

News release  
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World RX of Great Britain

## **PSRX Volkswagen Sweden aims to leave Lydden on a high**

So long, farewell, *auf wiedersehen*, goodbye.

Lydden Hill is a special place. The sport of rallycross started here 50 years ago and Petter Solberg's RX career followed 46 years later. And this weekend, the FIA World Rallycross Championship says farewell Devil's Elbow and the Canterbury Straight.

Silverstone circuit will replace Lydden Hill as the host of World RX of Britain from next season.

"Lydden is where our PSRX adventure started in 2013," said PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden owner Petter Solberg. "Rallycross has a long history in my family, so you can imagine Lydden Hill has a special place in our hearts. I remember when I was younger watching heroes like Martin Schanche going through corners like Paddock Bend and just thinking how much I would love to do that.

"Two years ago I won at Lydden and standing on top of the car there, the history and emotion of the place was incredible. It would be the perfect place for me to celebrate my first win of the season this weekend – it would mean so much to me to sign off on Lydden with a win. But I'm guessing there are a few guys out there who feel the same way!"

Everybody feels the same. Lydden is a temple of rallycross with RX pilgrims making their annual pilgrimage to... Pilgrims.

And Petter's PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team-mate Johan Kristoffersson is of the same mind. The winner of the last round of the series in Belgium is looking for a hat-trick of victories in three weekends; he won last weekend's Scandinavian Touring Car round in Alastaro, Finland.

"I am feeling very good right now," said Johan. "The last two weekends have been really strong for me and I want to carry that into Lydden. The PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team showed real consistency and speed in Belgium and we'll need more of the same when we get to Britain. Petter won two years ago and probably deserved the win after being fastest all the time last year, so we have good knowledge of what it takes to win at this track.

"Like Petter says, it will be an emotional weekend at Lydden. Everybody who loves our sport knows about this place and to compete at our last race there for now, will be a strange feeling. But nothing changes for us as a team, we set-out to make the best job and take as many points as possible - catching

Mattias [Ekström, World RX drivers' championship leader] and keeping PSRX Volkswagen Sweden at the top of the table is the priority."

Now, back to the *Sound of Music*. Goodbye, we leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye.

*So long, Farewell* is a good tune, but it's got nothing on the music we'll be making this weekend.

### **What? When?**

Qualifying 1/2: Saturday May 27 1230/1450

Qualifying 3/4: Sunday May 28 1100/1200

Semi-finals/Final: Sunday May 28 1500

### **World RX of Great Britain**

1.17km

60% asphalt/ 40% dirt

Fifty years ago, a television producer had an idea: how about taking circuit racing off-road? Then on-road. Then off-road again. Then... you get the picture. *World of Sport*, the biggest sports show in British television loved the idea and rallycross was born. And born right here at Lydden. The circuit's not the longest of the season, but with legendary corners like Paddock Bend and Devil's Elbow it remains one of the series' biggest challenges.

### **Previous winners:**

Mattias Ekström (2016)

Petter Solberg (2015)

Andreas Bakkerud (2014)

### **Closest international airport:**

London City 60 miles

### **Currency:**

British Pound

### **Capital city:**

London

### **Language:**

English

**Seriously...** Today (it's the same whichever day you read this), British folk will drink 165 million cups of tea. But not Petter and Johan, not until Monster start making tea.

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