



**International Six Days Trial (ISDT)
Centenary commemoration for the 1926 ISDT
17th June 2026**



H. G. Uzzell (493 B.S.A. sc.) winds up among the scenery at Starkholmes.

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Background

Building on an idea by David Giles, a volunteer in the VMCC Allen House library a series of 4 events commemorating the 1925-1928 ISDT's being held in Britain is planned. The 1926 commemoration is the second in the series and is being hosted by the North Staffs section of the VMCC. The date set for the event is Wednesday 17th June 2026 and it will be based at Buxton in the Peak District.

The intention in creating this non-competitive event, besides enjoyment, is to remind the Authorities and the Public that we were using these roads 100 years ago. In keeping with this 'heritage message' preference will be given to older machines, the older the better.

Outline Description of Event

The event will start and finish at Buxton Pavilion Gardens, with suggested morning and afternoon routes around the scenic Peak District provided. Both routes will return to Buxton to give opportunity for a lunch break. The Pavilion Gardens is a beautiful historic setting in the town of Buxton, which will give us the ability to share our hobby with members of the public.

The original trial covered around 600 miles over 4 days in the Peak District before heading to Brooklands for the finish. Our routes will be based on the original routes and locations but modified to sensible distances and allowing for modern traffic and changes to the roads. First participant away at 10.00am, with small groups leaving at intervals.

For people wanting to extend their stay, North Staffs section hope to provide route sheets or to lead additional social runs in the area in the days around the main event. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Thank you for your interest: Any queries should be addressed to:

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Start/Finish Venue

The base for the event will be:

Buxton Pavilion Gardens

St John's Rd

Buxton SK17 6BE

The final instructions will provide details of how to access the promenade area of the site on the day, but there will be room to fettle and display machines before the start. There is also access to toilets and catering facilities before the start, during the lunch break and at the end of the day. There is also a large indoor space and plenty of outdoor tables.

Parking

There is free on-street parking nearby and an adjacent public carpark (Pay & Display) with around 200 spaces. We intend to provide secure parking for trailers within the site for anyone bringing their bike on one.

It would help us greatly if you could indicate on the entry form whether you intend to ride your bike to the start, or bring it with a van or trailer.

Timetable

The venue gates will be open from 8.00am, with the first riders departing on the morning route at 10.00am and returning to Buxton for a lunch break.

We hope that everyone will be back from the afternoon route by around 4.00pm having had a great day.

The venue closes at 6.00pm and we will need to vacate the promenade area.

Catering

The venue has good catering facilities, and we hope to arrange refreshments as early as possible after the gates open at 8.00am.

There is an on-site café, as well as an ice-cream kiosk and brewery outlet. The nearby town centre also offers a selection of restaurants and other food outlets.

Note - food and drinks are not included in the entry fee.

Participants

The event is open to all riders of suitable machines (see below), but is primarily aimed at members of the VMCC. Current VMCC membership cards must be produced at signing on.

Non-members may take part subject to paying a 1-day VMCC membership in addition to the normal entry fee.

Passengers may be carried on suitably equipped machines at no additional cost.

Participants under the age of 18 should have a parent/guardian countersign their entry form.

The maximum numbers of riders will be 100. Closing date for entries is 30th April 2026.

