

The Land's End Trial has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Mulling through the latest advice from the Government, Motorsports UK and various media, I have been discussing this with quite a few people and listening to their advice. I am of the opinion that we ought to postpone the Land's End rather than cancel or indeed to carry on trying to run it. We have within the team discussed ways of:

1. Doing away with the need for officials to handle either the declaration or control cards.
2. Doing away with competitors signing on & off.
3. Providing extra washing facilities.

Whilst this may be possible and even desirable, it will not eliminate the risk of transmission. Relying on competitors and officials to withdraw if they feel unwell only takes one so far. There are a number of unknown factors such as a period when an individual may be infectious but not yet showing symptoms.

The COVID-19 outbreak is still spreading and curtailing our activities generally is a major step to limit its spread. Our event is low risk BUT there are areas where the risk of passing on this disease would be higher, such as controls in confined spaces (Barbrook) or rest halts (Bridgwater & Wilsey Down). I am not willing to place our officials and competitors in a position where they might be more exposed to the coronavirus, let alone the individuals and firms that supply facilities and refreshments.

My feeling is that there will be more likelihood in the near future of events being closed down and a possibility that more of us will be confined to quarters. The current outbreak is not showing any signs of slowing down in either this country or our neighbours. Hopefully, over the next few weeks, we will understand how best to tackle this problem.

Accordingly I propose that we delay the running of the Land's End until 11th/12th September, which does not conflict with ACTC events. Taking this decision now will give people time to make alternative arrangements with hotels etc. I apologise to anyone inconvenienced by this decision.

Clerk of the Course
Bill Rosten.