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The eagerly anticipated first round of the 2017 Toyota Sprint Series was held at the popular and versatile Blyton Park Driving Centre in Lincolnshire.

Now in its 10th year, there were a number of regular competitors returning for this event and some well known faces from previous years as well as some newcomers too. As expected, there was a wide variety of cars, from the modern and sporty GT86 to the economic Prius, and more classic Celicas, MR2s and more unusual variants such as the Levin. There is a class for every type of Toyota within the series to enhance competition.

A chilly but dry start set the scene, staying cool and dry throughout the day meaning drivers could consistently improve throughout their runs.



Location: Blyton Park, Lincolnshire Layout: Sprint Circuit (Outer) Weather AM: Dry Weather PM: Dry Entries: 46









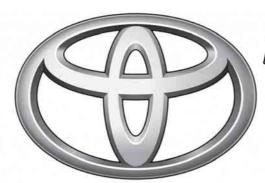












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Class J Street

Steve Arnold (#48) | 1st

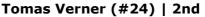


This class for up to 1000cc Normally Aspirated and unmodified cars suits the Aygo and the sole competitor Steve Arnold would love some fellow Aygos to compete against. Steve drove to the circuit and home in the Aygo and had some good battles with higher classed cars on the day. He set a competitive time of 1:31:78, improving over the day.

Class N1 Street

Lauren Blighton (#07) | 1st







A well subscribed class for lightly modified GT86 cars, times were close throughout the class with a very strong battle for first place between Lauren Blighton and Tomas Verner. Lauren just managed to maintain her Blyton winning streak with a 1:15:92 on run 7 just beating Tomas' 1:15:97.









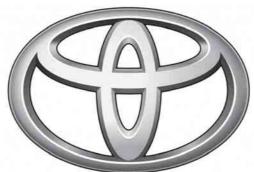












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Class N2 Street

Bob Ridge (#50) | 1st



This class is currently under-subscribed so do consider coming along with your standard GT86. Bob Ridge-Stearn brought his noticeable yellow car to this event and managed a great improvement throughout the day finishing with a respectable 1:22:86.

Class E Street

Steve Allison (#18) | 1st



This class for up to 1350cc Normally Aspirated unmodified cars suits the standard Yaris. Series regular Steve Alison produced consistent times throughout the day and punched above his weight with a 1:25:76 as his fastest time.









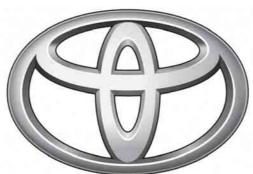












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Class E Pro

James Clayton (#12) | 1st



Jay Smith (#19) | 2nd



For more modified cars with low power, the Starlet is the vehicle of choice currently in this class. James Clayton was giving this a go instead of his GT4 in this round and was a clear winner with a 1:24:79, making Jay Smith the runner up with 1:27:22

Class D Street

Roger Greaves (#13) | 1st



Matthew Tyson (#31) | 2nd



A popular class for engines up to 1600 Normally Aspirated - this was one if the highest populated classes in this round with a great selection of cars. Roger Greaves brought the Levin which he set a class winning time of 1:21:59 and Matthew Tyson chased in his well prepared Corolla SR with a 1:22:76









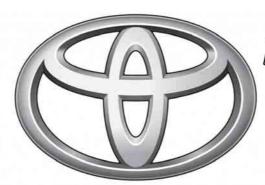












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Class D Pro

Gary Street (#20) | 1st



Sally-Anne Elliott (#16) | 2nd



For more modified cars up to 1600cc Normally Aspirated, there was a close battle between Sally-Anne Elliot and Gary Street. Gary's Starlet was the victor with a 1:23:21, Sally-Anne's Yaris T-Sport just behind with a 1:24:02.

Class C Street

Alex Fung (#14) | 1st



Gary Cooper (#35) | 2nd



A popular class with a variety of cars over 1600cc Normally Aspirated. Class positions were swapped throughout the day with Alex Fung the final winner with a 1:18:42 with the Altezza, and Gary Cooper's Celica a runner up with a 1:19:01.









