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The Federation of British historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) has made the following announcement on its website (1 May 2018).

## **Declaring your vehicle as exempt from an MOT Test**

This is a new self-declaration process to be carried out as part of annual licensing by DVLA by a keeper of a qualifying vehicle who does not wish to submit the vehicle to an MOT test. By making this simple declaration you are confirming that your vehicle is at least 40 years old and has not been substantially changed in the previous 30 years.

For advice on the process you should consult the Legislation pages in recent Editions of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs Newsletter.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has published a set of guidelines to assist owners in deciding which if any more recent changes to their vehicle would be considered as 'substantial'.

The DfT understand that owners may feel they need to consult a specialist prior to making this declaration and have asked the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs to compile and publish on its website, a list of marque specialists who have indicated their willingness to advise owners unsure of their vehicle's status.

The initial iteration of this list is published on the website ([www.fbhvc.co.uk](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk)). It is intended to be continuously added to as more specialists come forward.

Before approaching a marque specialist you should study the DfT Guidelines carefully and make your own judgement concerning your vehicle if you can.

An expert or an organisation nominating an expert is entitled to reimbursement of any costs incurred in reaching or providing the opinion and may make a reasonable charge for the service provided, which may be different depending upon whether the keeper making the request is or is not a member. It is your responsibility to accurately describe your vehicle as no inspection will be made. Their advice is provided solely in relation to the declaration you will make regarding VHI.

If there is not a specialist listed here for your type of vehicle you may contact the FBHVC Secretary ([secretary@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fbhvc.co.uk)) who will advise you.

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## **Editor's notes**

1. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to maintain the freedom of its members to use historic vehicles on the UK's roads, hence its campaign message: 'Yesterday's Vehicles on Tomorrow's Roads'. The FBHVC has over 550 member clubs representing over 251,000 individual owners.

2. For further information contact Geoff Lancaster on 07860 562659, [commsdirector@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:commsdirector@fbhvc.co.uk).

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