

Check those Nuts and Latches

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I have a friend who races a Formula Ford and just before each practice session or race he sits down and looks over his car carefully, checking for loose nuts or anything out of place. It is amazing the simple things he has found over the years by doing this. Because of the nature of your Westfield and the way it is driven, take time regularly to check tightness of nuts and look for play in suspension.

Picture this. A well known Westfield owner who can't be named (but it rhymes with Paul Kennedy) is sitting on the start line at Leyburn blipping the throttle, full face helmet fitted and red mist descending, when an onlooker casually walks over and does up the bonnet latches on his car. Would have made quite a sight coming off at high speed. It really does pay to spend a little time looking over your car especially before competition.

Check wheel bearings at about six monthly intervals and tension tailshaft bolts lightly at a similar interval.