

Firstly, congratulations to Mike Littlewood who won his class in the VSCC hillclimb at Harewood on 4th June. Mike drove his 1926 Bentley 3/4.5 to a best time of 83.70 secs, beating Jon Bennett's competitive Frazer-Nash into second place. Well done Mike!



Mike at Harewood (Library Photo)

Lastly, I'd just like to mention the new Isle of Man TT course record set by Mark Higgins recently. Obviously the TT circuit is famous for motorcycling, but over the years attempts have been made to emulate the biker's exploits in a car. The first attempts were made by the late great Tony Pond, resulting in him doing the first 100mph lap in a car, a standard Rover 800 Vitesse in 1990.

This year Prodrive built a Subaru WRX 600bhp missile with which Mark did a lap at 128.73mph. This is an unbelievable speed in a car which puts it up amongst the top five Senior TT bikes, especially when you take into account he only got three attempts at a lap. You can see highlights here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70ACI_bbXck
Sound quality leaves a bit to be desired but you get the idea!

To watch a full lap Mark also took a car full of journalists round in a standard Subaru at almost 100mph. See here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oImvKjif7pE>
Its a sobering thought (don't want too many of those) that when I first competed on the Manx Rally against Mark's father, Tony, Mark was 2 years old. He is now 45!

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