



OF UNIQUES AND PASSION

From an airfield to a private racetrack – that's how a description of Goodwood could come across. "Plump and boring, not particularly special", the amateur thinks. But is it? "No, never!" rebels the connoisseur, lover and collector. It is more. It's a passion, an attitude to life. Anyone who knows the place goes with us: Goodwood is a **tribute to motor sport** par excellence, to old engines, to tradition, to the good old days, to the history of unique machines, to genuine, oil lubricated mechanics – it is a forum that fascinates all along the line. Goodwood couldn't be more divergent but brings together generations. The common denominator is the common **passion** for this **top-class motorsport event**.



The venue of the **Goodwood Festival of Speed (FoS)**, which has been held every summer since 1993, is the historic site of Goodwood House in the southern English community of Westhampnett, a handful of kilometres north-east of Chichester.

Goodwood dates mainly from the 18th century and has been the seat of the respective Duke of Richmond since its origins. In addition to other historic buildings and facilities, including a hotel, the property also comprises a racecourse, an airport and a golf course. Not to mention Goodwood Circuit, where the so-called Goodwood Revival takes place. And then the mountain and rally track in the forest, where the annual Goodwood Festival of Speed takes place.

The number of visitors is immense: every year **about 180,000 international visitors**. Southern England is not just ancient castles, but also action in a historical environment. It is the **fully mechanical and unique automobiles** of the time that make the **romanticism of this event**. Every car is different, even if the type is identical – it is real craftsmanship.

On show are racing cars and sports cars, racing motorcycles and rally cars from all eras of motor sport history. From the ultra-modern Formula 1 racing cars to pre-war models – every brand is represented: McLaren, Tyrrel, Ferrari, Jaguar, but also VW, Lotus, Peugeot and Toyota – the list is not exhaustive. In addition, the doors to the paddocks are open to visitors to the Festival of Speed throughout the entire event. The vehicles can be viewed, the drivers can be talked to – in other words, it is the familiar, down-to-earth and uncomplicated accessibility that makes the festival so unique.

The competitors measure their skills on the 1.16 mile (1.86 km) rally track. It goes uphill in nine curves. The track record lies at 39.9 seconds (2019, Romain Dumas, VW). Colombian car racer Juan Pablo Montoya Roldán is quoted by the Sunday Times as saying: *"The narrowest, bumpiest, least grippy course I've ever driven, and I absolutely love it"*. Says it all, right?

The 2020 edition of the traditional race is cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. The next edition will presumably be held in 2021. All interested parties are referred to the official homepage: www.goodwood.com/motorsport/festival-of-speed/.

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