

# EMCOS Rally – Down Ampney

Saturday 27 May 2006

Firstly, I must thank Bob Muttram and Mike Hall for taking the photos of Shirley and I carrying out the recoveries. I always carry a camera but don't always have time to get the pictures.



We were a tad busy which was completely different from the first event back at the venue when Cirencester MC resurrected rallying at Down Ampney. On that occasion, the sun was shining and we had a relatively quiet day.

What a difference a day makes: on this Saturday it was wet. Rain and concrete and mud make for a slippery surface and in some places it wasn't just mud. They may have moved 'Poo Corner' but the stuff left in heaps around the venue left a very unpleasant aroma on my overalls and for some reason our casualties always seemed to end up in it. Lying down to attach the kit to cars wasn't very pleasant.



The incident shown was between a Nova and an Astra. The Nova spun on the long left-hander and was collected by the Astra. With nowhere to go they both ended up in the hedge, one of them gently rolling to get there. The hedge and grass verge fortunately cushioned the blow.

This was the second incident at the same place where a competitor rolled into the undergrowth but all the crews escaped without any injuries apart from pride and wallet deficiencies.

The only consolation with such a day, where I lost count of the cars we recovered, was that we were in the dry in between incidents [albeit a bit smelly] whereas Bob, Mike and all the marshals had to brave the elements.



To see other jobs that we and our recovery colleagues have carried out have a look on our website [www.amro.org.uk](http://www.amro.org.uk).

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