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Nicholas Mee Racing: Brand New GT4 Aston Martin Completes Shakedown



The London-based Aston Martin specialist was at Goodwood to put some miles on its new *Gentleman Racer* Vantage GT4. In addition to the owners, the vastly experienced British driver Anthony Reid was also at the wheel of the car, just collected from Aston Martin Racing.

The Pentland Green and Silver (with orange accents, to reflect the Dutch nationality of regular drivers **Karsten Le Blanc** and **Christiaen Van Lanschot**) GT looked stunning and will be entered in a select number of UK and European races this year. Reid's role, in addition to occasional racing duties, will be to test, set up and improve the car as the season progresses.

A regular at **Le Mans** and in international touring car and sportscar racing, the Scotsman has also driven at recent **Goodwood Revivals** and will be a standard-setter for both the **Nicholas Mee Racing** team and other GT4 Astons. In addition to the factory-built car you see here, the team has purchased another to be driven by well-known historic racer **Tarek Mahmoud**.

Le Blanc and Van Lanschot have previously raced an Aston Martin DB4 and currently campaign the famous Austin-Healey 3000 'DD300'.



The 4.7-litre GT4 will contest selected rounds of the **Britcar** series, the **British GT** series, the Aston Martin Owners Club Championship and, possibly, the **FIA GT4 European Championship**.

As media partner, **Classic Driver**'s name appears on the car, together with finance specialist <u>Classic &</u> <u>Sports Finance</u> and the 'intelligent parking' provider <u>Cardok</u>.

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