



'Charismatic, Fearless, a master behind the wheel. Charles is a true professional, a real class act.'

A driver that is always in pursuit of perfection. Relentlessly moving forward and continuously improving. Charles' first taste of motorsport was go-karting when he was only 8 years old. At 16 he competed in his first circuit race at Brands Hatch in a historic racing series.

Charles' career only progressed upwards from there, receiving multiple invitations to the Goodwood Members Meeting as well as the Festival of Speed. Charles is also a BRDC Full Member, one of the most coveted and exclusive honours in British motorsport.

Since joining the Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship for his first season in 2021, Charles quickly proved himself to be one of the most formidable and respected drivers on the grid. Consistently on the pace, Charles is a fierce but fair fighter, a calculated risk taker who continul ously reflects and improves his own driving style.

From winning a support race at the 24hrs Le Mans, to taking the cham! pionship in the Porsche Carrera Cup Pro-Am Category, Charles' career







CHARLES RAINFORD

51.7%

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP GREAT BRITAIN (After Brands Hatch 2024) Races Started: 62 Races Entered: 63 Wins: 20 32 Podiums: Pole Positions: 9 **Fastest Laps:** 15 Seasons Entered: Race Win %: 34.5%

Podium %:

Charles' first experience in PCCGB was in the ex-Esmee Hawkey Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. A double win at Brands Hatch GP rounded out an impressive debut season resulting in 3rd place in the Pro-Am class.

Also in 2021, Charles had the pleasure of competing in an Invite-only guest race with Porsche Sprint Challenge France as a support race for the 24H of Le Mans. He took pole position in the 911 Gen2 GT3 Cup Car Class by four seconds and qualified in the middle of the 992 GT3 Cup cars and 911R's. Thankfully the race went to plan and he managed to win the 911 GT3 Cup Car Class.

In 2022, Charles won the Pro-Am Championship, totalling 12 class victories and one overall victory in the final race of the season.

2023 Saw Charles move up into the Pro category for his third season in the Carrera Cup GB championship. He placed P4, consistently finishing high up in the standings, gaining a total of 2 overall podiums and 1 overall win.















HISTORIC RESULTS



Wins: 18 **Podiums:** 30 **Pole Positions:**

Notable Results:

Goodwood 75th MM Westlake Cup - 2nd Goodwood 2018 FOS Hillclimb - 4th (class) EnduroKA Brands Hatch Indy - 2nd



CHARLES RAINFORD





Early Career

Charles started driving Go-Karts from the age of 8 to 12 and then progressed onto racing cars at age 16 when he moved up into Historic Motor Racing.

The young driver took part in his first circuit race in 2015 driving a Lenham GT Le-Mans at Brands Hatch. Charles was only 16 years old (the youngest person on the grid), and yet he finished 2nd in Class. He then took the car to the 75th Goodwood Members Meeting, where he took part in the Westlake Cup. Charles qualified 9th and finished the race on the podium with a hard earned 2nd place.

Charles continued to campaign the Lenham through the start of 2017. After competing at the Legends Of Brands Hatch Superprix, he was offered a job working as an Instructor at Brands Hatch and from there has advanced to become an ARDS A Driver Coach and works at every circuit in the UK.

After having a very successful campaign in the Lenham, at the end of 2017 Charles moved into a more of GT style historic car in the form of a Marcos 1800 GT where he qualified on the front row, never having driven the car before.

Goodwood



2018 Was a very busy and exciting year for Charles when he received an invite to the Goodwood Festival Of Speed in the John Rhodes' Mini Cooper S in original 60's spec, producing a whopping 100bhp! He started practice on the Friday and gradually got faster and faster as the weekend went on.

Sunday afternoon was the Timed Shoot-Out Final where he finished 4th in class and 33rd overall, beating cars such as the Alan Mann Works Ford Escort Twin Cam, Triumph Dolomite Sprint Touring Car and Alfa Romeo 155 Touring Car. He was only 4 seconds off a Euro NASCAR on the hill climb.

In 2019, Charles competed in both the Goodwood Members Meeting and Goodwood Revival. At the Members Meeting he took part in the Betty Richmond Trophy for 60s Minis, split into 2 heats and then a final on the Sunday. He was driving the Mini Sport backed 24 car.

