

It was a long trek north for Andover Racer Dawn Boyd on the first weekend in December, all the way to Anglesey, North Wales, in the wind and rain, for the Anglesey Winter Race meeting, but would it be worth the trip?

The new layout of Anglesey coastal circuit is well worth the visit, with new smooth tarmac and excellent grip it will suit the fast cars on the straights and the nimble cars on the tight hill curves. The only problem was the weather. Cold wind buffeted the hardy spectators and supporters on the Saturday test day where all kinds of cars were out on track, most for the first time since the layout changed. Dawn was beating her Mini team mates but a second on practise times on the drying track and a great day was expected on the Sunday.

Sunday morning however brought absolute disaster. Dawn was awoken to the sound of a car alarm only to see it was her own car being broken into - loads of stuff (that shouldn't really have been there) was stolen, luckily no racing gear. After the police had completed their enquiries and Dawn sorted herself out she decided to go to the circuit anyway, probably too late to race, maybe just to watch. When Dawn arrived she found that Advent Motorsport and the whole team had all rallied round and got Dawns car prepared and she arrived at circuit just as qualifying started, a mad rush ensued and Dawn got out on track just in time and qualified 10th in only 5 laps on track!

2 races were planned for Dawns group which had cars of all makes including 5 minis, Vauxhall Vectras, Fiestas, Escorts and even 2 Hillman Imps!! 26 cars took to the grid and Dawn was instantly in the pack fighting for positions. The weather was very changeable with rain during the race and even the sea waves were blowing onto the circuit. After a long fight with a large pack Dawn finished 11th. Not too bad after the way the morning had begun and considering the car was to be used at a Trade Show the following weekend she wanted to look after the body work!

The 2nd race was the last of the day and it was getting dark. The rain had been on and off all day and the track was very slippery. A good start by Dawn put her well on track for a good race. After a few laps the race was red flagged for an accident. The restarted race only lasted about 5 more laps when there was another accident wiping out the front runners, but the race continued. Dawn finished a creditable 5th overall and 3rd in class which resulted in her gaining her first racing trophy!

The race season begins again in April 2008 and Dawn is signed up for the MINI Challenge but she is still searching for sponsorship, if any companies would like to get involved in her MINI Adventure please contact dawn@dawnontrack.co.uk for further information.