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# Bolesworth Concours

The Art of Horsepower



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Just wanted to say thank you for what was an excellent and most enjoyable day out."

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## Our Host, Nina Barbour



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Cheshire, where my home Bolesworth Castle sets the stage for the Al Shira'aa Bolesworth International across two summer weekends. Already renowned for World-class Showjumping, we enter into a new world... The Art of Horsepower.

We are delighted to be launching our inaugural Concours, which will take place during our opening Classics weekend from 26th - 28th June.

We have been working closely with our Concours Chairman Guy Le Saige de La Villèsbrunne to curate both an exceptional collection, and to bring together a discerning selection of experienced judges.

Uniquely uniting the equestrian and automotive worlds, the event is a true celebration of the Art of Horsepower. For brands, it offers a rare opportunity to engage with a discerning audience at the intersection of performance, craftsmanship and prestige.

I look forward to meeting you personally, and discovering your unique cars, across a very special weekend that promises to be a truly exceptional experience.

Warmest Regards,

Nina Barbour  
Managing Director - Bolesworth

# Bolesworth Concours Itinerary

We invite you to begin the weekend in style on Friday, as owners take over the Drivers Lawn to present their cars in a celebration of The Art of Horsepower. Judging will commence on Saturday morning, with renowned experts assessing each vehicle to the highest standards, celebrating the craftsmanship, provenance and individuality that make every car exceptional.

While the judging is conducted in a static format, entrants are encouraged to meet the judges beside their car - an opportunity to share the story behind it, highlight its condition or past restorations, and answer any questions. Both authenticity and use are valued, with preservation and historical significance contributing to each score.

Following the morning sessions, entrants and judges will enjoy a well-deserved lunchtime hospitality in the VIP Pavilion, offering panoramic views of both the equestrian and automotive action against the iconic backdrop of Bolesworth Castle - the perfect setting to experience the Al Shira'aa Bolesworth International as a celebration of sport, design and relaxed elegance. The excitement doesn't end with the final fence. As the sun sets, the celebration begins - an evening where guests can unwind, raise a glass and soak up the electric atmosphere long after the last jump.

On Sunday, a selection of Honorary Awards will complement the Class and Runners-Up recognitions. We are delighted to welcome our host, Nina Barbour, who will present the Best of Show awards, bringing the inaugural Art of Horsepower Concours to a distinguished close.

# Concours Timetable A Three-Day Celebration

## Friday 26th June - Welcome

- **Noon** - Entrant arrival and placement - Drivers Lawn
- **7.30pm** - Exclusive cocktail party - Bolesworth Castle

## Saturday 27th June - Judging Day

- **10.00am** - Drivers Lawn opens and judging commences
- **11.30am** - Lunchtime VIP Hospitality begins - VIP Pavillion
- **2.30pm** - Concours Parade - Drivers Lawn Stage
- **4.00pm** - Class Awards - Drivers Lawn Stage
- **6.30pm** - VIP Evening Hospitality Sessions begins - VIP Pavillion

## Sunday 28th June - Awards Day

- **10.00am** - Drivers Lawn opens
- **11.30am** - Lunchtime VIP Hospitality begins - VIP Pavillion
- **2.00pm** - Class winners parade and Best in Show judging  
Held in the Main Arena
- **3.30pm** - Grand Depart - Drivers Lawn



# Bolesworth Concours Classes

Eight carefully curated classes and displays which celebrate different expressions of automotive excellence.

