

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through rolling green hills. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds. The text 'DRIVEN TO EXTREMES ADVENTURES' is overlaid in the upper center, with orange arrows pointing up, down, left, and right from the word 'EXTREMES'.

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# FEN TO FELL

▶ THE UK'S HIGHEST RALLY

22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## THE UK'S HIGHEST RALLY

Limited to just 14 vintage and classic cars, this 3-day driving adventure is an exclusive opportunity to drive the highest road in the UK, the otherwise restricted route to the summit of Great Dun Fell.

Starting at 9 feet below sea level, the Fen to Fell Rally is a driving enthusiasts delight, which will take participants from the UK's lowest to highest roads, negotiating stunning mountain passes over the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and North Pennines. You'll journey through breathtaking scenery along the country's most picturesque roads as you make your way ever higher.

The final destination, Great Dun Fell is reached via a restricted National Air Traffic road leading to a radar station atop a rugged peak at 2,782 feet above sea level. At 583 feet higher than the highest publicly accessible road in the UK, Driven to Extremes are the only rally organisation granted privileged access to this road and the stunning views it commands.

Highlights include:

- Great Dun Fell – the highest road in the UK
- Buttertubs Pass – rated by Jeremy Clarkson as England's No.1 road
- Snake Pass – stunning road through the Peak District
- Ladybower Reservoir – practice run for the Dam Busters
- The very best mountain roads in England



## LIFE BELOW SEA LEVEL

### *Arrive*

Our meeting point for the Fen to Fell Rally is the picturesque cathedral city of Ely in Cambridgeshire, the second smallest city in England. Known locally as the 'Ship of the Fens', its imposing cathedral is one the most beautiful and largest in the country, towering across the flat landscape for miles around and dominating the skyline.

Cars will be checked over by our experienced mechanics prior to the event as we'll be driving some remote and steep mountain passes and safety is paramount for their occupants. Following introductions and a rally briefing, tonight we dine together in Ely.

If you choose to arrive early for the rally, you'll have time to visit the home of Ely's most famous historical residents, Oliver Cromwell. The Cromwell family lived in the city for some 10 years and today their former house has been recreated to demonstrate what 17th Century domestic life would have been like, along with an exhibition on the English Civil War.



## THE CLIMB BEGINS

### *Day 1*

We drive north-west, descending into the Holme Fen nature reserve. At 9 feet below sea level, it is the lowest point in the UK and here you will find the Holme Fen Posts, two huge cast iron columns believed to have come from the Great Exhibition Hall at Crystal Palace. Prior to the Fens being drained in 1851, they were driven into the peat until their tops were at ground level and as the sponge-like land shrunk, they slowly started to rise out of the landscape, until they finally stood 13 feet tall.

