

(All images in this report courtesy of Chris Carter)

Round 10. 19th October. Marks Tey. Pre 65 MX Club.



A fantastic display of DHGC trophies ready for presentation in the Graves paddock.

So that's it for 2025. I'll get to the racing in a while but first I need to get some end of season 'housekeeping' done with a brief overview and give due recognition to the people that make it all possible.

It's been a very enjoyable and successful year for all involved in running the DHGC. We've been better funded than ever before thanks to our generous sponsors, and as well as allowing us to fund promotional banners, stickers etc, and present a shed load of trophies, we've also been able to give back to all championship riders with a bit of 'merch'. The riders' t-shirts went down very well and ensured that everyone got a memento of the season wherever they finished in the overall standings. Hopefully we can replicate these successes next year. In fact, as next year will be the 25th anniversary of Dave Harper establishing the Championship, we will aim higher than that and hopefully pull out all the stops and make it even more special. So a huge thank you to my fellow committee members; Tommy & Rachel Cooper and Alan & Nikki Graves for your behind-the-scenes graft – it's often not very sexy and we would all rather be messing about with our bikes when not racing, but someone's got to do it and I think we've done a pretty good job this season. Having said that, Alan has decided to stand down from the committee, so we thank him for his commitment and support over the years. He can now spend more time fixing the seemingly endless supply of bikes that Jordan keeps breaking!

A special mention must go to Chris Carter for his superb photography and of course allowing us to use his images in these reports and other promotional material. Chris is ever present at races, more regular than most of the riders, snapping away at the characters and the bikes around the paddock as well as catching the action on the track. He even surprised us all with a nice 8x6 photo from his extensive archive for every rider in action this season. A nice touch, many thanks Chris. Thanks also to Peter Cutts and Dave Lewis for providing images.



Cheer up Jordan! Our DHGC Champion for 2025 Jordan Ansell. Also 1st place in Griffon class, Greeves Riders Assoc. Trophy, The Sullivan Trophy, and Most Improved Rider Trophy. Not a bad haul for the season.

scoring for the final round at Marks Tey, with a quick tally up of points and awards presented at the lunch break. Jordan Ansell didn't hold back despite having both the Championship and the Griffon Class in the bag, and he took two comfortable wins. Behind him Steven Bowles had a brilliant 2nd and 3rd - great riding as he is still hobbling about the paddock recovering from the broken leg he suffered at Maylandsea in round 2. After the winter to fully recover, he should be right at the pointy end of the Championship next year. Last year's champion, Dave Watson, had a mixed day with a 5th & 2nd place finish, but this was more than enough to earn him solid 2nd

On the track, we've had brilliant weather all year, allowing us to run a full schedule of ten rounds of fast and furious racing, at six great venues with superb tracks - some familiar and some brand new. So, a huge thanks to our host clubs for your continued support of the DHGC - the Pre 65 Motocross Club, Mortimer Classic Club, and Bonanza Classic Scrambles Club.

And it would be remiss of me not to thank all the riders, whether occasional or those that are all-in for the championship. Without the fantastic camaraderie and good-natured rivalry between the riders both on and off the track, it just wouldn't be as much fun. We've seen an increase in numbers this season, some new riders and some old faces returning, and I hear on the grapevine we will see more of both next year. Buying a Greeves and getting involved in the DHGC seems a pretty popular option at the moment – we must be doing something right....

You can all wake up now - at last I can get on to the report of the final day of racing. Just two races were

places in both the Championship and the Griffon Class. The season long tussle between Mark Larter and Clive Stevens was finally put to bed, with Mark sneaking ahead with a 3rd and 4th race finish to Clive's 4th and 6th. Clive had enough points in hand to maintain his 3rd spot in the overall



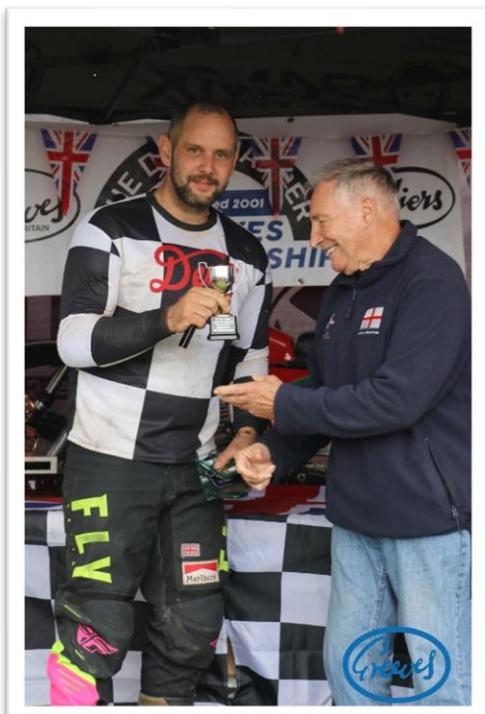
A solid 2nd in Championship and 2nd in Griffon Class for Dave Watson



Clive Stevens 3rd in Championship and 4th in Griffon Class.



