

## **GREENPOWER ROCKS ROCKINGHAM AT LARGEST EVER INTERNATIONAL FINAL**

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- Rotary Racer wins both F24 races, as Renishaw win the F24+ race, Silverline Corporate Challenge and IET Formula F24+ championship
- Entries from the USA, Poland, Portugal and UK made for full and global grids

### **West Sussex, Tuesday 13 October, 2015:**

Working internationally to promote sustainable engineering among the next generation of engineers, the charity Greenpower Education Trust hosted its largest ever International Final at Rockingham on 10-11 October.

Rotary Racer, the car built by Chipping Sodbury School, won both IET Formula F24 races on Sunday. Meanwhile, Renishaw won the IET Formula F24+ race, Silverline Corporate Challenge and clinched the IET Formula F24+ championship.

New to the Northamptonshire based track, this was the first time Greenpower's International Final had been contested on the 1.48 mile American-style banked oval circuit.

110 school teams across Greenpower's IET Formula 24 (11-16 year olds) and IET Formula 24+ (16-25 year olds) race categories competed at the International Final along with 40 Kit Car teams and a host of entrants in the Silverline Corporate Challenge. Participants came from all over the UK, with teams also entered from the USA, Poland and Portugal.

The sustainably-powered F24 and F24+ single-seaters all feature the same electric motor and 12 volt batteries supplied by Greenpower. Students put the cars together themselves as part of an enhanced STEM education programme, and design their own bodywork using Siemens Solid Edge software.

Greenpower Education Trust CEO, Jeremy Way, said after the last race of the weekend: "There is nothing more inspiring than seeing all of our finalists proud to race their cars at the International Final, and witnessing the teams really working together in the true spirit of Greenpower.

"We hope that many of the participants competing here today will go on to pursue a future career in engineering - that's the result we are looking for, and already have numerous graduates from the Greenpower programme working full time in the industry."

Charity patron David Richards CBE, Chairman of Aston Martin and Prodrive, was at Rockingham to support the young racers, along with TV's 'face of technology', Jason Bradbury, who commented on proceedings as well as hosting prize giving.

The full 2015 International Final race results can be found here: <http://www.bbk-online.net/gpt/>.

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Greenpower Education Trust is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year of running race championships for primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the UK. It currently works with around 500 institutions and more than 1,000 students in a programme designed to get young people interested in engineering, particularly sustainable engineering, at an early age.

The UK needs an average of 74,000 new workers with engineering skills to enter the industry between now and 2022 if it is to maximise its true potential. In total, 257,000 of those jobs are new vacancies that will grow the industry, as opposed to simply maintaining its current size.

Through the Greenpower programme, young people from the age of nine get hands-on engineering experience but also learn communication, team-building and co-operation skills, while the process also gives underprivileged or struggling youngsters a renewed focus and goals for which to aim.

#### **About Greenpower Education Trust**

- Greenpower is a leader in promoting careers in engineering and the most accessible route into green motorsport.
- Siemens, The IET, Silverline Tools and Ford and a variety of other sponsors already throw their weight behind the work that Greenpower achieves in the UK.

- Businesses including Jaguar Land Rover, MIRA and Prodrive allow their graduates and apprentices time to compete in Greenpower's national series, as they see the relevance of Greenpower to building the skills base of their organisations.
- Patrons include The Earl of March, David Richards CBE and Viscount Linley.
- National classes include IET Formula Goblin (9-11 yrs), IET Formula 24 (11-16 yrs) and IET Formula 24+ (16-25 yrs).

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