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MSA marshals to benefit from improved British GP facilities

The UK's premier motor sport event, the British Grand Prix, takes place at Silverstone next month (18-20 July). While millions around the world will watch the on-track action, few will appreciate the huge manpower required behind the scenes to make an event of this magnitude such a success.

Indeed, the entire Grand Prix meeting would not be a reality but for the dedication and enthusiasm of more than 1000 of the Motor Sports Association's registered volunteer marshals and officials, many of whom work tirelessly from dawn until dusk throughout the busiest and most important race meeting on the British motor sport calendar.

Late nights and early mornings dictate that around 75 per cent of the volunteers choose to camp within the venue at Silverstone. The MSA, as the governing body of UK motor sport and national organising body of the British Grand Prix, is committed to ensuring that its loyal volunteers are well looked after. To identify the precise needs of those staying at Silverstone for four or more days, the MSA – in association with its commercial arm, IMS – has set up a liaison group for marshals' representatives to work with Silverstone management. The main area

of focus for the group is the provision of better facilities in and around the marshals' campsite.

The group, headed by marshals' liaison officer Geoff Littler, has identified a number of areas where improvements can be made to alleviate the inconvenience of temporary accommodation.

Firstly, the campsite will now be open for a full week. Showers and toilet facilities will be upgraded and their numbers increased to unprecedented levels, while hot water will be provided from a dedicated mains supply. More and larger rubbish bins will be available around the campsite, while new maps will be issued to help marshals orientate themselves around the vast Silverstone venue. Improved security arrangements at the campsite, including the use of CCTV, are also on the agenda, along with a first aid facility, reduced vehicle movement and stringent speed limits.

“It’s not an understatement to say that the British Grand Prix couldn’t go ahead without the help and dedication of hundreds of volunteer marshals,” states Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA. “These volunteers are largely responsible for the smooth running of the event both on and off the race circuit. It’s vitally important that their sterling efforts are recognised and it’s only right that they are well looked after when staying at Silverstone. We have set up this special liaison group not only to define their specific needs and expectations but also to ensure that their recommendations are instigated.”

A full list of the new measures introduced for the 2003 British Grand Prix is detailed below:

- The official marshals' campsite will be open from 07:00 on Monday 14 July until 12:00 noon on Monday 21 July
- Showers and toilet facilities have been increased from four to eight units each
- Hot water for showers to be on its own mains to prevent pressure problems

- The provision of a bigger water main at the top of campsite plus a water bowser at the bottom for toilets only
- Extra standpipes for drinking water will be located at various points
- Water bins will be located around campsite
- Special litter bins provided for party on Saturday night
- 40 cubic yard refuse waste container will be located at campsite entrance
- The provision of a general store facility – items available, price list and opening times to be confirmed
- The presence of an on-site butcher (opening hours: Thursday 16:00-20:30; Friday 16:00-21:00 and Saturday 16:00-22:00), selling fresh meats and eggs
Telephone ordering service available 01327 857261
- Marshals' party on Saturday night (in marquee), voucher for each marshal for burger/chips/drink
- Mobile bar/fast food outlet/shop available from Thursday to Sunday
- 24-hour security from 07:00 on Monday 14 July until 12:00 noon on Monday 21 July
- Cadets will provide litter collection
- Problem log in security cabin, with actioned details
- Radio at security cabin to contact service providers for action when necessary
- Map of route through circuit to fun-fair for Friday night
- Speed limit of 5mph to be enforced on campsite
- Vehicle movement to be kept to a minimum
- Layout of campsite to be provided
- The area is covered by CCTV
- First Aid facilities available at the Outside Medical Centre by footbridge

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