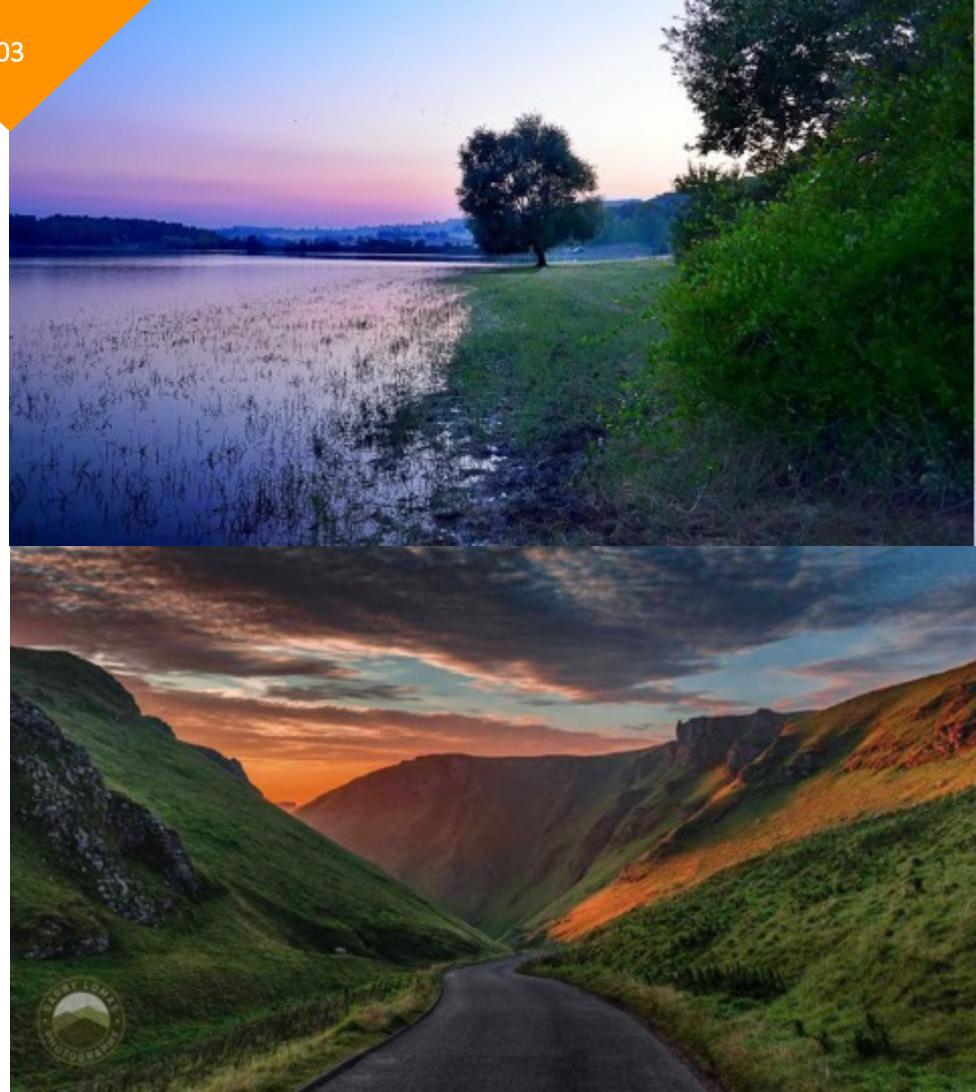
For those that like to get a few miles under their belt before breakfast, there is the opportunity to stop for a full 'English' at the Admiral Wells in Holme, the lowest pub in the UK.

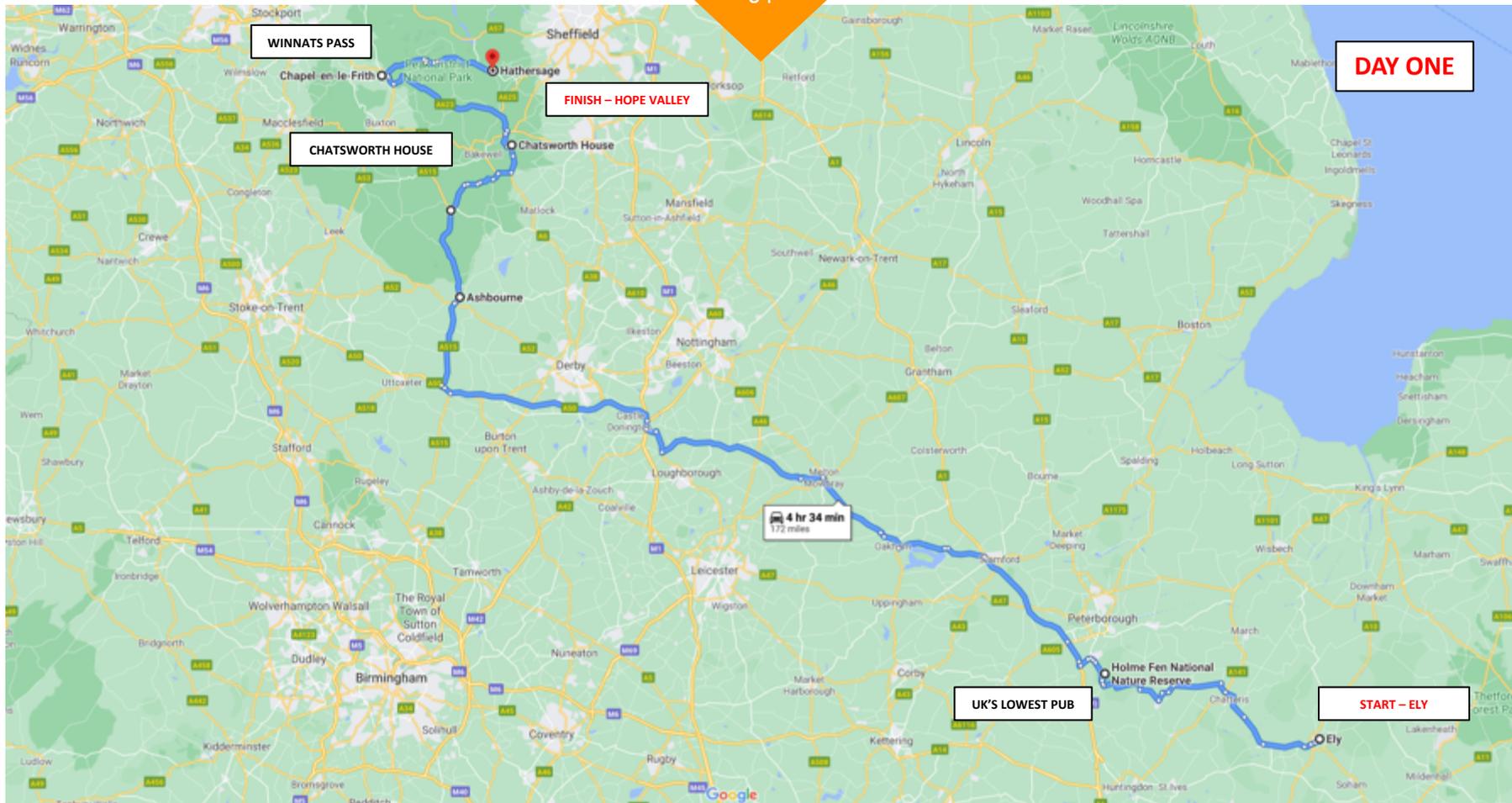
Our route continues towards Melton Mowbray, home of the famous Pork pies and then through the gap between Leicester and Nottingham before reaching the southern tip of the Peak District, the UK's oldest national park.

