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Team BMW to defend BTCC titles with Turkington & Collard.

- BMW partners with West Surrey Racing for 2018 – running a trio of BMW 125i M Sports.
- Colin Turkington continues with the team after finishing second in the Drivers' Championship last year.
- Rob Collard celebrated his most successful year in 2017 and returns for another year with WSR.
- Andrew Jordan returns to WSR for another year under the BMW Pirtek Racing banner.

Building on the phenomenal results in 2017, Colin Turkington and Rob Collard will head into their second consecutive campaign together in 2018 chasing sustained success for Team BMW. They will be joined again by Andrew Jordan in a third BMW 125i M Sport, which will be run under the BMW Pirtek Racing banner.

The West Surrey Racing (WSR) team enjoyed a successful 2017 season as BMW returned to BTCC, with Colin and Rob claiming 20 podium finishes in their BMW 125i M Sports and finishing second and fifth in the Drivers' Championship.

Their successes secured two of the three major titles in the series, with Team BMW crowned the Manufacturers-Constructors winners and Teams Champions.

Graeme Grieve, CEO of BMW Group UK, commented: "We are delighted to enter into another season of the British Touring Car Championship and hope to build on the success of 2017. We have a great relationship with The West Surrey Racing Team and expect to go from strength to strength next season."

WSR's trio of BMWs have undergone a number of developments over the winter break, aimed at enhancing their already legendary performance and reliability.

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The car has won six overall BTCC titles in its five years of competition and is set for more success in 2018.

The BTCC celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2018 with 10 triple-header events held across the UK between April and October, each attracting a trackside audience of 40,000. All 30 races will be broadcast live in the UK on ITV4 in HD.
<http://www.btcc.net/>
<https://www.wsr-racing.com/>

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In 2016, the BMW Group sold approximately 2.367 million cars and 145,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax was approximately € 9.67 billion on revenues amounting to € 94.16 billion. As of 31 December 2016, the BMW Group had a workforce of 124,729 employees.

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