

# NG Road Racing... Brands Hatch Preview



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**Rounds 1 and 2 | Brands Hatch | 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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## Has all the winter preparation paid off ?..... let's get on the grid and find out !!!!

The long winter months working away in the garages all over the country by the UK's hard core club and national level riders is now done, the wait is over, it's time to get back out on track.

The lucky ones will have been down to Spain to test, the not so lucky ones will have been to Mallory Park or Pembrey for a finger freezing test session. What ever your pre-season prep.... today you find out if it has all paid off.

Many of the 2016 champions are back to defend their titles, which is never an easy task. Some though have traded in... stepped up... and taken on a new challenge for 2017.

Last seasons top man Josh Day has added a ZX10 to the garage to defend his Open title, Pete Carr one of the clubs most versatile riders also has stepped up to the Open and Powerbike on a very trick ZX10 to take on Roo Cotton, Chris Pope and Michael Blank on a raft of sorted R1 Yamahas.

As ever last years top newcomers will be hoping to make names for themselves this term. Jake Detloff has racing in his blood and is eyeing up the Mini Twins series. Simon Bastable took the Open newcomers in 2016 and went well here at Brands in the cold taking the newbies race in very poor conditions. He impressed in the 600 open too, but will have a tough job on to match Josh Day, Max Symonds and Alister Haynes.

The full list of NG race classes range from the teenagers on the F125's though, 600,, Powerbikes, Supermono's, Mini Twins, Sound of Thunder, Streetstocks, Pre Injections and Sidecars..... something for all tastes.

As ever round number one will see several bikes and riders out on track that will not run the series but will use it as valuable BSB pre season track time. Last year Ben Godfrey, Sam Thompson, Phil Atkinson, and the True Heroes Race Team all spiced up the season opener.

Experience counts for a lot, knowing when to push...and when to not !!! Multiple class title winner Tim Bradley was the champion of champions last year.... no dnf's.... no visits to the grass... never off the podium. He knows how to win in all conditions, and knows championships can not be won at round one....but certainly can be lost !!



**172 Tim Bradley** | Tim was crowned the Champion of Champions in 2016. He is vastly experienced and knows when to push. He took 11 wins last year... and was never off the podium.

## Brands Hatch Circuit

The Brands Hatch Indy circuit is just 1.198 miles long but packs in 6 big corners. On a bike the machine is never actually upright as the "so-called" straight sections, like the Cooper straight are so short, and are linked by some big corners. Just take a look at the circuit map, and you will see what I mean.

## Brands Hatch History

Brands Hatch has a great place in UK racing with a track that dates back to 1926, although a switch of direction in 1964 to the more recognisable layout proved a hit. It is one of the only venues in the world to hold WSB, F1, GT Car, WTCC, Indycar and Nascar. It was rammed back in the late 1990's when Carl Fogarty was at his peak in World Supers pulling in over 80,000 punters for race day.

## NG's Fastest Rider at Brands Hatch

Peter Baker is the NG Road Racing lap record holder at 47.38 sec, that's an average of 91.78mph, set back in March 2014 on his BSB spec ZX10 Kawasaki. However such is the nature of this circuit that Kyle Ryde got his RS GP Honda round in just 50.16 sec in 2011...that's 86mph.....less than 3 seconds slower !

## Adding extra interest to the weekend.....

NG Road Racing is again running and promoting the British National series for 125cc and 250cc GP machinery. This is the only place in the UK that you will see these ex-GP machines racing for a full British Championship title backed by the ACU (The sports governing body in the UK). We also welcome the Ducati Desmo Due Series back for another year and the same goes for the ever growing band of Formula Prostock runners. In addition to the national series we also have the popular TSGP Two-stroke runners.

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## 2017 Starts right here, and right now.... But be careful.... Brands can bite !!!

As ever with the start of a new season the slate is wiped clean, and points for those hard earned championships need winning all over again.

Many of the 2016 championships have returned to the NG grids to defend titles, and several have taken on the challenges of new machinery. Last years Open champ Josh Day has a new ZX10...as does Peter Carr. Alan Russell has his new Tigcraft ready to race. Many other have spent the winter building too. NG have once more been given the honour of running the UK's only National championship for 125cc and 250 GP machines which has historically given us great racing. The Desmo Due Ducati's are back, as are the Formula Prostocks. Sidecars too are there to add some more spice to the race weekend action.

Supermono's are back too, launched on the back of the success of Dave Hampton with his Single Tigcraft we have the all-new Supermono series.

As anyone involved in racing knows, championships are hard won, and can never be won at round number one of the season..... However they certain can be lost !!! Brands Hatch has a reputation for a lack of grip early season. It will be the clever riders to come away with the points and prizes this weekend.



**Josh Day** | 2016 Open and 600 champion. He is back on the NG grids for 2017 and has a new ZX10 in the garage to help defend his Open title.

## Race Day Timetable

Timetable	Sat	Sun	Timings are subject to change by the promoters and/or circuit management.
Technical Inspection	7:00am	8:00am	See the bikes being checked by the Scrutineers, and wander round the pits
Free Practice	9:00am	9:00am	Watch the riders get familiar with the circuit in free practice
Qualifying Races	10:30am	10:00am	The competitors race for grid positions for the finals
Championship Races	14:00pm	13:30pm	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake

## Admission Prices.

Ticket Type	Sat	Sun	
Adult	<b>£15</b>	<b>£15</b>	Online discounts available   One-day ticket <b>£10</b>   Two-day ticket <b>£19</b>
Children (13 to 15)	<b>£9</b>	<b>£9</b>	Only if accompanied by an adult   Online discounts available at <b>£6</b> per day
Children (U13)	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>	Only if accompanied by an adult

For full conditions of admission and to take advantage of online bookings | [www.motorsportvision.co.uk](http://www.motorsportvision.co.uk)

## Directions to the Circuit

Brands Hatch is situated in Kent, approximately 3 miles from J3 of the M25 and just off the A20.

Approximately 8 miles from Sevenoaks.

Brands Hatch Circuit signs are evident from all directions | **Sat Nav: DA3 8NG**

## What's on track

Up to 20 NG Road Racing championship races each day split into qualifiers and finals for each of the classes. That means some 8 hours of on track action each day. I suggest you get in nice and early, take a wander around the paddock and soak up the atmosphere as the riders go through technical inspection and free practice, then take to the track in anger for the qualifiers in seeded championship order. The main finals kick off early afternoon when all the championship points and prizes are contested.

<b>Feature and Guest races:</b>	125/250GP ACU National Championship The Phoenix Open TSGP Two-stroke GP series	The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series The Formula Prostocks and Bandit Challenge
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<b>NG Support classes:</b>	F125   125GP   Moto 3   F400   GP45   500cc   600cc   Powerbike   Sound of Thunder   Supermono Super Twin   Mini Twin   Streetstock   Pre Injection   Sidecars   Newcomers
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## The 2017 Season

Round 1	Brands Hatch	18th and 19th March	Round 5	Castle Combe	8th and 9th July
Round 2	Oulton Park	8th April	Round 6	Anglesey	12th and 13th August
Round 3	Donington Park	13th and 14th May	Round 7	Pembrey	2nd and 3rd September
Round 4	Cadwell Park	3rd and 4th June	Round 8	Thruxton	7th October

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