

## Automotive Group July 24 Report

A few of us lifted the bonnet on our group to discuss if there was an appropriate collective term for car and bike enthusiasts. In common usage are 'petrolheads, pistonheads and gearheads.' None of which really describe gentlefolk from Teesdale who are generally well mannered and well manicured. Eventually we settled on 'broke!'

Given the poor state of repair of our roads and the increasing cost of motoring, especially insurance, driving for pleasure is becoming a luxury. However, when not enjoying the natural beauty of the fells and dales, we do take the opportunity to enjoy rallies, meets and race days. The Barnard Castle Classic & Retro Car Show was well supported by our members, and at the time of going to press, a few of us are headed for the Cumbria Classic & Motorsport Show at Dalemain.

The highlight of the month was the BTCC (British Touring Car Championship) at Croft. Over 25,000 spectators saw a busy schedule of races and unlike many other formulae, wheel to wheel action.

The photo is of our esteemed convenor testing the performance envelope at Croft. Not exactly at BTCC level but plenty of squealing rubber and lots of adrenaline.

Members interested in attending a track day are welcome to contact Peter at [petergcolley@icloud.com](mailto:petergcolley@icloud.com).

The 17th September group meeting will now be held at 2pm at the usual venue. At which time we shall plan our next round of activities. All welcome.