Concours Class	About the Class
<b>The Racing Legends</b>	Historic competition cars that defined the golden age of motorsport. Including iconic machines from endurance racing, grand touring competition and legendary road races (e.g. Mille Miglia).
<b>The Coachbuilt Masters</b>	Automobiles created by the great design houses where craftsmanship and aesthetics were paramount. Featuring cars shaped by renowned coachbuilders such as Touring, Zagato and Pininfarina.
<b>The Italian Thoroughbreds</b>	Celebrating the passion, design and engineering brilliance of Italy's greatest marques. These automobiles represent the pinnacle of Italian sporting design and performance.
<b>The British Sporting Icons</b>	Honouring Britain's rich automotive heritage through elegant grand tourers and iconic sports cars. These machines reflect Britain's deep connection with both engineering excellence and sporting tradition.
<b>Bentleys Through The Ages</b>	A curation of 6 iconic Bentley cars representing the evolution of the brand over the 100+ years of its existence.
<b>Mercedes-Benz, a century of excellence</b>	This class celebrates a century of engineering, craftsmanship and development of exceptional automotive pieces following the merge of Mercedes and Benz, a hundred years ago, in 1926.
<b>Dawn of Horsepower</b> <i>(Display Only)</i>	Celebrating the earliest performance machines and grand touring automobiles of the pre-war era. These cars represent the origins of mechanical "horsepower" and the foundations of motoring performance.
<b>Vanquish 25th Anniversary</b> <i>(Display Only)</i>	Celebrating a quarter of a century milestone of the Aston Martin Vanquish, that has become a modern British classic



Our members really enjoyed the event especially the owner of 1908 Brasier, who won the People's Choice award. Thank you once again.

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# Judging Panel

To ensure credibility and international standing, the concours will be judged by a carefully curated panel combining expertise from automotive, design and sporting worlds.

## The judging panel will include:

- International concours judges and automotive historians
- Automotive designers or design leaders
- Motorsport figures or racing drivers
- Collectors or recognised figures within the classic car community

This multidisciplinary judging approach reflects the spirit of The Art of Horsepower, ensuring the winning cars are recognised not only for historical authenticity but also for their design significance, engineering excellence and sporting heritage.



# Bolesworth Judging Panel

Name	Role	Profession	Judge Bio
Iain Tyrrell	Chief Judge	Classic Car Specialist	A globally respected classic car specialist, technical judge and consultant, known for his expertise in restoration, authentication and the optimisation of historically significant automobiles.
Dr Matthias Rabe	Judge	Member Of The Board - Research & Development at Bentley Motors	Bentley's Board Member for R&D, drives the marque's transition to electrification and performance, blending engineering mastery with the artistry of automotive excellence.
Jane Weitzmann	Judge	Car Collector	Curator and lifelong collector of 50 classic vehicles, from a £1.2m Toyota 2000GT to a one-off Vanwall, embodies the pure joy of driving, proving that true automotive mastery is not about investment, but passion in motion.
Julian Thomson	Judge	Automotive Designer	Acclaimed automotive designer behind icons such as the Lotus Elise and Range Rover Evoque, whose lifelong passion for cars spans from concours lawns to the raw theatre of motorsport.
Nina Barbour	Judge	Host	Our host and the visionary Managing Director of the 200-year-old Bolesworth Estate, the creative force behind the Art of Horsepower, that uniquely unites world-class showjumping and exceptional automotive culture in one of Britain's most breathtaking settings.
Tom Exton (TGE)	Judge	Business owner, content creator, presenter & collector	Known as TGE, Tom is a British entrepreneur, content creator and collector whose passion for high-performance classics and automotive icons has earned him a devoted following and a place at the intersection of luxury lifestyle and motoring culture.
Tom White	Judge	Classic Car Curator & Broker	A seasoned curator and broker of the world's finest automobiles whose lifelong passion for rare classics - honed across the lawns of Salon Privé and the hallowed inventory of DK Engineering - drives a distinctly modern, heritage-led approach to collecting.
Tony Willis	Judge	Ferrari Specialist & Consultant Valuer	A highly respected Ferrari authority and consultant valuer, whose career spans decades at the heart of Maranello Concessionaires and Ferrari's Classiche programme.

# The Power & Grace Final

**The winner of each concours class will progress to the final presentation:**

This signature moment celebrates the relationship between two forms of horsepower - mechanical and equine.

**Each category-winning automobile will be paired with a beautiful horse representing a major equestrian discipline, curated by Bolesworth.**

The five pairings will be presented in the International Arena in a carefully choreographed finale. Each winning car will enter the arena before being joined by its equestrian counterpart. A short narration will introduce both the automobile and the equestrian discipline, highlighting their shared qualities of performance, precision and athleticism.

