

Yeovil Car Club**Yeovilton Sprints 1959 – 1978****Best Time of the Day**

Date	Driver	Car	Time sec.	
20-Sep-1959	Wally Cuff	Cooper 'Hells Hammers' 1000cc	35.91	One lap course
11-Sep-1960	Wally Cuff	Cooper 'Hells Hammers' 1000cc	35.50	
24-Sep-1961	Wally Cuff	Cooper		<i>Time not known</i>
16-Sep-1962	Eric Willmott	Elva Ford	66.63	Two lap course
31-Mar-1963	John Macklin	Lotus 20	64.91	
15-Sep-1963	Wally Cuff	Cooper-Climax	67.94	
22-Mar-1964	Vic Crapnell	Jaguar E-type	75.19	
13-Sep-1964	Ron Fry	Ferrari 250 GTO	66.30	
28-Mar-1965	John Grafton	Lotus 7 Ford 1500cc	66.20	
12-Sep-1965	Ian Swift	Cooper-Ford	64.02	
27-Mar-1966	Tom Elton	Lotus 22 Ford	65.91	
11-Sep-1966	John Grafton	Cooper Monaco Buick	64.06	
26-Mar-1967	Ron Fry	Ford GT40	66.19	
10-Sep-1967	Stan Thomas	Cooper Mk.8 JAP 1100	64.66	
31-Mar-1968	Spencer Elton	Lotus 22	62.18	
8-Sep-1968	Geoff Taylor	Lotus 7 1.5	64.09	
30-Mar-1969	Jeff Hill	Mallock U2/5 Ford 1.6	68.41	
7-Sep-1969	John Grafton	Grafton Buick 3.5	62.78	
*29-Mar-1970	Patsy Burt	McLaren M3A Oldsmobile 4.5	61.71	
6-Sep-1970	Paul Weldon	Brabham BT15 1.5	60.80	
*28-Mar-1971	Roy Lane	McLaren M10B Chevrolet 5.5	59.60	
5-Sep-1971	Brian Colvin	Merlyn Mk10 1.5	60.47	
*26-Mar-1972	Terry Smith	Cooper T81B Chrysler 7.2	62.06	
24-Sep-1972	Tony Griffiths	Brabham BT35X Repco 5.0	59.14	
*25-Mar-1973	Jonty Williamson	McLaren M10A/B Chevrolet 5.7	63.75	
23-Sep-1973				<i>Results not known</i>
*31-Mar-1974	Dave Harris	McLaren M10B/14 Chevrolet 5.0	58.34	
*22-Sep-1974	David Franklin	Ensign LNF373 Ford 1.6	57.39	
*30-Mar-1975	Dave Harris	McLaren M10B/14 Chevrolet 5.0	58.73	
*28-Sep-1975	Dave Harris	McLaren M10B/14 Chevrolet 5.0	57.24	
*28-Mar-1976	David Franklin	March 742 BMW 2.0	55.99	
*27-Mar-1977	David Franklin	March 772 BMW 2.0	63.36	
*9-Apr-1978	David Franklin	March 772 BMW 2.0	55.37	

\* incorporated a round of the RAC British Sprint Championship

**Notes:**

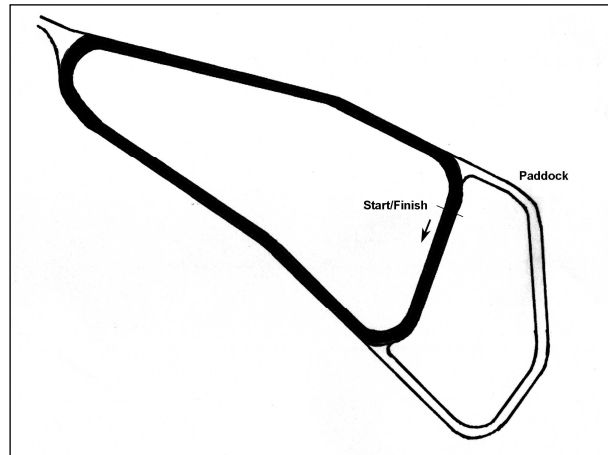
1. Course: 1959-60 1 lap; 1962-78 2 laps. (1 lap = 875 yards)
2. 1959-1960 events co-promoted by Yeovil CC and West Hants & Dorset CC. From 1961 events were co-promoted by Yeovil CC, West Hants & Dorset CC, Burnham-on-Sea MC and Taunton MC. By 1970 the West Hants & Dorset CC were no longer involved.

**Location**

Yeovilton sprint course location. Speckington, Somerset:
Coordinates: 51°00'45"N 002°37'29"W

The course ran over what were formerly taxiways of the aircraft dispersal area at the north-eastern side of the Yeovilton Royal Naval Air Station, five miles north of Yeovil, Somerset, constructed during World War 2.

After the war this area was de-requisitioned and use returned to the original landowner, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of the Church of England, and their tenant farmers.



By 1978 the track was in need of resurfacing, and, as the Yeovil Car Club were unable to agree a sufficient extension to their lease from the Church Commissioners to justify the expense that this would entail, the events were discontinued.

**Sources**

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