

Scottish Rootes Enthusiasts' Moffat Classic Car Rally's 20th Anniversary - 24th & 25th June - from Andrew & Lesley Turney

The initial event was the idea of local Hillman owner Gordon Bisset, and it attracted 230 entrants. Over the years the reputation of the rally and show has grown and this year there were over 900 entries, all providing support for the Macmillan Cancer Charity.



*Andrew receives
the Black Bull Cup*

Gordon Bisset is still the driving force behind the event as Chairman and rally organiser, leading the parade of cars through to Moffat town centre on the Saturday, when the cars and drivers were greeted by a large, enthusiastic crowd, before setting off on a 40-mile drive through the spectacular valleys and hills surrounding Moffat.

On the Sunday all the cars assembled in the show ground for a stunning display of Rootes cars across the years. The event hosted a wide range of car clubs from many other renowned

makes and marques, with their enthusiastic members demonstrating the finer points of their cars. There was also a good range of specialist auto services and auto jumble stalls.

Singers were well represented, with entries spanning the years from Gazelles, Vogues and Chamois to a fine 1931 model Junior. Rodney Thompson and Russ Evans led the way with their glorious 1937 left hand drive and the right hand drive 1936 Bantam vans and it was great to see Martin Fairbairn campaigning his late father's Le Mans. Ronnie Johnston headed south in his 1951 Roadster and we took our 1953 4ADT Roadster back over the border, maybe for the first time since it received the age related number PVS 348 on its return to UK in 1992, which we understand to originally have been a Greenock registration. The car was clearly on the way up, having received 2nd place at SOC National Day, it moved on to



Ronnie's superb 4AB



*The excellent
1931 Model Junior*

'Best Singer' at this event and was awarded the coveted Black Bull cup. We are relishing the complimentary meal that accompanies the award!

This is a splendid event and we would recommend a journey to Moffat in 2018 to all Singerfolk. There is a splendid community spirit & hospitality, the event being supported by local businesses and the tourist organisations, and there is ample accommodation - from local hotels to camping on the rugby ground. For further information or to book for 2018, simply send an email to: Gordon@se-scot.co.uk.



*Two Bantam Vans side by side - a rare sight indeed!
Andrew & Lesley.*