

The Dunlop Great And British package travelled to Donington on 4th/5th August 2007

As well as the racing, this weekend the MINI Challenge organised a new World Record! Its official! Over 270 minis of all shapes and ages on track at once broke the existing record by 2 cars!

Race report:

Dawn Boyd and the MINI Challenge racers are recovering from an action packed race weekend at Donington Park.

Dawn was apprehensive about racing at Donington Park as last year was a disappointing wet race in the dark. Returning to the track with more experience soon showed as she was 6 places further up the grid this time round.

Race 1, a standing start and Dawn got a great pull away and took a couple of places before the first corner. In front of her the usual 4 were tussling and there was blue smoke as tyres rubbed together, expecting the worst Dawn tried to get round them but lost a place in the process. It seemed that some drivers had the red mist syndrome this weekend and there were several shunts and bumps. Dawn had a great battle with the newly confident Josh Waddington, she survived the race relatively unscathed and finished 12th.

Race 2 was a bit of a mess.. A great start again from Dawn, this time a rolling start, she battled with the pack for several laps but there was a huge crash on Redgate Corner with the S Class cars ahead, Dawn continued racing to the line with the pack, but on the final corner an Ambulance suddenly emerged on track with no flags - the marshals must have forgotten there were 2 classes of cars on track and just pulled out in front of a pack of Club cars still doing 110mph!... narrowly avoiding the ambulance the cars then slowed for the safety car for several laps. Once the race got underway again Dawn had a good battle to the line and finished an improved 10th in class. Both drivers involved in the accident were a bit bruised but otherwise ok.

This weekend Dawn travels a long way north to Croft circuit in Darlington.