

HORN CUTTING TOOLS LTD

PRESS INFORMATION - New Milton Grand Prix

Horn GmbH apprentices put in sharp performance in 2015 New Milton pedal car GP

A team of apprentices, who are currently being trained in engineering skills at Paul Horn GmbH's German headquarters, came close to a podium finish in the 'Hoburne New Milton Pedal Car Grand Prix' when it crossed the line 4th in a field of 46 finishers on Sunday 12th July.

The time-trial style race is run on 1Km of closed town centre roads over two hours. It attracted entries in a variety of classes including Under-16, Ladies and Senior. For some time during the first quarter the Horn car was running first but a mechanical problem dropped it to 6th while it resided in the pits being fixed and some of the opposition pedalled past. After re-joining the race the team got back up to fourth by the time the chequered flag came down.



Christian Thiele, who acted as team manager for Horn commented. "We were delighted with the result as our target had been a 'top ten' finish. We also had a very serious mechanical problem in the week before which had threatened our ability to take part. In that context 'fourth' is a very good result."



Paul Horn GmbH has been competing in the New Milton / Ringwood race since 2011. This was prompted by earlier participation from Horn Cutting Tools Ltd., the company's Ringwood-based subsidiary. The apprentice led project covers design, development and component sourcing for the car as well as physical training for the drivers.

The 2015 car is the most sophisticated thus far in terms of its aerodynamic design, via a laid back seating posture and the lightweight materials used. For instance, the vehicle can be lifted very easily by two people and wind resistance is low.

Mike Green, general manager of Horn Cutting Tools Ltd comments. "We're very pleased with the result which comes after a lot of extremely hard work from the guys in the project team. It's proved to be a very effective way of relating day-to-day training with a meaningful end product that ties all of those disciplines together."



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