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UK's Goodwood Festival of Speed, catnip to auto enthusiasts, pushed back

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A Lamborghini heading to the startline at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in England. Image credit: Goodwood

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The Duke of Richmond and Gordon has decided to postpone the Goodwood Festival of Speed, one of the most prestigious events in the automotive calendar after consulting the British government and Public Health England.

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Sponsored by Mastercard, the event was scheduled for July 9-12 at Goodwood House in West Sussex, the home of the 12th Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The organizers are exploring potential dates for late summer or early fall, with tickets valid for the new date.

"Over the last few weeks, we have been working together with everyone involved to understand the viability of the Festival of Speed going ahead in July," the Duke said in a statement.

"Due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus threat and not knowing whether the situation will have significantly improved by then, we sadly need to postpone the Festival of Speed in July," he said.

"These are dramatic and unbelievable times, but they will pass and we are already trying to think about just how exciting it's going to be to welcome you all back to Goodwood for what perhaps might be the Greatest Event Ever."



Seen at 2019 Goodwood Festival of Speed: the 12th Duke of Richmond with Corinna Schumacher. Image credit: Goodwood

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As of now, the Goodwood Revival will hold on to its Sept. 11-13 date.

Luxury automakers, ranging from British icons Rolls-Royce and Aston Martin to sports carmaker McLaren, made their presence known last year at the 2019 [Goodwood Festival of Speed](#) in an effort to reach motor enthusiasts.



Goodwood House is home to the 12th Duke of Richmond and Gordon. Image credit: Goodwood

The 27th annual Festival of Speed, considered as the world's largest automotive garden party, welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors July 4-7 to Goodwood House. Last year's theme was "Speed Kings Motorsport's Record Breakers," while automakers looked to the past and future for their Goodwood celebrations.

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