From the five finalists in the Power & Grace presentation, the judges will select the overall Best in Show. The winning pairing will receive The Art of Horsepower Trophy, becoming the defining image of the Bolesworth Concours.

An artist will capture the moment through a painting of the winning pairing, forming the first work in The Bolesworth Art of Horsepower Collection.



# Bolesworth International Cocktail Party

**FRIDAY 26TH JUNE**

Entrants will be invited to an exclusive cocktail party held at Bolesworth Castle, the private residence of Nina Barbour.

This invitation-only evening offers a rare opportunity to step inside the Castle and join Nina and the Bolesworth team, alongside fellow entrants, judges and a carefully curated guest list. Set within one of the Estate's most iconic settings, it is an elegant and relaxed celebration at the heart of the Al Shira'aa Bolesworth International.



# Bolesworth International Puissance Night

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE**

**LUNCHTIME AND EVENING HOSPITALITY**

Entrants and guests are invited to join us in our VIP Hospitality Pavillion for the famous and breathtaking Puissance challenge - one of the most thrilling spectacles in showjumping. This dramatic competition sees riders and horses take on a single, towering wall that is raised round by round, testing bravery, power and precision as only the boldest combinations remain.

As the wall climbs higher and the atmosphere builds, Puissance delivers an unforgettable moment of sporting drama in the main arena. The excitement then continues with a night of celebration, where guests can relax, raise a glass and soak up the energy of the evening long after the final jump.

# Bolesworth Concours Package

THE CONOURS PACKAGE IS £1750 (EX VAT) PER CAR AND INCLUDES:  
PACKAGE INCLUDES HOSPITALITY FOR TWO PEOPLE

## Friday 26th June

- Entrant arrival and placement
- Welcome Cocktail party at the Castle for two people

## Saturday 27th June

- Bolesworth Concours Judging
- Saturday lunchtime and evening hospitality in the VIP Pavilion for two people
- VIP Puissance Night

## Sunday 28th June

- Bolesworth Concours Awards
- Lunchtime hospitality in the VIP Pavilion for two people

## Also included in your package:

- Concours Concierge Service
- Transfer to/from local hotels (Hotel transfers available, contact for details)

# Bolesworth International 2025 Winners

## CONCOURS

1908 Brasier  
1934/2006 Bentley Petersen Supercharged  
1956 Austin Healey 100  
Aston Martin DB2/4 Mark II  
Porsche 993 RSR  
Aston Martin Zagato Volante  
Aston Martin Vantage AMR

## CLUB TROPHY

Lotus Esprit Sport 300  
Lamborghini Murcielago  
Porsche 2.7 Carrera RS  
McLaren Senna  
Ferrari 488 Pista  
Lamborghini Sterrato  
Ferrari F12  
McLaren 600LT  
Ferrari 296 GTB



