**Rolls-Royce Motor Cars**

## Media Information

ROLLS-ROYCE SUPPORTS THE MISSION MOTORSPORT INVITATIONAL TRACK DAY AT GOODWOOD MOTOR CIRCUIT

**30 September 2016, Goodwood**

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars supported Mission Motorsport at the charity’s annual invitational track day, held this year at the Goodwood Motor Circuit. Mission Motorsport was set up to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations by providing opportunities through motorsport.

More than 50 servicemen and women and their families were given the opportunity to be chauffeured around the glorious Goodwood Motor Circuit in a Rolls-Royce Wraith Black Badge, the most powerful Rolls-Royce in the world. Also displayed was the new Rolls-Royce Dawn, presented in Midnight Sapphire with a Mandarin leather interior.

The Rolls-Royce team at the Motor Circuit included newly-recruited Vehicle Analysis Technician, Simon Roxbee. Simon, previously a Vehicle Mechanic in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, was introduced to Rolls-Royce by Mission Motorsport.

Andrew Ball, Global Corporate Communications Manager, said “We were honoured to support Mission Motorsport at this exceptional event for the second year running and are delighted to welcome Simon Roxbee to the team.”

In the last four years Mission Motorsport has delivered 3000 beneficiary training days of motor sport for over 850 beneficiaries leading to over 150 placements and, in 2014-2015, over 50 jobs.

For more information about the charity visit: [www.missionmotorsport.org](http://www.missionmotorsport.org).

**Simon Roxbee** **Vehicle Analysis Technician, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars**

Simon Roxbee joined the Army in 1991 and served as a Vehicle Mechanic in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. During his military career, Simon completed tours in Cyprus, Canada and Croatia.

Due to service commitments, he missed his grandfather’s funeral, and was unable to be with his mother and sister as they underwent cancer treatment. Being unable to be with his family when they needed him the most led to him leaving the Army in 2001.

Since leaving the Army, Simon has suffered from depression and anxiety. When the most recent bout left him unable to work, he contacted Help for Heroes to try and access help. He was passed to the Hidden Wounds Service, who provide support to ex-service personnel dealing with mental health issues. Simon had phone sessions with Hidden Wounds before being referred to his local NHS Service for face-to-face counselling.

Help for Heroes also recommended that Simon engage with a military cohort, and suggested contacting The Forces’ Motorsport Charity to engage in recovery sport. Through Mission Motorsport, Simon attended the British Grand Prix as a steward, gaining a Level 2 NVQ in Stewarding. He went on to join the rally service team on the Defender Challenge Rally, and threw himself into work with Mission Motorsport Livery Suite, learning new skills, and developing a fresh perspective. Through the skills he gained and the contacts he made at Mission Motorsport, he’d resolved to change his direction in life. His quality was clear, and exploiting the networks available to him was soon in the enviable position of having multiple job offers. Simon accepted a prestigious role as a Vehicle Analysis Technician at Rolls-Royce and aspires to progress to become an engineer.

According to Simon, Mission Motorsport and Help for Heroes have been hugely helpful in enabling him to replace some of the elements of his life that he has neglected since leaving the forces: “Help for Heroes and Mission Motorsport have helped me to organise what was helpful and unhelpful in my life. This has allowed me to get a clear idea of what I am seeking in order

to prevent reoccurrence of anxiety and depression. This has been the most extraordinary period, and I feel very lucky, and thankful.”

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