

The Kingdom of Mourne Event for Pre 1931 Motorcycles – July 2026

Vintage Motorcycle Club – Northern Ireland Section (VMCCNI)

Information Sheet

The 21st VMCCNI Kingdom of Mourne event for pre 1931 motorcycles will take place from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July 2026.

As in the past few years, the event will be based at the **Kilmorey Arms Hotel** in Kilkeel, County Down in the southeast of Northern Ireland. The event will comprise a series of scenic road runs, and a number of social gatherings. The road runs will generally be on quiet scenic roads in and around the Mournes area, suitable for pre 1931 machines and following suggested routes using tulip diagrams. Each day's run will be followed by a sweeper, who will collect entrants who are unable to complete the run and return them directly to the hotel.

Provisional program

Friday 24th July.

There will be a short afternoon run of about 40 miles departing the hotel at 2:00pm following signing on and a short safety briefing. There will be an opportunity to stop off for refreshments along the suggested route. On Friday evening there will be a BBQ in the covered and heated beer garden terrace at the hotel.

Saturday 25th July.

The main run of the event will leave the hotel at 9:30am following signing on and a short safety briefing. The suggested route will be about 100 to 120 miles, and stop for morning tea/coffee, a light lunch and afternoon refreshment before returning to the hotel for the event dinner in the evening.

Sunday 26th July.

The Sunday run will leave the hotel at 9:30am following signing on and a short safety briefing. The suggested route will be approximately 40 to 60 miles and will stop for morning tea/coffee. Sunday lunch will be a two course meal at the Maghera Inn at about 12:30pm. Following lunch, the suggested route will take riders directly back through the mountains to Kilkeel for early afternoon, leaving time to pack up and head off home.

Parking

Some car, van and trailer parking is available at the hotel and, as in previous years, we hope to have parking available in a locked yard across the road from the hotel.

Entry options

Please see the entry form for the entry options and costs.

Option A - Entry for the complete event - including accommodation and meals.

The complete event package with accommodation comprises two nights bed and breakfast accommodation from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July at the Kilmorey Arms Hotel. It includes a buffet meal on Friday evening and a 3 course event dinner on Saturday evening, both at the Kilmorey Arms. It also includes a light lunch on Saturday and a lunch time meal at the Maghera Inn on Sunday.

For those who wish to bring a partner who doesn't intend to participate in the daily runs but still wants accommodation and evening meals only, there will be a reduced cost option.

Please note that as part of other functions at the hotel, there will be loud music played on Friday and Saturday nights. The music will finish at or before 1am.

Option B - Day Entry for the complete event - without accommodation - with or without meals as desired*.

Option C - Day Entry for specific days - without accommodation - with or without meals as desired*.

***Day entrants should specify the meals they want on their entry form.**

Morning tea/coffee and a souvenir mug are included for those entered for the complete event and for all day entrants.

Please complete your entry form and confirm your attendance as soon as possible to secure your place and accommodation. Accommodation at the Kilmorey Arms Hotel is limited.

Payment should be returned no later than Friday 5th June 2026. Payment details are on the entry form.

If you wish to add additional nights' accommodation either before or after the event, please contact and book with the hotel directly but do mention that you are taking part in the event so that we can organise rooms accordingly.

Kilmorey Arms Hotel
43 Greencastle Street
Kilkeel.
BT34 4BH
Tel: 028 4176 2220
<https://kilmoreyarmshotel.co.uk/>

For those wishing to make their own accommodation arrangements, alternative accommodation (B and B, camping etc.) is available locally.

WhatsApp Group

A WhatsApp group for the event will be set up for both communication to entrants and for sharing photos etc. during the event. Please tick the box on the entry form if you wish to be included in this group. Please note that any photos shared in the group may be used for future event promotion and information. Any messages which are unrelated to the event may be deleted.

Ferries:

For ferry bookings it might be useful to contact Nutt Travel. While there is no specific deal for the Kingdom of Mourne event, fares offered by Nutt Travel are usually competitive
<http://nutttravel.com> Tel: 028 7035 1199

If you have any specific queries or questions, please contact me directly. I look forward to seeing you all in July.

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