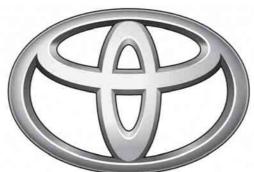












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Mark Burton (#34) | 1st







Another variety of cars in this class but no one could touch Mark Burton's superbly prepared and driven MR2 Roadster, his time of 1:12:92 earning him 4th overall and the coveted Hard Charger Trophy for drivers making an impact on the day. Second place in class was Alexander Jaskowski having fun in the Lexus IS F and a time of 1:16:99.

Class B Pro

Phil Cutler (#04) | 1st



The sole entrant of this class had to retire after the first run due to gearbox issues. Phil Cutler's MR2 Mk1 4A-GTE still managed 8th overall with the time of 1:15:77 and the gearbox was replaced by 8pm that evening so hopefully better things are expected from round 2.









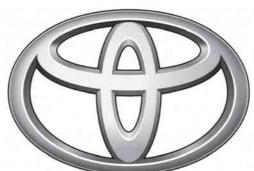












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Class A3 Street

Andrew Haw (#08) | 1st



Jared Lodge (#25) | 2nd



This class for over 1600cc forced induction standard cars saw returning regular Andrew Haw have a few technical issues but a class winning time of 1:16:90. Jared Lodge was runner up in his Celica GT4 with a 1:21:08.

Class A3 Pro

Tom Thorpe (#05) | 1st



Tom Thorpe's Celica GT4 was a little lonely in this class but managed a good improvement throughout the day and finished 6th overall with a good time of 1:14:18.









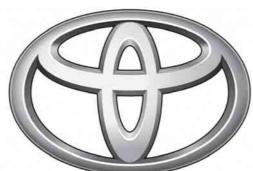












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Class A2 Pro

Barry Mason (#40) | 1st



It was great to see Barry Mason return to the series and his Celica GT4 gave some excellent times, resulting in the fastest of 1:12:25 for a class win and third overall.

Class Pro-Tuner

Adrian Smith (#01) | 1st







The most seriously prepped cars are placed in the Pro-Tuner class, and joining regulars this event was Jonny Milner and his ex-works Celica ST185 as driven by Carlos Sainz in the 1992 Australia rally – attracting a lot of attention. Adrian Smith was enjoying having a challenger but still proved unbeatable with his GT86R and a time of 1:08:18 earning him first overall, Jonny's 1:10:38 giving him second overall.









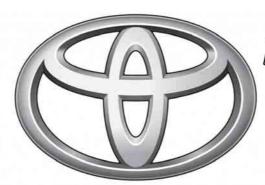












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Round 1 Blyton Park Winners











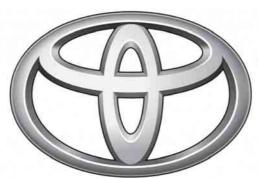












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Round 1 Blyton Park Spring (Outer) Event Results