# Stay in Cheshire



**Carden Park Hotel**  
Broxton Road, Nr Chester  
Cheshire, CH3 9DQ



**Chester Grosvenor**  
56-58 Eastgate St, cheshire,  
Chester, CH1 1LT



**Peckforton Castle**  
Peckforton Castle Dr, Stone House Ln,  
Cheshire, Tarporley, CW6 9TN



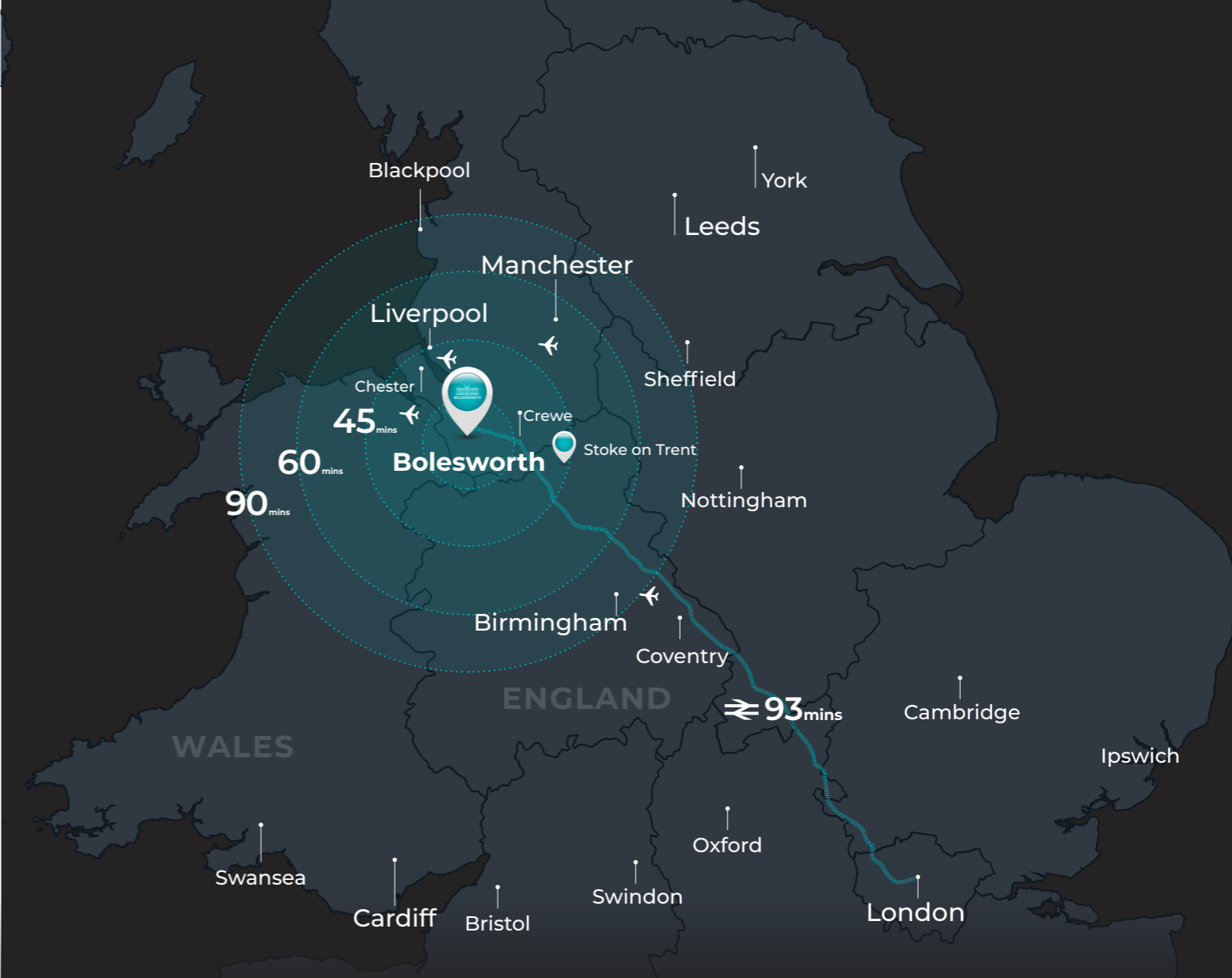
**The Lion at Malpas**  
1 Old Hall St,  
Malpas, SY14 8NE



**The Bear in Tattenhall**  
High St, Tattenhall,  
Chester, CH3 9PX



**Pheasant Inn**  
Higher Burwardsley, Tattenhall,  
Cheshire, CH3 9PF



## Getting to Bolesworth

### BY CAR

- 20 minutes drive from Chester
- 45 minutes drive from Liverpool
- 60 minutes drive from Manchester
- 90 minutes drive from Birmingham

### BY TRAIN

- 93 minutes by train to London Euston
- 55 minutes by train to Manchester
- 45 minutes by train to Liverpool

### BY PRIVATE JET

- 3 International Airports within a 60 minute drive
- 29 minutes to Hawarden Airport
- We can arrange bespoke pick up and drop off

### BY HELICOPTER

- 75 minutes by Helicopter flight from London
- Helipad available on site. Please contact us for landing fee information.



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