

The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

March 2019 Report

2019 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUNDS

24 th Feb	BECC Knockhill Stages, Knockhill, Fife Single Venue www.borderecossecarclub.com
30 th March	The Cobble Shop DCC Stages, Ingliston, Edinburgh Single Venue www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk
13 th Apr	RM Condor Memorial Garden Stages, Arbroath Single Venue (mixed surface) www.condormsc.co.uk
4 th May	Granite Stages @ Leuchars, Leuchars Airfield, Fife Single Venue www.admclub.com
15 th June	Summer Stages, Crail Airfield, Fife Single venue www.glenrothes-msc.com
13 th /14 th July	The Cobble Shop Mach1 Stages Machrihanish Single venue www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk
3 rd Aug	Used Car Parts Solway Coast Rally, Dundrennan Ranges Single Venue (Route Notes) www.solwaycarclub.co.uk
4 th Aug	Tyneside Stages, Otterburn Multi Venue (Route Notes) www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk
25 th Aug	Pendragon Stages, Warcop Multi Venue (Route Notes) www.pendragonstages.co.uk
11 th /13 th Oct	Beatson's Mull Rally, Isle of Mull Closed Road www.mullcarclub.co.uk
2 nd Nov	Kingdom Stages, Leuchars Single Venue www.glenrothes-msc.com
Reserve event	
22 nd Sept	Cheviot Stages Rally, Otterburn Multi Venue (Route Notes) www.cheviotstages.org.uk

Presentation of 2019 Awards Date to be confirmed **ALL WELCOME**



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Border Ecosse Knockhill Stages 24th February

The first round of the 2019 Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship may not have had a capacity entry, but the thrills and spills of the challenging 8 stages laid out by Border Ecosse Car Club made all the crews work very hard for the valuable points on offer, thanks must go to Eddie Kelly and Gavin Brown for some fantastic images from the day.

With 49 starters, 33 of which registered for the STRC, brings a total registered STRC Crews to just over 73, this is quite possibly the highest number of registered crews we have had to date for the first round. It is always welcome to see returning crews to the championship but also great to see some new faces.

1st car off the line at 08.31 was Car 1 and last year's winner John Marshall in the Subaru, followed by Donnie McDonald and Andrew Kirkaldy.

The heavy fog looked like it was going to delay the start but the organisers pushed on with the start at 08.31 and the Subaru burst into life and 54321 go. The fog lifted for a while but then returned mid-morning only to clear around an hour later to bring a mild sunny afternoon for all the spectators.

Newly Championship registered Andrew Kirkaldy in the Mk2 Escort, was fastest on the first two stages, with John Marshall quickest on the next pair, then Kirkaldy retired with a broken diff, leaving Marshall looking secure with a 23 second lead.

Nigel Feeney then woke up and proceeded to win each of the four afternoon stages with his impressive Mini Countryman JCW WRC, taking 16 seconds out of Marshall's lead, but it was not enough and he finished 2nd overall, 7 seconds behind Marshall, with Donnie McDonald scooping 3rd place at this great event. It was indeed an exciting climax to the first round of the Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.

Event Overall and Class winners

1st Overall John Marshall/Scott Crawford Subaru Impreza 39.51

2nd Overall Nigel Feeney/Nikki Addison Mini Countryman JCW WRC 39.58

3rd Overall Donnie McDonald/Sam Smith Mitsubishi Evo 9 41.09

Class 1 Cameron Craig/Ewan Lees Peugeot 205 45.46

Class 2 Angus Lawrie/Paul Gribben Citroen C2R2 41.56

Class 3 Michael Robertson Murray Milne Honda Civic 41.35

Class 4 Colin Gemmell/Derek Keir Ford Escort 41.15

Class 5 Scott Macbeth/Dan Forsyth Mitsubishi Evo 9 41.25

The leader board of The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship is as follows:

1 st Overall	Des Campbell	Class 2
2 nd Overall	Michael Robertson	Class 3
3 rd Overall	Colin Gemmell	Class 4
4 th Overall	John Marshall	Class 5

DCC Stages 30th March, Ingliston

The next round of the Cobble Shop Tarmac Rally Championship is the DCC Stages being organised by Dunfermline Car Club at Ingliston on the 30th March. The club is delighted to report that the event at present is oversubscribed with 85 entered for 75 places. Dunfermline Car Club are also organising a Junior only event on the following day at Ingliston on the 31st March. Although at present there are only 15 entrants, the club looks forward to welcoming contenders of the English Junior 1000 Rally Championship for the first time at Ingliston. The event is also a round of the J100 Ecosse Challenge.

The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship is growing in popularity each year and for that, we thank all marshals, officials, medics, rescue and recovery crews, scrutineers, photographers, sponsors and especially the competitors who have provide us all with entertainment throughout the year.

The STRC is a class-based Championship which encourages and support motorsport enthusiasts with varying budgets, to compete and enjoy a variety of events North and South of the Border. Clubs organising events, especially single venue multi use events, are constantly striving to offer value for money for the competitors, but for a variety of reasons this is becoming increasingly difficult, With single venue multi use events providing stage miles of between approximately 40 and 60, and in some cases even more i.e at Machrihanish, an event offering nearly 90 stage miles, entrant numbers required are between 60 and 90 to make events viable, but with the cost of the permit accounting for nearly 30% of the entry fee (avg £265), clubs resources are now being stretched.

There are many more eloquent than I, who give us informative and entertaining reports on the many motorsport events throughout the year, our thanks go to our championship media reporter Davie Hatrick, and of course everyone's favourite motorsport guru, John Fife www.johnfife.co.uk, Bob Irvine of Scottish Rally Scene Magazine and those who capture the action in colour, Eddie Kelly and Gavin Brown.

The Championship Committee is also indebted to Raymond Mann who 'number crunches' the results from each round and produces the points table. Raymond also provides a results service for many events in Scotland www.scotresults.co.uk

We are fortunate with the good communication between event organising clubs and championships, North & South of the Border, mainland & Island based, in determining dates of motorsport events. This has to been done to ensure that competitors have a varied choice of events, both off-road and tarmac, and also to ensure the diminishing number of marshals, officials, rescue, recovery and medical teams and personnel are not stretched to breaking point. We also look forward to further encouraging updates on the return of closed road stage rallying to our Scottish Rallying calendar. Consideration and our thanks as always go to Rupert Hine and his SAMSC training team who provide much appreciated advice and information to ensure our events are a safe environment for all involved.