

## 2025 ACUE Trials Awards Evening

On Saturday 17 January 80 Trials Riders, Observers and Officials met at Stowmarket Cedars Park Community Centre for our annual awards evening.

The evening began with a super buffet organised by Andrea Snowden and while this was being enjoyed Kevin Plummer was busy selling raffle tickets.

We then moved on to the main event with David Cordle presenting the awards.



We started with the Sheppard Douglas Shield for Observer of the Year to show our grateful thanks to all our hardy band of observers with Tony Brand this year's recipient.

We then moved to the ever-popular Pre 1970 championships, run over 7 rounds. Trevor Hill was again the winner of the C class. Andy Nunn topped the B class championship, taking the 2K award. The A class saw the tightest competition with 2 points separating Stephen Howard and Clive Dopson at the start of the final round at Blaxhall at the end of December. Stephen beat Clive and was the popular winner of the Palmer Woodmason Plate. He was also the winner of the Unit Class, with Clive Dopson winning the Ken Davis Two Stroke Trophy and South Eastern's Joe Butcher was best Pre-unit rider.



The Twinshock class championship, again run over seven rounds, saw Alan Robinson take the C class win in his first year on a Twinshock. Ralph Petts was the B class winner adding his name to the Bostock Trophy. The stunning glass Kathy Horrex Trophy, for the A class championship was awarded to Mark Banham – his eleventh Twinshock victory. It remained on the Awards table to prevent damage!!!

We then moved to the Youth championships with lots of the youth riders and their families there to celebrate the winners with the addition of certificates awarded to second and third place finishers for 2025. Starting with the Youth Beginners who had a six-round championship, James Richardson was third, Mason Kerry was runner-up but the clear winner was Alba Gill who won all five of the rounds she contested. She was awarded the Eastern Plant Repairs Shield.



Moving to the Youth Novices, run with the Twinshocks over seven rounds, Ollie Norman finished in third but the battle for the win raged all season between the final winner Josh Woods and Alfie Chapman with Josh finally taking the win and the Butcher Trophy by three points.

Owen Parker was victorious in the Youth Intermediate class from Jack Holmes with the expected battle between the two thwarted when Jack broke his ankle playing football. Owen getting his name on the Ken Davis Youth Intermediate Trophy.



Finally, the Youth Expert class and the Dave Cordle Shield was won again by Daniel Adcock. Daniel also rode the Expert A Championship rounds and was third highest points scorer - a superb result.

Moving on to the prestige A class championship, run over six rounds and Andy Nunn was again the winner of the Intermediate B class and was best Air-Cooled Mono. In the hotly contested Intermediate A championship Paul Lonergan was the winner of the Chris Edwards shield, winning by three marks from Michael Lilley with Gary Gladwin a further three points adrift. The Expert B saw another two-horse race between Aaron Richardson and Stephen Mannerings with Aaron winning the Paul Thomas Trophy with a three mark margin.



Julian Harvey again won the Derry Preston Cobb Trophy as the winner of the 2025 Eastern Experts Trial, having first won this trophy in 1992.



The Expert A championship for the Halstead Challenge Trophy was won by Jordan Bailey who was consistently at the sharp end throughout the series.

Finally, the all-important Inter-Club championship was won by Castle Colchester Club after a long run of Ipswich victories. The superb Ipswich Motors shield was initially awarded in 1924 and was first won by Castle in 1953 and most recently in 2009.

As there has been no ACUE sidecar competitors this year the sidecar trophies were not awarded.

And to round up, the Trials committee would like to thank Andrea for the buffet, Kevin for organising the raffle and selling enough tickets to cover our costs and to everyone who donated prizes for the draw and/or bought tickets. Another super evening enjoyed by so many of the ACUE trials family.

Richard Snowden