

Award coup for Kasia

BURY St Edmunds' 16-year-old rally driver Kasia Nicklin received recognition for her achievements from the British Women Racing Drivers Club (BWRDC) at the club's 50th Anniversary celebrations and annual awards presentations, held at Silverstone race circuit on Saturday, March 3.

Nicklin was presented with the Barbara EF Bird Memorial Trophy for the best performance by a junior competition license-holder, following her 2011 rally season.

The youngster is one of a growing number of women in motorsport, many of whom gathered at Silverstone to celebrate the BWRDC's 50th Anniversary.

Speaking of the award, Nicklin commented: "I am really proud to be a member of the BWRDC, who work hard to help and promote women competing in all forms of motorsport, so to win this award is really special."

Nicklin and Welsh co-driver Gareth

Short compete all over the country in her Nissan Micra rally car, as part of the F1000 Junior Rally Championship, open to 14-16 year old junior drivers.

This year, the pair will be contending eight rounds, including two events being organised by Chelmsford Motor Club, at RAF Honington and RAF Woodbridge.

When asked about her plans for this year, she added: "My aim for the 2012 season is to be challenging for podium positions as often as possible and to continue to improve my skills and experience."

"First and foremost my ambition is to stay in motorsport as long as I can, and if I can raise the budget needed I would like to move on and compete next year in the British Rally Championship."

"It would be a big step forward for me and I hope that the collaboration between the BWRDC and Motors TV will help to raise my profile and attract the backing and support I will need."



WORTHY WINNER: Kasia Nicklin receiving her Barbara EF Bird Memorial Trophy from Wendy Markey-Amey

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