Through Flash, the highest village in the UK, to the historic Chatsworth House, before climbing over the spectacular Winnats Pass to reach our hotel for the evening, nestled in the beautiful Hope Valley.

### *Ely to Hope Valley*

165 miles / 5:00 hours driving





## GLORIOUS PEAKS & PENNINES

### Day 2

Our start to day 2 sees us paying our respects to the brave airman who took part in the daring Dam Busters raids of 1943, for it was here at the Ladybower Reservoir that they practiced their night bombing raids just 60 feet above the water.

Climbing up and over both Snake and Woodhead Pass, we descend into Holmfirth, the location for the award-winning television comedy, Last of the Summer Wine.

Wiggling our way between the large metropolitan areas of Manchester and Leeds / Bradford, we enter the stunning Yorkshire Dales. Driving into the National Park, we pass the picturesque Malham Cove before climbing up Fleet Moss, the 13<sup>th</sup> highest pass in the UK, before dropping down into Hawes and our bed for the night.

*Hope Valley to Hawes*

127 miles / 5:00 hours driving





## THE HIGHEST OF HIGHS

### *Day 3*

We start the day by climbing up and over the breathtaking Buttertubs Pass, considered by Jeremy Clarkson as the most spectacular road in England.

Our route continues to climb northwards and upwards, over ever higher passes, Yad Moss, Harthope Moss and Killhope Cross, as we take in the most spectacular roads of the North Pennines.