Machine Eligibility

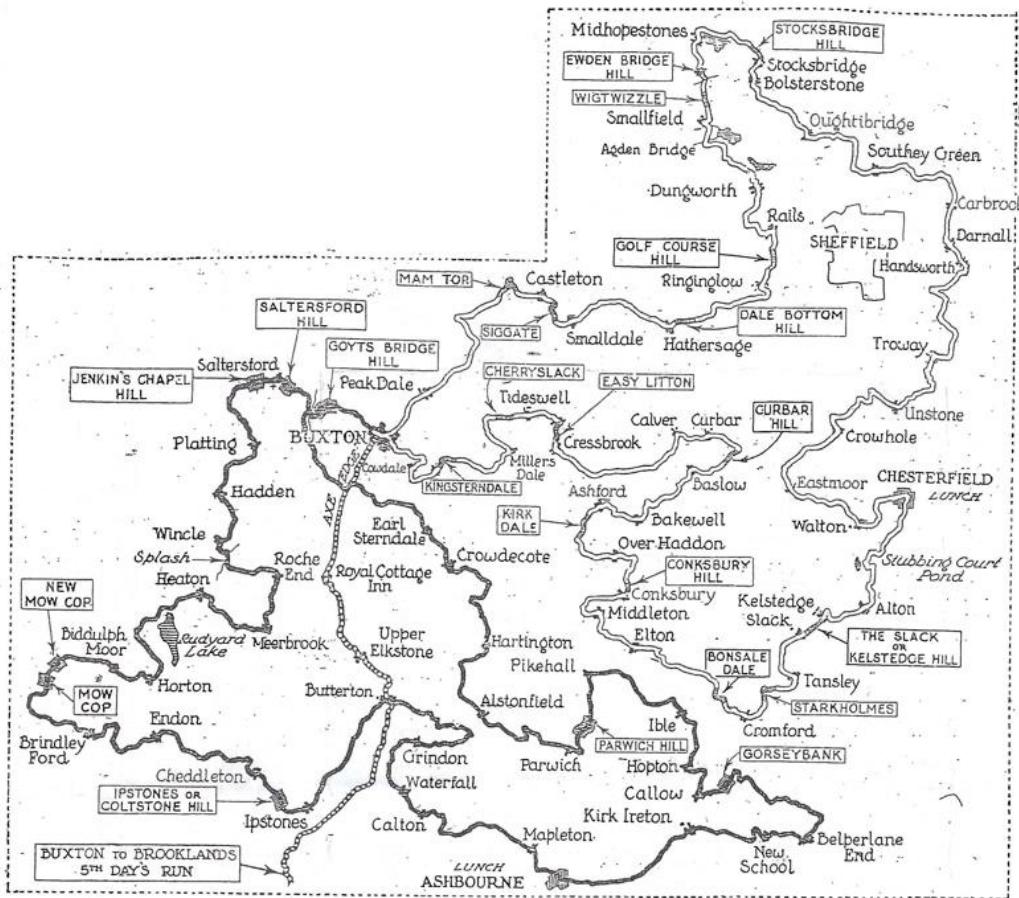
To enhance the spirit of the event, priority will be given to pre-war machines (up to 1946) and later machines with an ISDT "pedigree" meaning a machine model which was entered in any ISDT until the event ceased in 1980.

Unless the event is oversubscribed, a reserve list will be open for later machines meeting the VMCC "25 year rule" (up to 2001). Reserve entrants who are allocated a space will be notified shortly after the closing date.

All machines must be road legal.

Route

The routes will follow parts of the 1926 routes (see below) as closely as possible, and will include some challenging terrain as well as beautiful scenery in Derbyshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire. Major roads will be avoided where we can, as will urban areas. Part of the original route now goes into the modern-day Sheffield conurbation, so we have decided to exclude that section. Each route for the morning and afternoon is yet to be finalised, but is planned to be 50-60 miles for each.



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Ordnance Survey maps which cover the area include:

- Landranger (1:50,000 scale) Sheets 110 (Sheffield & Huddersfield), 118 (Stoke-on-Trent) and 119 (Buxton & Matlock).
- Explorer (1:25,000 scale) Sheets OL1 (Dark Peak) and OL24 (White Peak)
- Tour Map 4 (Peak District & Derbyshire) at 1:100,000 scale

Costs

VMCC members' entry fee is £15 per machine.

Non-members' entry fee is £20 per machine i.e. £15 + £5 for 1-day VMCC membership.

Please send fees by cheque with entry forms. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable once a place has been allocated.

Cheques should be made payable to "North Staffs Vintage Motorcycle Club." If you no longer have a cheque book, please get in touch and we will try to make alternative arrangements.

Note – the entry fee has been set to cover the costs of running the event, and any surplus will be donated to a local charity such as the Air Ambulance or First Responders.

Breakdown cover

No formal breakdown cover will be provided, although assistance will be given where possible. Final instructions will include contact numbers for members of the organising team on the day.

We recommend that participants have breakdown cover and install the What3Words app on their mobile phone. This provides accurate location information and is widely used by breakdown and emergency services.

Note – the Peak District is a largely hilly and rural area and mobile phone signal is not guaranteed!

Accommodation

Regretfully, the North Staffs section is unable to assist with accommodation for those travelling from afar. However, the Buxton area has plenty of hotels, guest houses and campsites which can be found by the usual methods.

Final Instructions

These will be sent out by email if an address has been provided with the detailed route information in early June 2026. If you are not providing an email address, please send a 1st Class SAE envelope with your entry.