Mark Larter picked up 4th in Championship and 3rd in Griffon class



Ollie Shanks had a great first season. 5th in both the Championship and Griffon class and he also picked up the 'riders rider' trophy

Championship, but in the Griffon class Mark nicked the 3rd spot by just one point. So honours even seems a fair result for two very evenly matched riders.



Andy Green secures the Challenger top spot.



Despite missing a few rounds, Roger Digby comfortably took 3rd place in the Challenger Class.

Andy (Stan) Green just had to bring it home to secure the Challenger class in front of Mike Bell, which he did without too much stress. It's a shame Mike had clutch problems and a DNF in the penultimate round, as this battle could have come down to the last race on the last day. On the positive for Mike though, due to the bonus points Mike accumulates in the overall championship, he has the bragging rights for being best placed Challenger, with a respectable 7th overall behind a field of 380 Griffons. He also picks up the Best 250@trophy. Roger Digby rode well all season but missed a few rounds but still had enough points to finish 3rd in class.



Mike Bell happy with his 2nd place in the Challenger Class as well as Best 250cc Trophy.



1st place in the Hawkstone class, best Iron Barrell Hawkstone (presented by Terry Sewell) and best grade D rider award made my day.

I wasn't riding today due to a shoulder injury (the same one I sustained when taken out during the 100 miler at Mortimer way back at the start of May) but I had enough of a points cushion to take 1st place in the Hawkstone Class. Colin Freeman, the only Hawkstone rider out on the day, capped off a great first season with maximum points to secure 2nd place in class. Luke Mullender, again in his first season, took 3rd overall in class.



A great first season for Colin Freeman, bagging 2nd place in the Hawkstone Class. And showing off the DHGC riders t-shirt.



Left. Reece Bowles was delighted to get the Best C Grade Rider Award.

All that remained was to invite 1966 250cc British Champion, Freddie Mayes, to present the trophies. As a Greeves works rider back in the day, Freddie has long been a friend and supporter of the DHGC, and it makes receiving a trophy that bit more special coming from such an

accomplished and esteemed rider, and thoroughly nice bloke too. On behalf of all the riders, thanks so much Freddie. Also many thanks to Terry Sewell for presenting his best Iron Barrel Hawkstone trophy and Kerry Sullivan (Dave Harpers' niece) for presenting the Sullivan Trophy



Paul (Tommy) Cooper, consistent all year, was rewarded with 6th in the Championship

Right. The Stonebridge Shield went to Nikki Graves, for the second time, for her vital lap scoring.



And that about wraps it up for another season. We can all take a break and rest the old bones, give the bikes some much deserved TLC, and start to draw up our diet and fitness regime in preparation for 2026. No, me neither...

Watch this space for the 2026 race schedule which should be finalised in January. Have a great Christmas and new year and see you all in April to do it all again.

See you all trackside, *Paul Hughes*.

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 Greaves Championship 2025

Overall Championship after 10 rounds

Position	Name	Rider No.	Total Points
1	Jordan Ansell	388	655
2	Dave Watson	9	531
3	Clive Stevens	349	374
4	Mark Larter	57	352
5	Ollie Shanks	413	292
6	Paul Cooper	157	273
7	Mike Bell	270	242
8	Steven Bowles	861	209
9	Roger Digby	959	205
10	Andy Green	321	182
11	Barry Keymer	169	176
12	Paul Hughes	557	172
13	Reece Bowles	879	161
14	Colin Freeman	680	132
15	Adrian Howard	369	122
16	Luke Mullender	274	99
17	John Radford	154	67
18	Dave Akehurst	545	45
19	Matt Akehurst	619	18
20	Dave Rayner	549	0

Overall Championship Trophies	1st - 6th position
Class Trophies - Griffon	1st - 6th position
Class Trophies - Challenger	1st - 4th position
Class Trophies - Hawkstone	1st - 3rd position

Additional Trophy Winners	
Best 250cc	Mike Bell
Most Improved Rider	Jordan Ansell
Riders Rider	Ollie Shanks
Sullivan Trophy	Jordan Ansell
GRA Trophy	Jordan Ansell
Stonebridge Shield	Nikki Graves
Iron Barrel Trophy	Paul Hughes
Best B Grade Rider	Dave Akehurst
Best C Grade Rider	Reece Bowles
Best D Grade Rider	Paul Hughes

Class Championships after 10 rounds

Griffon Class			
Position	Name	Rider No.	Total Points
1	Jordan Ansell	388	643
2	Dave Watson	9	535
3	Mark Larter	57	353
4	Clive Stevens	349	352
5	Ollie Shanks	413	297
6	Paul Cooper	157	283
7	Steven Bowles	861	203
8	Reece Bowles	879	166
9	Barry Keymer	169	108
10	John Radford	154	71

Challenger			
Position	Name	Rider No.	Total Points
1	Andy Green	321	491
2	Mike Bell	270	460
3	Roger Digby	959	332
4	Adrian Howard	369	188
5	Barry Keymer	169	88
6	Dave Akehurst	545	75
7	Matt Akehurst	619	42

Hawkstone			
Position	Name	Rider No.	Total Points
1	Paul Hughes	557	376
3	Colin Freeman	680	301
2	Luke Mullender	274	223
4	Dave Raynor	549	0