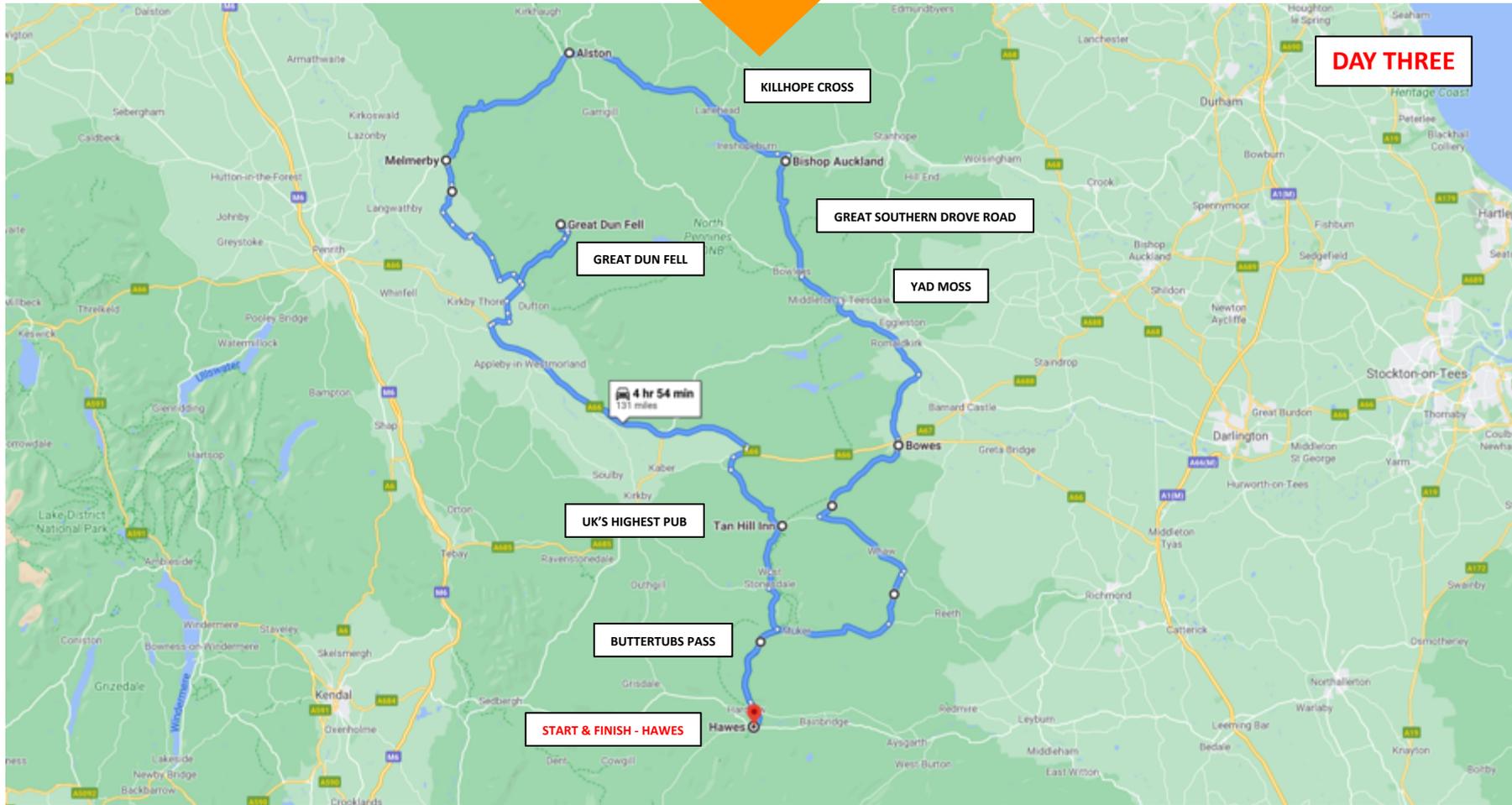
Arriving at the small Cumbrian village of Dufton we prepare for our final ascent. Passing through security barriers, for 5 miles and with gradients up to 15%, we steadily make our way up the highest road in the UK. At 2,782 feet above sea level, it is a whopping 583 feet higher than the highest public road in the UK, Cairnwell Pass in Scotland.

Having now joined an elite group of adventure motorists, the only way now is down as we make our way south and back into the Yorkshire Dales to the picturesque village of Hawes, stopping to celebrate in the Tan Hill Inn, the highest pub in the UK.

