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FIRST BIKE SHOW AT STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME GETS OFF TO A ROARING START

The Stow Maries Motorbike Show, a brand-new event on the calendar at **Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome**, was a great success, with the historic World War One site resounding to the revving of over 400 hundred bikes as exhibitors and visitors arrived for a great day out.

Visitors enjoyed the sight of row upon row of around 200 classic and performance bikes on display at the heart of the historic site - the best-preserved World War One aerodrome in Europe. With a barbecue, bar by local brewery Datum Attitude and trade stalls, as well as access to the Museum exhibitions and hangars, it was a great day out for all.

A series of trophies were handed out in the afternoon to the best bikes in the show:

- Best Classic – awarded to Richard Ringer for his Suzuki GT750
- Best Cruiser – awarded to Les Dorney for his Triumph Rocket 3
- Best Sports Bike – awarded to Scott Cracknell for his 2023 BMW S1000RR M Sport
- Best Tourer – awarded to Trevor Law for his 2005 Honda Goldwing
- Judge Ross's choice – awarded to Imran Shaikh for his 1999 Harley-Davidson Sportster.

Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, comments: "We have long been popular with biking groups arriving at weekends to enjoy our hearty cooked breakfasts, so it seemed like a great idea to give the biking community a show of their own to enjoy. We were delighted with the turnout, with a fantastic selection of vintage and modern bikes of all kinds on site, and everyone enjoying a good day out in the countryside."

There will be more classic vehicle action at **Wings and Wheels** on **Sunday 24 May**, with 200 vintage, classic and unusual cars and motorbikes booked to attend, and fantastic aircraft overhead. The events programme continues with a Family Nature Day (29 May), Summer Fly-In (June 14), Back to WW2 event on Armed Forces Day (27 June), Living History Weekend (4-5 July) and The Stow Maries Air Show (16 August). Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10am to 4pm. For more information visit www.stowmaries.org.uk.

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Notes for editors:

- All proceeds from opening to the public and all events directly funds the ongoing work to preserve and protect Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome and support its battle for survival.
- The museum, situated between Chelmsford and Maldon in the Essex countryside, features the largest collection of Royal Flying Corps buildings in the world. It was the base of 37 (Home Defence) Squadron Royal Flying Corps, which was tasked to protect London from raids by German Zeppelin airships and Gotha heavy bombers.
- Essex County and Maldon District Councils led the acquisition of the site for the nation in 2013, following a generous grant from the Heritage Memorial Fund. It was placed in the care of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, a registered charity.
- Today the museum, still an operational airfield, is supported and maintained by over 100 volunteers. It is open each Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 4pm.