

Breathtaking show wows crowds for two great days of Wings and Wheels

The crowds flocked to Dunsfold Aerodrome over the bank holiday weekend for glorious thrills and spills both in the skies and on the ground – Beatrice Phillpotts reports

MORE than 32,000 people enjoyed Wings and Wheels 2010 on its first year as a two-day event.

Event organiser Dunsfold Park Ltd said it was overwhelmed by the show's success

and will be staging next year's show over two days. The sixth Wings and Wheels, held on Sunday and Monday, featured an unrivalled selection of RAF legends led by the Red Arrows.

After four long years away

from the display circuit, the Harrier was back for this year's landmark anniversary.

It is 50 years since the first aircraft with a vertical take-off was launched at Dunsfold Aerodrome.

Alongside the spectacular four-hour air shows on each day, there was some dramatic track action organised by Brooklands Museum.

The power and speed of a host of iconic cars were vividly demonstrated in displays led by racing legend the Napier-Railton and including Aston Martins, Ferraris, Jaguars, AC Cobras, Lotuses, Porsches, TVRs and the Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows.

There were more than 60 trade stalls and attractions within the central arena to

entertain the crowds and visitors enjoyed the return of favourites such as Mercedes-Benz World and the Vulcan Village, as well as new attractions including Walk on Water.

As in previous years, there was a special welcome for the veterans of past conflicts and particularly those based at the airfield during the Second World War.

Wings and Wheels is Dunsfold Park's biggest annual fundraiser and Help for Heroes is one of the main beneficiaries of this year's event, together

with Brooklands Museum, Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust and the Surrey Air Ambulance.

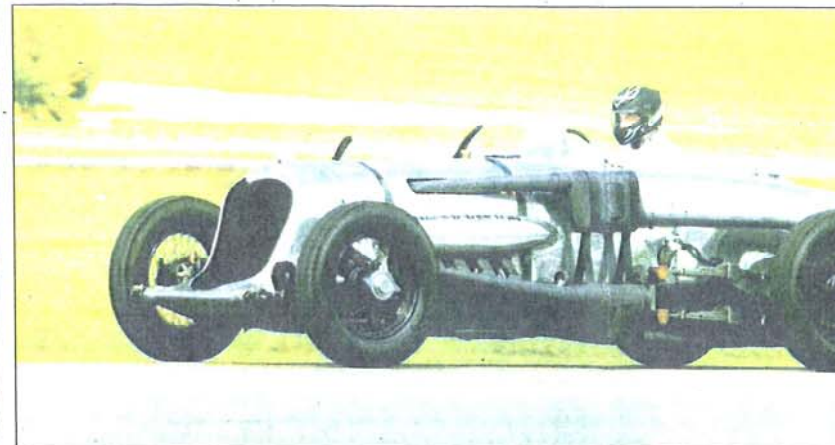
The nominated charities were a vital presence in the central arena and received heartfelt support and charitable donations from the crowds that will contribute significantly to the total raised for charity during the bank holiday weekend.

"We have received an unprecedented amount of positive feedback from enthusiastic guests and are over-

whelmed by the success of the show," said event director Jamie McAllister.

"Having invested substantially in the two-day format, particularly marshalling and traffic management on the external road junctions, it is rewarding for the whole team to know it has paid off and that everyone enjoyed such a smooth entry and exit to the show.

"We are all very much looking forward to next year and can confirm we will be holding the show on August 28 and 29."



Minis were used by police forces a few decades ago, while the Napier-Railton, from Brooklands, is an example of