

A MANIFESTO FOR MOTORSPORT

The 2010 General Election follows an exceptionally successful decade of British sporting and advanced engineering achievement in world motorsport. This sport and industry creates close to £10 billion of UK sales and employs nearly 40,000 - many in highly skilled jobs.

Future Government policies will play an important part in securing and building ongoing success – in the sport, employment, education and international business and investment. The attached documents, from the Motorsport Alliance, outline the challenges facing both sporting and industry stakeholders – and suggest ways in which Government Departments can help overcome them.

We hope this document better informs the reader on these primary issues. It should enable those seeking election to explain how they, and their Party, will support UK motorsport, and its supporting industry, during the next Government and beyond.

The Motorsport Alliance

The Motorsport Alliance is a joint initiative between the Motor Sports Association (UK governing body of four wheel motor sport), the Auto Cycle Union (UK governing body of two wheel motorcycle sport) and the Motorsport Industry Association (the UK's industry association for motorsport).

Motorsport is a rare example of a sport which cannot operate without an interconnected and strong industrial engineering base. The sport and its industry work closely together in order to meet the safety, performance and financial considerations associated with National and International competition. In the UK, the engineering industry behind motorsport has established itself as a global technologically advanced leader, which is a large contributor to Great Britain's GDP.

British motorsport drivers and engineers have established themselves as true world-beaters; for example, the last two F1 World Champion drivers are British (Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button), as are the last two F1 Team World Champions (McLaren-Mercedes and Brawn GP).

The Motorsport Alliance allows the MSA, ACU and MIA to speak on behalf of the whole of UK motorsport with a single voice – when appropriate or necessary. The Alliance aims to improve liaison and understanding with government departments, regional authorities, devolved administrations and representative bodies. The three member organisations formulate joint communications and strategies for the benefit of UK motorsport and its industry and communicate these to this influential audience.



Motorsport Industry Association (MIA)

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The MIA is the leading global trade association for the Motorsport, High Performance Engineering (HPE) and Tuning sectors, co-ordinating services from its international HQ at Stoneleigh Park, near Warwick. It serves over 360 corporate members who, as a group, annually and globally transact over £3.5 billion in Motorsport and HPE business – employing some 15-18,000 individuals.

The MIA is a not-for-profit private company, owned by its industry members and limited by guarantee. All surpluses generated are re-invested into programmes which improve the wider industry and further develop its members' businesses.

The MIA is recognised by UKTI as the only Accredited Trade Organisation (ATO) for the Motorsport, HPE and Tuning sectors. The MIA acts as Joint-Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Motor Group, alongside the SMMT and The RAC Foundation.

Motor Sports Association (MSA)

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The Motor Sports Association (MSA) is the motor sport governing body for the UK as appointed by the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and is responsible for the governance and administration of all four-wheeled motor sport in the UK, including setting the technical and sporting rules across all disciplines of motor sport.

The MSA is responsible for the promotion and development of the sport from grass roots through to Elite level and has created a Whole Sport Strategy for UK motor sport that has been endorsed by DCMS, Sport England, the CCPR and many other related bodies.

The MSA membership comprises 33,000 competition licence holders (from 8 years of age) and 750 motor clubs which together have a combined membership in excess of 200,000. The MSA issues permits for the organisation of 5,000 events every year and boasts a database of 15,000 registered volunteer marshals and officials.

The MSA undertakes a number of activities on behalf of HMG including Route Authorisation for all motoring events on the public highway on behalf of the Department for Transport, CRB checks for all people working with minors in motor sport, Border Agency vetting of all international arrivals looking to work/drive in UK motor sport and upholding the World Anti Doping Agency directives on drugs and doping in motor sport.

Auto Cycle Union (ACU)

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The Auto-Cycle Union is the Governing Body for motorcycle sport throughout Britain. It is recognised by the Federation Internationale de Motorcyclisme (FIM). The ACU was a founder member of this body in 1904.

The main objective of the ACU is to provide all participants in motorcycle sport with enjoyable, safe and competitive days of sporting action. With over 630 clubs divided into 21 centres, there are many opportunities available for interested parties, irrespective of age or ability.

The ACU sets the rules for the various aspects of the sport, ensuring fair play. It sets, checks and revises safety standards, whilst training stewards, marshals and observers – helping to ensure that motorcycle sport is an insurable commodity.

