that years British Hill Climb Championship.

That record has stood, until Pendle District Motor Clubs August Hill Climb on Sunday 18th August 2018 when it fell not once, but six times during the course of the afternoon.

James Baxter, in the ex-Tony Marsh Gould GR55 Cosworth Opel, had got within two tenths of the old record on his first timed run, but as he crossed the line for the second time, with his arm raised, the clock stopped at **21.88**. That 43 year record had gone and he got even lower as the day wore on finally leaving the new record at **21.26, fantastic!!**



James Baxter in his Gould G55 Cosworth Opel

Not satisfied with that he was faster than that old record on his next run was 21.96 before lowering it once again on run number four to 21.51. He was really in the groove now and the next four runs produced runs of 21.46, **21.26**, 21.27 and another at 21.26.

James wasn't the only one breaking records. In class 5A, Racing Cars up to 1100cc was David Tatham in his OMS Hornet. David set a class record during the Mid Cheshire meeting in July of 22.85. He came to today's event with a purpose, apart from his first timed run, he beat his record on every one of the next seven runs. Not only did he set a new class record, but on two occasions he was below Roy Lanes old record. He finally left it at **21.81** on his final run. Another great performance.

Not satisfied with this we had another Class record set in class 1B, Saloon Cars over 1400cc to 2000cc. Again this record was set at the Mid Cheshire meet at 27.5 and was held by Russell Thorpe Renault 5 GT Turbo. Although it took John Pinder in his Ford Fiesta ST seven attempts before he finally set a new class record of **27.39** seconds.



David Tatham OMS Hornet powers to a new class record



John Pinder Ford Fiesta ST sets a new class record.

Other notable performances came from, David Goodlad Renault Clio 172 Cup winner of class SB Standard Saloon Cars over 1400cc up to 2000cc at 29.43.

John Wadsworth Mazda MX5 mk3 Class: SC - Standard Sports Cars up to 2000cc he stopped the clocks at 30.64.

Jim Howarth Mini Class 1C-Saloon Cars over 2000cc 30.02 seconds.

There was a close battle in Class 1D where the Honda S2000 of Raymond Worrall and Michael Thomson, Worrell finally taking the honours by just 0.09 secs, with a time of 27.19 seconds.

James Meehan, Audi TT just pipped Paul Collier, BMW Z4 Coupe to take the class 1E, in a time of 29.48.

Michael John Bellerby took the class honours in Class 2A in his Sylva Striker.

Robert Holt Lotus Elise S2 111R, who holds the class record didn't find the speed to go any faster but still came away with a class win.

Richard Hargreaves, Ford Escort Mk2 produced a winning run in class 3c- Modified Saloon Cars over 2000cc and crossed the line in 25.75 secs.

Class 4A Sports Libre Cars up to 2000cc & Hillclimb Super Sports was contested by the shared Pulsar 919 of Andy Back and Martin Chittenden. Andy coming out on top by just 0.3 seconds.

The only down side to a great day was the clubs new gazebo came to grief in the wind fortunately Michael Tomlinson managed to grab a hold of it before it continued towards Huddersfield. Thanks to all the marshal's, these events can't run with your invaluable help.