

Victory goes to Rotary Racer! Sunday 13th September 2009 Castle Combe Race Track

Chipping Sodbury's Rotary Racer, managed to gain 1st place in the Greenpower Castle Combe race on Sunday the 13th September 2009. There were around 40 cars battling in the race, including some of Rotary Racer's biggest rivals.

The race was four hours long in total, with the car managing to travel about

116 miles during the 4 hour race. The drivers- Gareth Barnaby, James Allington, Thomas Allington, Daniel Dando and Ben Miller- managed an average of 29.13mph including all 5 pit stops.

The car that Rotary Racer used, was very new, and had only taken part in one race before this victory. The car now has high expectations for the future, from the team, and their sponsors. The team had a nail biting finish as their oldish batteries were running out of power, but managed to hold on for an almost 1 lap lead over second place. The little waving red hand in the back of Rotary Racer, spurred them on, and also attracted a lot of attention from other teams, and visitors!



R-Pods SSC, another Greenpower car from Chipping Sodbury, also did very well. In the last laps of the circuit, their batteries were also weak, and they just missed out on third place.

Y-Pod?!, competing in the formula 24+ race managed 2nd place, another excellent result. They were also against hard competition.

The Wacky Racer team, came 26th in the formula 24 race, which is very good considering their steering collapsed, so they were out for around half an hour, fixing it. They did fix it in the end, and carried on in the race bravely for a good result.

This is an excellent result for Chipping Sodbury's Greenpower teams. In the national championship R-Pods SSC is in second place and Rotary Racer is in third place.

Rotary Racer would like to thank all their sponsors, who helped them get this far and also helped them win the trophies and medals. The teams would also like to thank Bendan McMorrow for all the effort he puts into Greenpower for the school and the use of the schools DT labs for designing and building the cars.

Dawn Barnaby



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