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**Renishaw sponsors Greenpower electric car race**

Global engineering company, [Renishaw](https://www.renishaw.com/en/renishaw-enhancing-efficiency-in-manufacturing-and-healthcare--1030?utm_source=HN&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=Renishaw&utm_id=REC353), has announced that it has renewed its longstanding sponsorship of Greenpower, an international charity that challenges young people aged nine to 25 to design, build and race electric cars. Renishaw first sponsored Greenpower’s UK Western Region Heat at the Castle Combe Circuit, Wiltshire in 2006 and continued the tradition with its sponsorship of this year's heat on September 5th, 2021.

The structure of the event, saw teams of students building their race cars throughout term time, helped by teachers who nurtured their engineering interests. Parents and siblings also attended races to cheer on competitors and support their interests in engineering careers. Several of Renishaw’s own apprentices and graduates took part in Greenpower races when they were younger and see the event as one of the reasons they chose a career in engineering.

“Greenpower is a brilliant initiative that provides the next generation of engineers an opportunity to learn practical engineering skills,” explained Rebecca Bound, Education Outreach Officer at Renishaw. “The event teaches young people how to work as part of a team and gives them real-world experience in software development, electronics and mechanical engineering.”

“Greenpower is a very inclusive event, with different age categories to create even competition,” continued Bound. “The event commonly sees an equal split between the number of girls and boys attending, especially in the younger age categories, which is positive for encouraging more women into engineering careers. Renishaw believes that being part of a competition drives innovation and this is certainly the case with Greenpower!”

Renishaw commonly runs educational activities alongside the races to provide further engineering insights and career advice to attendees. As well as this, Renishaw hosts Goblin class racing events for primary school pupils each year at its Miskin site in South Wales and New Mills headquarters site in Gloucestershire. Renishaw’s graduates and apprentices have also put their engineering expertise to the test in past years by entering their own successful Greenpower team, which competes in the 16 to 25 year old category.

As part of its extensive education outreach activities, Renishaw will continue to support Greenpower in its goal to encourage the next generation of talent to find their passion for engineering. To find out more about Renishaw’s STEM education programmes, visit www.renishaw.com/educationoutreach

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**Notes to editors**

UK-based Renishaw is a world leading engineering technologies company, supplying products used for applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It has over 4,500 employees located in the 37 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations.

For the year ended June 2020 Renishaw recorded sales of £510.2 million of which 94% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Japan and Germany.

Throughout its history Renishaw has made a significant commitment to research and development, with historically between 13 and 18% of annual sales invested in R&D and engineering. The majority of this R&D and manufacturing of the company’s products is carried out in the UK.

The Company’s success has been recognised with numerous international awards, including eighteen Queen’s Awards recognising achievements in technology, export and innovation.

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