

Glover sets early Endurance championship pace with commanding Britvic Revival victory

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Organiser: Chelmsford Motor Club **When:** February 19
Where: Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex **Championship:**
Endurance Road Rally **Selectifs:** 16 **Starters:** 47

Dale Glover and David Peters won the first round of the Endurance Road Rally Championship in tough conditions on Saturday.

A new event to kick off the season, Chelmsford Motor Club's event was well supported by competitors and enthusiastically

received. Near continuous rain made the going tough and very slippery throughout the event. After about 300 miles, two minutes 23 seconds separated the Vauxhall Nova of Glover/Peters from second-placed Owen Turner/David Smoley in a Metro.

Richard McLachlan and Eddie Clough set the early pace. They were fastest on the first two tests, before Glover/Peters were fastest on the third one. Ash Chapman/Sasha Heriot topped the times on

selectif four to remain in contention for the win.

A strong showing on the road rally section of the event helped Glover/Peters to tighten their grip. Turner/Smoley pushed hard and set the same time as the leaders on one selectif and were fastest on the final one, but the gap was too big for them to make inroads.

Chapman/Heriot had a fine run to third and eclipsed early leaders McLachlan/Clough. Matt Endean and Chris Bowden finished fifth

despite losing the rear bumper of their Rover 200.

Results

1 Dale Glover/David Peters (Vauxhall Nova SRi) 9039s;
2 Owen Turner/David Smoley (Rover Metro) +143s;
3 Ash Chapman/Sasha Heriot (MG ZR) +277s; 4 Richard McLachlan/Eddie Clough (Rover 214) +448s; 5 Matt Endean/Chris Bowden (Rover 200) +510s; 6 David Lobb/Jim Bowie (Vauxhall Nova) +689s; 7 Andy Baker/Richard Hage (Rover 200) +799s; 8 Andy Lane/James Aldridge (Rover 214) +846s; 9 Simon Ayris/Alan Smith (Vauxhall Astra) +891s; 10 Andrew Lees/Simon Lassam (Vauxhall Nova SRi) +936s. **Class winners, class 1:** Dale Glover/David Peters (Vauxhall Nova SRi); **Class 3:** Ash Chapman/Sasha Heriot (MG ZR); **Class 5:** Matt Smith/Ian Graham (Austin Maestro).



Glover's pace on the road rally section helped him net victory