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**Driving Work Experience**

* Castle Combe Circuit: Freelance Instructor (**ARDS**). Mar 2023 – present
* Silverstone Circuit: Freelance Instructor (**ARDS**). Oct 2022 – present
* Pro Two: Freelance Driving Consultant. Manufacturer Test drives. Mar 2022 - present
* Thruxton Motorsport Centre: Freelance Instructor (**ARDS**). Apr 2021 – present
* Porsche Experience Centre Silverstone: Freelance Driving Consultant (4x4 Track- **PTE**) Mar 2020 – present
* Goodwood Motor Circuit (U-17 Track & Simulators) Feb 2020 – present
* Mercedes Benz World, Brooklands: Freelance Driving Specialist (U-17 4x4 Track) Nov 2019 – present
* Newton Europe, Abingdon. Freelance Driver. VIP/Exec transportation. Oct 2019 – present
* Freelance Performance Car Instructor (Driving Experience Companies)
  + Car Chase Heroes, SuperCar Drive Days, U-Drive Cars Mar 2019 – Dec 21
* Freelance Trade Plate vehicle delivery driver/ inspector
  + MSL Logistics (Northamptonshire). May 2019 – Nov 19

**Driving Qualification**

* Millbrook Permit Holder
* ARDS Instructor (Grade A). Sponsor School: Thruxton Motorsport Centre
* Motorsport UK Qualified Coach (L2)
* SDSA SUV & 4x4 Trainer & Demonstrator
* SDSA Advanced Handling Skills
* SDSA Core Competencies, Professional & Supervised Driving activities
* SDSA Low Friction Handling Dynamics
* SDSA U-17 Driving Instruction
* Advanced Driver (RoSPA: Gold 2013 & Gold 2017)
* Advanced Driving tutor/instructor. RoSPA 2018
* Diploma (Level 4) in Advanced Behavioural Driver Training. RoSPA 2018
* DVSA Approved driving instructor (ADI) Grade A. 2019
* DVSA Registered Fleet Trainer 2019
* HGV2/LGV Licence (1991)
* Motorcycle Licence (1991)
* 4x4 training and experience through military Service (1987-1999) and client training (MBW/Porsche).

**Additional Information**

* Charity Minibus: Trustee, chairman & volunteer driver of RWMT Group, who run a local charity minibus service (2011-present) [www.buckland-oxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.buckland-oxfordshire.co.uk)
* RoSPA: Membership of the Wiltshire branch of RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders (RoADAR) since 2013. Committee Member since 2016. Membership Secretary from 2017-2022, Tutor Since 2018. [www.wiltshireroadar.co.uk](http://www.wiltshireroadar.co.uk)
* Lived in Germany (Munich) for 6 years. Passable German spoken. Lived in Saudi Arabia as a child (4 years in Riyadh & Jeddah).
* Qualified Electrician.
* Worked in IT systems (Compaq, HP). Support analyst (12 years).
* Worked in retail distribution (Adsa, Unichem, Superdrug). Warehouse Management.
* Military Service. 12 years Royal Signals. Driver. Radio operator & instructor. Skill at Arms Instructor, range officer.

**Motorsport Background**.

* Current race licence: FIA -ITC-C (International C)
* Extensive front wheel drive race experience (Mini R50/R53).
* ARDS Instructor: Grade A (Sponsor School: Thruxton)
* Motorsport UK registered driver coach (Level 2).
* Superbike Racing (European club level) 7 years (Suzuki GSX-R750, Ducati 999, Aprilia RSV 1000)
* Kart Racing (since 1987) including seasons with Club 100 – 2008 & 2009
* **Driven Ohm Racing** Driven Ohm Racing Ltd is a subsidiary company to my main limited company
  + I race predominantly at Castle Combe Hot Hatch and occasionally in 750MC/CSCC Tin Tops classes. I started in a Mini Cooper in 2020, and upgraded to a Mini Cooper S from 2021.
  + In 2020 I shared the Cooper in order to reduce costs. Once the second car was acquired the idea to retain the original car and rent it out came to fruition.
  + Arrive and Drive Hire. From In 2021 I began renting out the spare car to novice race drivers running alongside my race car. In 2022 I added a third car to the fleet, another R53 Cooper S. We offer full data, video and driver coaching to novice or developing racers.
  + Race Car Experiences: From 2021 we offer members of the public Race Car Experiences in the racing Minis. Up to 4 drivers per car with professional coaching.
  + Private client coaching in their own cars (either road cars or race cars) to work on driver development. Venues include off public road (airfield etc), race track or simulators.
* Race History
  + 2023: Full season at Combe: 9 Races
    - Podiums: 8, Wins 4
    - Position in class: 1st: Class Champion (Overall 3rd in series)
    - 3 Guest races: 2 Combe and 1 Silverstone. 4th, 4th, and 3rd in class.
  + 2022: Full Season at Castle Combe: 9 Races.
    - Podiums: 4
    - Position in class: 4
    - Guest Races at Combe and Silverstone
  + 2021: Full season at Castle Combe: 10 Races.
    - Podiums: 3
    - Position in class: 5
    - Guest Races at Combe and Silverstone (2 class wins)
  + 2020: 13 Races (Castle Combe, Donington Park, Snetterton, Silverstone)
    - Podiums: 1
    - Position in Combe class: 6
  + 2019: Race licence acquired. No races completed, ADI training took precedence.
  + 2002-09 Superbike: Racing at club level. Initially on a Suzuki GSX-R 750, a one off ride on a Ducati 999 then on a 2003 Aprilia RSV-1000.
    - Circuits include; Magione (Italy), Brno (Czech Rep), Hockenheim (Germany), Salzburgring (Austria), Rijeka (Croatia), Pannoniaring (Hungary).
  + 1988- present: Karting: Arrive and drive karting. In 2008 & 2009 I competed in 2 full seasons of Club100 racing in National spec 2 stroke karts.
    - Circuits include; Buckmore Park, Whilton Mill, Clay Pigeon, Bayford Meadows, Llandow, Rye House. Arrive and Drive at various indoor locations, plus pro-Karts at Buckmore, Clay Pigeon, Thruxton, Daytona Milton Keynes, Daytona Sandown Park.