Toyota Sprint Series 2017 - Round 1 Event Ranking

RankBil	o. Name	Vehicle	Class	(Rank)	Time	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Run 8
1 1	Smith Adrian	GT86R	Pro	(1)	1:08.18	1:10.03	DISQ	1:09.11	1:09.54	1:08.74	1:08.18	1:09.13	1:09.09
2 39	Milner Jonny	GT4 ST185 Group A	Pro	(2)	1:10.38	1:11.43	1:10.38	DISQ	1:10.82	1:10.45	DISQ	1:12.17	
3 40	Mason Barry	Celica GT4 RC	A2-P	(1)	1:12.25	1:14.65	1:12.49	1:12.25	DISQ	1:14.59	1:13.94		1:14.1
4 34	Burton Mark	MR2 Roadster	C-P	(1)	1:12.92	1:14.11	1:14.36	1:13.31	DISQ	1:12.92	1:13.67	DISQ	1:13.2
5 2	Bunney Andy	Celica GT4 ST185	Pro	(3)	1:13.20		1:16.42	1:14.34	1:13.62	1:13.99	1:15.34		1:13.2
6 3	Levinson Nigel	Celica GT4 ST185	Pro	(4)	1:13.82		1:20.43	1:17.36	1:13.82	1:15.71	1:16.90		1:15.1
7 5	Thorpe Tom	Celica GT4	A3-P	(1)	1:14.18	1:16.78	1:15.68	1:15.93	1:19.84	1:14.48	1:14.18	1:14.20	
8 4	Cutler Phil	MR2 Mk1 4A-GTE	B-P	(1)	1:15.77	1:15.77							
9 7	Blighton Lauren	GT86	N1-S	(1)	1:15.92	1:16.89	1:16.28	1:16.10	1:16.96	1:17.17	1:18.21	1:15.92	1:16.2
10 24	Verner Tomas	GT86	N1-S	(2)	1:15.97	1:17.81	1:17.07	1:17.58	1:16.94	1:16.85	1:15.97		
11 27	Huxley Tim	GT86	N1-S	(3)	1:16.61	1:18.07	DISQ	1:19.04	1:18.56	1:17.12	1:16.61	1:17.09	1:17.4
12 9	Atkins Kevin	GT86	N1-S	(4)	1:16.83	1:18.31	1:17.66	DISQ	1:18.88	1:17.17	1:16.83	1:17.01	1:17.1
13 8	Haw Andrew	Celica GT4	A3-S	(1)	1:16.90	1:18.68	1:18.00	1:16.90	1:18.29	1:17.78	1:27.64	1:25.20	1:22.0
14 30	Jaskowski Alexander	Lexus IS F	C-P	(2)	1:16.99	1:20.53	1:18.75	DISQ	1:48.86	1:18.46	1:18.33	1:16.99	
15 49	Shore Neal	GT86	N1-S	(5)	1:17.81	1:22.79	1:19.88	1:19.40	1:18.80	1:18.11	1:17.81	1:18.12	1:18.3
16 10	Anchor Mike	GT86	N1-S	(6)	1:17.94	1:21.54	1:20.22	1:19.80	1:19.96	1:18.64	1:18.17	1:18.83	1:17.9
17 14	Fung Alex	Altezza	C-S	(1)	1:18.42	1:19.21	1:19.45	1:19.16	1:19.21	1:19.48	1:18.48	1:18.42	1:18.6
18 35	Cooper Gary	Celica	C-S	(2)	1:19.01	1:22.00	1:21.41	1:22.03	1:20.80	1:19.22	1:19.54	1:19.38	1:19.0
19 43	Riley Jon	Celica	C-S	(3)	1:19.13	1:21.12	1:23.11	1:22.55	1:20.98	1:21.54	1:19.13	1:20.06	1:23.2
20 17	Keeler Alec	GT86	N1-S	(7)	1:20.46	1:22.70	1:21.54	1:22.10	1:21.17	1:20.77	1:20.79	1:20.46	1:20.8
21 15	McKay Richard	Celica	C-S	(4)	1:21.08	1:21.98	1:21.41	1:21.08	1:21.30	1:21.44	1:21.52	1:21.28	1:21.4
22 25	Lodge Jared	Celica GT4	A3-S	(2)	1:21.08	1:24.17	1:21.92	1:21.67	1:23.39	1:22.22	1:21.96	1:21.08	1:21.4
23 22	Wilkinson Damian	Celica GT	C-S	(5)	1:21.13	1:23.82	1:22.51	1:23.99	1:22.76	1:22.18	1:22.15	1:21.77	1:21.1
