

Debut year is a success for Brand brothers

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IT has been a fantastic first year of racing for the Brand brothers.

Martin and Peter Brand, from Maldon, have swept all before them in their rookie year of three-hour endurance motorbike racing – winning their class outright.

Racing under the name Brand Brothers Racing (BBR), on Yamaha R6 machines, they competed in the UK's 600cc Hottrax series, travelling to events in Wales, Norfolk, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, the Midlands and Kent.

The first event of the year was at Brands Hatch, a wet and windy weekend last March.

The pair took to the wet weather though, in fact so well that 1,000cc bikes on the same track were being passed by them.

Other events saw them doing equally well, getting on the top of the podium more often than not.

The Mallory Park circuit proved to be a frustrating event, they were leading but



then got held up by a pit lane marshal.

This caused them to lose first place to another team by just 13 seconds at the chequered flag – giving them a second place which was their lowest podium result all year.

The series included events at: Brands Hatch, Anglesey, Snetterton (twice), Mallory Park, Oulton Park, Pembrey and Cadwell Park.

They have been tipped as

ones to watch this year when they will be moving up a class to compete in the National Championship, the highest level of endurance racing in the UK.

The winter lay-off time is being used to rebuild and prepare the bikes.

Martin said: "We had a hugely successful year in 2011 and would like to thank all the team, sponsors and supporters for their help.

"We are aiming high for



Fantastic season: (above) BBR rider Martin (left) and Peter Brand on their bikes pre-race at Cadwell park and (left) with their 2011 awards.

this year and want to win the National Championship.

"It's within our reach and we will be doing everything possible to get there."

Peter said: "The bikes are currently being completely rebuilt and upgraded for 2012, so we can't wait to start testing on them.

"We put a lot of time and effort in, but we couldn't have won the championship without the people behind us."

Currently two Essex companies are assisting with services and sponsorship, the main sponsor for 2011 was JD Classics, a classic vehicle sales and restoration business, based in Maldon, on the Wycke Hill estate.

This year 'Ultimate 3D Ltd' a specialist industrial model-makers and fast proto-type company have also joined as sponsors.

If you would like to add your company name to the

bikes or go along to support them please see website: www.brandbrothersracing.com or call Bob on 07974 946414 for more details of sponsorship benefits and arrangements.

Visits to the race paddock and pits are arranged during race weekends for BBR sponsors where you can get close up to the bikes and involved in the racing atmosphere – and a free cup of tea.