

A Day in the Life of

Marc Tomlinson, RAC Patrolman



RAC Patrolman Marc Tomlinson was born in Allestree but now lives in Denby. He has been with the RAC for 8 years. Marc, who has a 3 year old daughter called Aleisha attends approximately five to ten callouts a day. That's an awful lot of breakdowns over his career to date!

Marc decided to become an RAC Patrolman as he enjoys helping people at the roadside and gets great satisfaction from doing so. However, this isn't the career that Marc originally wanted to followlike a lot of young boys growing up, he wanted to be a fire fighter.

I asked Marc to explain a typical day in his role, here's what he said: "Every callout that I attend is different and it really isn't just a car that you're fixing - it could be the start to someone's holiday or an important appointment that they may miss out on."

Here are a few more questions I asked Marc about his role:

What is the best moment you've experienced so far whilst at work?

I would have to say the time I went to a callout in Oxford. It was a broken down vehicle being driven by ... Ronnie Barker! It was really funny. (Not the break down of course!)

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

Just knowing that I'm part of an important team that helps all types of people with their everyday motoring needs.

What do you least like about your job?

The weather can be a bit of a downer! When it's raining and windy it makes the job a lot harder to do.

What is the most dangerous situation that you've encountered?

Working at the roadside is very dangerous nowadays with the roads being so busy and people could be a bit more considerate on the roads. After all, nobody picks where to break down it's just as and when.

Describe one of the funniest moments you've experienced in your job....

Erm, going to a young couple locked out of their car down a country lane with all their clothes locked in the car, it didn't take much working out what they had been up to!

In your experience, what is the most common reason for being called out?

Keys locked in the vehicles, using the wrong fuel, and good old flat batteries.

How do you like to relax and unwind?

I like a drop of red wine or a real ale.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I enjoy Enduro riding which is a motorbike sport. I also love walking and gardening!

What's your favourite holiday destination?

I like most of Greece, France is ok and there are some lovely places in Derbyshire - we are lucky for the countryside.

What is your favourite film?

The Green Mile is one of my top films. I know this isn't a film but I do like some good comedy - Peter Kay is so funny.

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