### *Hawes to Hawes*

126 miles / 5:00 hours driving



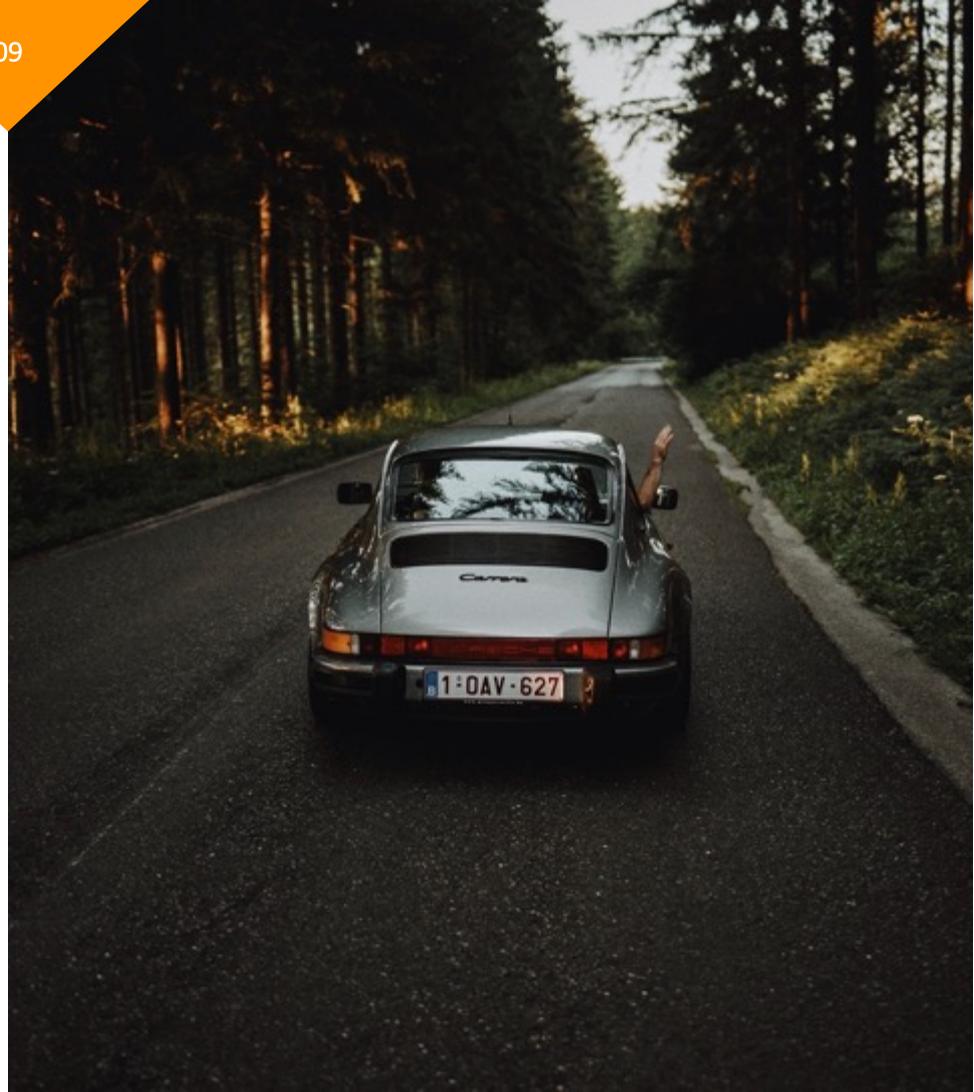


## FAREWELLS

### *Depart*

We awake to our final morning together and breakfast in the sumptuous hotel whilst taking one last look at the beautiful Yorkshire Dales that surround us. Stories swapped, photos shared and new friendships sealed, for now we must now say our goodbyes.

Some may wish to take a leisurely drive home through England's National Parks, whilst others can make use of a faster pace of travel, the major A1 trunk road that links the country being just 90 minutes away. For those that have even further to travel, transfers to the nearest airport or railway station can be arranged, as well as car transportation home.



## YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS

Driven to Extremes Adventures are brought to you by expedition specialists Max Adventure Ltd. With 25 years experience of planning, leading and supporting vehicle expeditions across the most remote, inhospitable and challenging environments on earth, the Max Adventure team come with a wealth of experience.

From the freezing wastes of the high Arctic and thin air of the Himalayas, to the world's most stifling Jungles and inhospitable Deserts, we've operated vehicles in the most extreme locations.

We've swum amphibious Land Rovers in the Bering Strait with Sir Ranulph Fiennes and beaten the London to Cape Town record under the patronage of Sir Stirling Moss. We've driven to far-eastern Siberia, over the Himalayas and tackled the coldest, hottest and toughest roads on the planet with Hollywood actors for an award-winning TV series on Discovery Channel.

We planned the largest-ever medical research expedition on Everest, acted as support crew on Ranulph Fiennes' last North Pole expedition, established world firsts, set world records and led teams across the most remote locations on the planet, from -60°C to +50°C and the summit of Everest.

The Fen to Fell route is created by rally planning veteran Kim Bannister and supported by experienced mechanics from Rally Preparation Services (RPS).



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### *Included:*

- Exclusive permission to drive the highest road in the UK
- 3 full days of driving England's most stunning mountain roads
- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 4 team dinners & 3 team lunches during the rally
- Morning coffee stops & afternoon tea
- Detailed roadbook & maps
- Rally plates
- 6 professional support crew on call 24/7 consisting of:
  - Experienced vintage & classic car mechanics
  - Rally medic, photographer & director
- 3 support vehicles equipped with satellite communications

### *Not Included:*

- Alcohol and other refreshments
- Your fuel
- Your car's transport to / from start & finish
- As part of the privileged access to Great Dun Fell, we ask that each team raises a minimum of £250 for their favourite charity

## ENTRY FEE

Early-bird discount:       £ 3,250 valid until the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
 Standard fee:               £ 3,495 from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Based on 2 per car and sharing a twin or double room



**REGISTER NOW**

To reserve your place, or for further information on the Fen to Fell 2021 Rally, please don't hesitate to contact us...

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