



Syncropendence Weekend

It is hoped that the weekend will be both enjoyable and entertaining to all who attend. It is entirely voluntary and nobody is expected to do anything with their Syncro they are unsure about.

Club 80-90 Synchronauts is affiliated to the Motor Sports Association (MSA). This enables us to obtain the required insurances to hold events.

The safety of drivers and spectators is paramount to the success of the event; and to help us in achieving this, the MSA have rules and procedures which must be adhered to at all times.

Any motor sport or off-road activity can be hazardous. Some of those attending will not have been to an event like this before or even driven off-road so it is very important that people who are intending to attend as a driver or spectator read and understand the rules of the event.

These rules will be given to everybody in advance of the event.

This is not a 'Pay and Play' off-road event; it is a club led, organised off road drive, aimed to allow all to learn and improve their skills at their own pace. The permit does not cover participants driving off road on the Friday.

Apart from this the event is intended to be relaxed and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Syncro Committee

Syncropendence: Site Rules & Procedures

(All attendees *must* read these rules & procedures!)

General Safety notes:

All motor sport can be dangerous.

If you are requested to move to a different location by a marshal at any time during the event please do so immediately. This applies to both spectators and drivers.

Within the campsite area speed limit is 5mph. On all other areas of the site the speed limit is 15mph.

Course driving curfew is in operation from 19:30-09:30 hours. Campsite driving should be kept to a minimum. **Always be very careful when reversing, avoid reversing if at all possible within campsite.**

Duty of care applies to each & everyone at such events, whether driver or spectator. Safety is a joint enterprise.

Spectators:

Please keep clear of the course when watching and try to spectate from positions **uphill** of the vehicles at all times. **Never** park or stand at the bottom of steep climbs or descents, stay well to one side. In the unlikely event that a vehicle should roll it should roll away from you if you are above it.

Do not crowd into a winching or towing operation, and keep children well away – this is potentially always a dangerous operation however interesting it might seem!

Please respond to any requests from site marshals immediately. Their requests are to protect your safety. Stay focused and alert when near moving vehicles, particularly so when responsible for children.

If you hear a marshal's whistle, look up and respond to any instructions.

Children: Children are very welcome at the event, but parents need to keep a close eye on them, particularly in driving areas. Whilst all due care will be taken, marshals cannot be expected to control other people's children, nor drivers always see small ones. Know where they are at all times. **It is advisable for all children to wear high vis vests.**

Dogs: must be kept on a lead at all times. Pick up after your dog. This is a working farm.

Walkers: There are probably rights of way on the site, but even if not, walkers are still entitled to walk on the site (right to roam). Please be courteous to them and slow to walking pace should you encounter any stray walkers.

Drivers Safety notes:

Drivers:

- Ensure all loose items in your vehicle are secured when driving off road; this includes batteries and battery connections!
- Please be aware of spectators and other vehicles around you at all times when driving. Take no unnecessary risks when driving on the site, if in doubt ask a marshal;
- Keep arms inside the vehicle at all times. DO NOT reach out of the window should your van roll! (This sounds really dumb, I know, but it has happened and people's arms have been broken!)
- If it is already wet, or rains, during on-site driving, be aware that steep climbs, descents and cross-slope driving limitations **change dramatically**.
- Drivers are responsible for ensuring that their vehicle is fit for purpose (off-road driving) and adequately prepared above and beyond the normal UK MOT standards. If you are unsure please ask one of the stewards for assistance / advice.
- Drivers are responsible for ensuring all passengers are wearing seat belts and that children wear seat belts (height dependent) or are suitable restrained in a correctly fitted child's car seat.

Course marshals: Marshals can be identified by their fluorescent jackets (orange usually to distinguish from other participants). Some of them may be equipped with two-way radios. If you have any queries about any routes, procedures or an aspect of the event, please consult one of the marshals. They will also know who the site first aider is and direct you to them should first aid be required.

Clerk of the Course: The Clerk operates as the chief marshal. Any issues or disputes during the event will be settled by the Clerk but referred to the stewards if necessary.

Course markings: If a course is marked out with orange arrows on stakes, please stick to the course and if you knock over any arrows please put them back up afterwards. If you cannot replace the arrow please ask a marshal for assistance.

Route choice: Where there is a choice of routes (normally easy/hard) the hard route will be marked with a black H on the orange arrow. If the arrows are unmarked there should be no difference in difficulty of the routes.

Course priority: Please give way to vehicles moving uphill on the course; this includes spectators. This is pertinent when travelling to upper areas of the site, where there is only one route. Please also cede to any marshal's vehicle. However, if a vehicle in difficulties needs to descend or is descending, please make an effort to clear the area below.

Recovery: Should your vehicle become badly stuck or in a dangerous position DO NOT continue trying to drive the vehicle to get it out, as this will probably make the situation worse. Do not immediately recover other drivers' vehicles, please call a marshal for assistance and safe recovery. Name a person to control & co-ordinate the recovery when more than two people are involved; they should ideally don an orange high-vis singlet, to distinguish themselves as active marshals.

First Aiders: Will be identified to you on the day; however it is advisable to always carry a basic first aid kit in your vehicle.

Most importantly have fun and enjoy the weekend!