24 13	Greaves Roger	Levin	D-S	(1)	1:21.59	1:24.12	1:22.61	1:22.11	1:22.38	1:28.28	1:23.07	1:21.59	1:22.2
25 53	Gaunt Steve	GT86	N1-S	(8)	1:21.71	1:25.78	1:25.18	1:23.44	1:23.95	1:23.40	1:22.71	1:22.20	1:21.7
26 31	Tyson Matthew	Corolla SR	D-S	(2)	1:22.76	1:23.70	1:23.82	1:23.88	1:23.51	1:23.33	1:22.76	1:23.14	1:22.9
27 50	Ridge-Stearn Bob	GT86	N2-S	(1)	1:22.86	1:24.26	1:23.06	1:24.04	1:24.16	1:22.86	1:23.68	1:26.37	1:24.0
28 44	Siddle Peter	Celica T Sport	C-S	(6)	1:22.96	1:24.11	1:23.39	DISQ	1:24.38	1:24.19	1:23.53	1:23.80	1:22.9
29 20	Street Gary	Starlet	D-P	(1)	1:23.21	1:25.03	1:25.07	1:25.05	1:25.97	1:24.65	1:23.58	DISQ	1:23.2
30 16	Elliott Sally-Anne	Yaris T-Sport	D-P	(2)	1:24.02	1:27.50	1:25.03	1:24.95	1:26.71	1:24.61	1:24.36	1:24.02	1:24.7
31 11	Tsang Keith	Celica ST202	C-S	(7)	1:24.12	1:27.70	DISQ	1:27.35	1:26.40	1:24.81	1:24.96	1:24.52	1:24.1
32 36	Quinn Dan	Corolla	D-S	(3)	1:24.27	1:25.19	1:25.41	1:26.13	1:25.90	1:25.45	1:24.78	1:24.55	1:24.2
33 12	Clayton James	Starlet	E-P	(1)	1:24.79	1:25.81	1:25.82	1:25.75	1:25.41	1:25.41	1:25.44	1:25.30	1:24.7
34 23	Thomas Paul	Prius ZVW50	C-P	(3)	1:25.51	1:25.71	1:25.99	1:25.51	1:26.41	1:25.98	1:25.60	1:25.56	1:28.1
35 28	Dean Jaik	Yaris T Sport	D-S	(4)	1:25.57	1:27.33	1:26.59	1:28.07	1:27.45	1:27.61	1:25.81	1:26.70	1:25.5
36 18	Allison Steven	Yaris	E-S	(1)	1:25.76	1:26.99	1:26.93	1:26.68	1:26.32	1:25.76	1:25.87	1:26.00	1:25.8
37 45	Downham Greg	Vitz RS NCP13	D-S	(5)	1:26.44	1:31.23	1:28.05	1:27.58	1:27.21	DISQ	1:26.48	1:36.01	1:26.4
38 37	Batty Mike	GT86	N1-S	(9)	1:26.44	1:27.65	1:26.56	1:26.44	1:28.72				
39 21	Haw Becca	Yaris T-Sport	D-P	(3)	1:26.78	1:29.88	1:29.06	1:28.11	1:27.69	1:28.37	1:27.86	1:27.30	1:26.7
40 29	Cantelo Dean	Corolla SR	D-S	(6)	1:26.93	1:30.69	1:28.98	1:28.76	1:28.61	1:28.97	1:27.98	1:28.26	1:26.9
41 5	Tormey Stuart	GT86 Aero	N1-S	(10)	1:27.01	1:31.44	1:27.58	1:28.26	1:27.70	1:27.90	1:27.01	1:27.42	1:27.2
42 19	Smith Jay	Starlet	E-P	(2)	1:27.22	1:29.86	1:28.54	1:29.19	1:29.64	1:29.19	1:29.40	1:28.38	1:27.2
43 52	Walker Chris	Corolla G6R	D-S	(7)	1:27.77	1:30.23	1:29.99	1:28.99	1:29.03	1:28.69	1:27.96	1:27.84	1:27.7
44 47	Murphy Patrick	Yaris	D-S	(8)	1:28.74	1:34.85	1:32.85	1:32.08	1:32.01	1:31.19	1:29.87	1:29.32	1:28.7
45 46	Japp Michael	MR2 Mk1	D-S	(9)	1:28.86	1:30.77	1:29.64	1:30.08	1:32.00	1:30.12	1:28.92	1:29.05	1:28.8
46 48	Arnold Steve	Aygo	J-S	(1)	1:31.78	1:34.94	1:33.77	1:33.37	1:34.11	1:32.25	1:32.51	1:31.94	1:31.7

















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