



## THE FIRST UK CITROEN TRACTION AVANT SAFETY and RELIABILITY RUN – SUNDAY MAY 6th 2012



This is your opportunity to test and prove the Safety and Reliability of the Traction Avant and in particular your own car and your driving ability.

The event will follow some of the motor vehicle trial and test routes of the 1920's and 1930's which, it is said, helped to develop motor vehicles as we know them today. It is based on the route of The Beamish Safety and Reliability Trial (known as The Beamish Run), re-started in 1971 by The Friends Of Beamish Museum, for any pre-1956 Classic Car.

It is run annually, always on the 3rd Sunday of June. 130 cars did the run in 2011, two were Tractions which completed the course and both drivers and navigators said it was a "wonderful experience".

Because of restricted numbers able to participate, and clashing with other TOC events, it has been decided to hold a separate independent Traction run in spring 2012, offering a similar style run to all Traction Owners and for Tractions only.

Whilst testing you'll see some of England's best countryside and viewpoints.

The 155-mile route will wind its way through the charming and unspoilt County Durham countryside and forested areas to Barnard Castle said to be the gateway to the Dales. Passing by the wonderful French chateaux style portico of the award winning 19th century Bowes Museum. Then on to the Yorkshire Dales over the Stang Forest hills to Arkengarthdale, then turning for Low Row and Gunnerside, heading on to the majestic Buttertubs Pass, via the village of Muker. The route runs through Swaledale via Hawes and onto Bainbridge for a well earned lunch stop. The afternoon session starts with a climb from Askrigg and back to Muker.

The route continues via Thwaite, Keld then up Silver Hill to Tan Hill (Britain's Highest Pub – if time permits, "Time for a beer perhaps!") We then head across Bowes Moor to enter Cumbria briefly and on to Brough and the Durham Dales.

Over Hamsterly Common and into Weardale. Into Stanhope, missing out the ford crossing up Crawleyside Bank and on to Stanhope Common. The route now heads to Lanchester along interesting old Roman roads and back to Chester-le-Street.

The Run is meant to be a testing run for both car and driver but is not a competition. It is not meant to be a vehicle breaking course but as the route takes you over open wild countryside, before embarking you should ensure your car is up to it.

Occasional checkpoints will be in place to assess your knowledge of the Traction, the route and your driving ability.

It is meant to be fun and adventurous. You will need a navigator/co-driver.

As you know, two Tractions have already completed the course so it can be done and you and yours can do it as well.

So, make this your first weekend event for 2012. Drive to County Durham on the Saturday, stay over at one of the suggested hotels, do the run on the Sunday, stay over on the Sunday and head back home on Bank Holiday Monday.

Excluding accommodation and meals (a BBQ may be offered after the Run if there is demand) we expect the cost to be no more than £15 per car to cover Run plaque, achievement car badge, postage etc.



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### ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, **which you must book**, are centred around the Washington Service Station on the A1(M) (See: <http://g.co/maps/ss7ky>) being:

#### Campanile Inn NE37 1LE ,

[www.campanile.com](http://www.campanile.com) Tel 0044 191 416 5010

email [washington@campanile.com](mailto:washington@campanile.com)

78 rooms available and we have 30 reserved.

Quote TOC for the special rate. B&B £50 per room for 2 people per night.

Single £25 per room plus £10 supplement per night.

#### Holiday Inn NE37 1LB

[www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/washington/nclws/hoteldetail/directions](http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/washington/nclws/hoteldetail/directions)

Tel: 0044 871 942 084

Only 10 rooms available and no twin bedded rooms, just doubles.

B&B £60 per room per night.

You will be asked to prepay on reservation to get this rate but cancellable and refund if that room re-let if before 5th April.

#### Premier Inn NE37 1LB

[http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/WASCOL/newcastle-washington?CMP=KNC\\_Gb](http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/WASCOL/newcastle-washington?CMP=KNC_Gb)

Tel: 0871 527 9136 Room only from £39

NB. – all these hotels are next door to one another and in walking distance of each other

At this stage I am looking to see what interest there might be in this event. We probably need 20 to 30 cars to make the planning worthwhile.

So, will you please email me at [grahamhandleyhandley@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamhandleyhandley@btinternet.com) or telephone (0044) (0)1661 843493 giving your name and contact details to register your interest and book your hotel as soon as possible.

A special rate has been agreed with the Campanile so please book by December 18th 2011.

Applications and event payment fee will be required by the end of April 2012.

**NOTE: You must have your own breakdown cover as there will be no support vehicles.**

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