

## CASE STUDY SOUND OF SPEED



The Rotary Club of High Wycombe planned an ambitious event to raise funds for local charities, that involved allowing classic and modern cars to use a runway to test their speed and entertain fee paying public.

The issues we discovered were ones of safety: Safety for the public driving to the site and mixing with the display cars; The drivers of the display cars who need to get to their parking bay, and then having to speed down the run-way, and then return to their space; all the time allowing the public to get up close to the cars. There were catering vans and other exhibitors all requiring specialist space and needing health and safety procedures and standards to be documented and met.

The task for the Rotary Club was too large for us to make sure the event went safely. Calvin Hanks engaged with the event team during the preparation for the day, and drew up all the required safety plans and risk assessments documents and obtained the approval of the local council to ensure the event could go ahead. This went off smoothly, and Calvin was in attendance during the event, making sure we stuck to the plans and that assessments of the event and catering units all worked to the required safety standards.

Rotary could not have undertaken this event with Calvin's professional help. The knowledge that we were fully compliant and that he made sure we did not overlook anything was comforting, allowing us to do what we needed to do: put on an event with fast cars and raise money.

### ROTARY CLUB OF HIGH WYCOMBE





We were approached by The Rotary Club to help them bring to fruition their plans to put on a high speed car event at an air-park. Their vision was raise funds for charity at an event that would enable owners of performance and historic cars to use their engine power at speed along the runway. This event brought together complexities of cars, running at speed, with public having the opportunity to inspect them whilst static, and all of this on a live air-park!

We carried out initial site visit to view the facilities and gain an understanding of the vision of the organisers and then transferred this to event safety management plans, crowd risk analysis and traffic management scheme. These were then submitted to the local authority and supplemented by attendance at a Safety Advisory Group meeting to expand on the plans and provide assurances of the level of safety cover in place. This was successful and the event was given authority to proceed.

Our team reviewed all plans and assisted in sourcing suitably qualified and appropriate medical cover for this high risk event. On the day itself, our Principal Consultant was on site to oversee and carryout dynamic assessment of changing needs. This included additional fire safety measures due to ground conditions as a result of the prolonged hot weather. As they are dual qualified in food safety and health and safety, they also audited the catering vendors to ensure compliance with food safety legislation. The principal consultant liaised with and remained in contact with the organisers throughout the day and dealt with any issues as they arose, leaving the Rotary Club free to concentrate on running the event and making it a success.

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