## **Southport Classic and Speed**

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 by David Stuart

I saw this event on the Events page of the Devamog website and was pleased to have found out about it. It was a new event for 2021.

After a lazy Sunday morning, I set off from Helsby after 12 noon, hood down and no sidescreens but with a couple of extra thin layers. A pleasant day, mainly sunny but quite cool. Using the Mersey Gateway bridge (£2 each way) the route was mainly fast roads. For the last few miles of the journey, I was accompanied by a silver Porsche open sports car, looking like a more purposeful version of the 356, a friendly wave was exchanged. By 1.15pm I arrived at the carpark adjacent to Victoria Park, which cost £5 for the day, entry to the event was free.



Of interest to me were two 1920's Lancia Lambdas. They have several innovative features, including "proper" sliding pillar front suspension (Morgans have sliding stub axles). I had only seen one example of this model before, about 15+ years ago.

There were a number of interesting pre-war cars, including: Bentley, Riley, MG, Austin and Morris. Exhibits covered many marques and ages, right up to quite recent models

I stayed for towards three hours, then cruised along the seafront before returning home. There was due to be a parade of the exhibited cars through town at 5.30pm but I didn't wait for that.

If there is a similar event another year I would consider attending again. I might be interested in displaying my Morgan, especially if some other members were displaying a variety of other Morgans.

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