

ROBERTA COWELL'S SHELSLEY RECORD.

Roberta Cowell prepares to tackle the most famous hill-climb in Britain - Shelsley Walsh. This is the playground of drivers like Tony Marsh, who holds the 1½ litre record; Roberta's a past record-holder too - but in those days she was a man. Her change of sex was registered six years ago. As Bob Cowell she was a crack racing driver - as Roberta she plans to be so again.

There goes Tony Marsh in his 1½ litre Cooper. Shelsley Walsh is one of the toughest tests of driving skill - and if you want to stage a come-back, this is certainly doing it the hard way. But Roberta's determined to get back into top-line driving, which she calls "the only way of life I know".

Someone's crashed! It's W.B. Groot, in his 4-litre C.D. Mercury, but the ambulance is on the spot at once - and he's not seriously hurt.

For Roberta, it's a highly successful comeback. She won't drive flat out, because it's a borrowed car, but she still breaks the women's record for the climb!