Ideally, Charles is more comfortable with a rear wheel drive car, so the whole front wheel drive feeling was still very new to him. When the heats were drawn, Charles was put into heat 2 with the likes of Chris Harris, Nick Swift and Nick Padmore on the grid. He managed to fight his way up to 13th overall but more importantly qualified for the final on the Sunday afternoon.







Enduro KA - Endurance Race Story

By Charles Rainford

On the back of the Goodwood Revival, I was offered the opportunity to coach and then race with the boys at Piston Heads and competed with them at the Indy 500 Enduro KA Race at Brands Hatch, which was going to be my first time racing at night. The Enduro KA is a fantastic series because it ties in Endurance Racing with affordable little KAs.

Looking at the entry list before hand there were a lot of big names such as Michael Lyons, Henry Mann and Tim Harvey on the grid. Unfortunately one of my fellow team mates put the car in the gravel trap and another car rolled onto us! At that point we all thought it was game over, but upon further inspection the roll cage was completely intact, so at half 6 we started work to get the little KA straight enough to race the next morning.

Long story short, we managed to straighten the car up enough to get us on the grid for the Sunday morning with yours truly elected to start the race. I didn't even know if the car was going to drive straight, let alone be competitive. On my way to the grid the little KA was driving in a straight line and actually didn't feel like it had a another one on top of it the previous afternoon. We did two warm up laps behind the safety car as the track was still very wet from all the rain we had the night before and then we were away.

In the first 45 minutes I came from last (47th) to 1st, overtaking Tim Harvey down at Graham Hill Bend for the lead which I must admit did feel rather nice. After 8 Hours of racing by Team Piston Heads we managed to come home 2nd, very close behind the leaders. This was a great achievement considering the state the car was in just 24 hours beforehand.









2021

PRO-AM

In 2021, Charles made a huge step up and took part in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB, which in itself was an invaluable introduction to learning the ways of professional motorsport. Charles competed in the Pro-Am Class In the 'King Dick Tools' 911 GT3 Cup Car run by CCK Motorsport. Budget limited the team on testing so he only had two days of testing before the season started. This set the stage for an interesting start to the season, considering that Charles had never driven a Porsche GT3 Cup Car before.

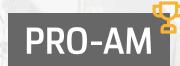
Throughout the year, he managed to secure 5 wins, totalling 8 podium appearances and took 3rd place in the Pro-Am championship. For a rookie, this is an amazing achievement and shows the adaptability of this young driver.

As mentioned earlier in this portfolio, Charles had the honour of competing in a guest race with Porsche Sprint Challenge France as a support race for the 24H of Le Mans. He took pole position in the 911 Gen II GT3 Cup Car Class by four seconds and qualified in the middle of the 992 GT3 Cup cars and 911R's, who were all much bigger, more powerful cars. All Charles's hard work throughout the weekend came to fruition when he won the 911 GT3 Cup Car Class.





2022



In 2022, Charles once again chose to race in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB, with CCK Motorsport. With a strong wind behind him from his very successful maiden season, Charles pushed harder than ever towards the championship.

With a strong start to the year, picking up a couple of podiums, things were going in the right direction. With 1 weekend to go in the championship, Charles had gained enough points to crown him the Pro-Am Champion of 2022. After winning the championship with a weekend to spare, Charles picked up his first overall race win at the final round of the season. This took his total to 14 out of 16 Pro-Am wins throughout the season.







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PRO

In 2023 after winning the Pro-Am championship, Charles made the move up to the Pro category. This year was a huge learning curve for the young driver, with the pace being much faster in the pro class. Charles quickly found that the driving style in the Pro category was much more aggressive. He really needed to get his elbows out if he wanted to race at the sharp end.

Despite the steep learning curve, Charles managed some good results, grabbing 5 podium finishes and 1 overall win throughout the year. An unfortunate last two races of the year meant he finished 4th in the championship. Despite the disappointing end to the season, Charles showed some great pace and some excellent driving. No doubt the young driver would sharpen his elbows and focus his determination ready to take the fight to the front in 2024.









PRO

Charles continues to push for points and positions in the Pro Championship. He began his 2024 campaign with a podium finish at Donington Park, followed by a great performance at Brands Hatch, resulting in another couple of podiums!

As it stands, after the Silverstone rounds 13-14, where he picked up his 2nd overall win of the season, Charles is in contention to win the 2024 Pro Championship.

