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Vintage car event to climb one of Cumbria's highest mountain passes

On Saturday 11 November over 100 brightly decorated vintage sports cars from the 1920s and 30s will wind their way through some of the Lake District's most dramatic scenery for an exhilarating motoring extravaganza not to be missed.





Competitors will gather at the foot of Honister Pass in the Borrowdale valley with a range of top thoroughbred racing cars including a 1920's Bugatti Type 23, a 1927 Austin 7 and a 1930's Chrysler 66 Sports. They will then take on the steep quarry road that leads up the side of Fleetwith Pike and put their motoring skills to the test as part of the annual Lakeland Trials event.

Honister is the only location on the rally's route that allows spectators onto the climb, making it the best viewpoint combining the most challenging circuit in the day-long trial set against the most dramatic backdrop.

The 4-stage event is organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club and takes in spectacular scenery around Buttermere, Keswick and Whinlatter.

Joe Weir, Co-owner of Honister Slate Mine, says,

"We look forward to this spectacular and exhilarating event every year and each year we get to meet even more fantastic characters getting out and braving the elements in their amazing vintage vehicles. The atmosphere is full of camaraderie, celebrating history and sheer determination. It's not only about motoring enthusiasts but attracts a wide range of people who gather to watch a fascinating display of colour and heritage in such a unique natural setting."

Vehicles will be arriving at <u>Honister Slate Mine</u> - England's only productive/working slate mine from 8.30am onwards on Saturday 11 November 2017. Refreshments will be available to purchase throughout the day at Honister Slate Mine's Sky High Café Call 017687 77230 for more information.

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