

SAMSC STAGE RALLY REPORT,

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SEASON FINAL ROUND THE GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY WAS A GREAT END OF YEAR EVENT

It has been a difficult year in many regards, starting with cancellation of the Snowman Rally due to Ice on stages.

Number of competitors entering events has dropped, with the average number entering events over the complete season being circa 75, this said all events have in the Rallying sense ran well, however financially, most if not all lost money for the organising clubs. This is a situation that will not sustain in the long term

New for this season we have broadcast from each event live footage on Facebook Live, this has been a great success and will be pushed in 2020 with more investment from our sponsor

The Rallying community held a meeting at Stirling University which was reasonably well attended with 170+ there, following on from this both the STRC and the SRC management committees carried out surveys to not just there members but the wider Rallying community.

The outcome of the survey on the SRC front is that for the 2020 season the Management committee are trying to get agreement with the organising clubs to run a six event Championship with two gravel rally's in the first part of the year two closed road rallies in middle of year (keeping us out of the forest in the mainly nesting season) and two gravel rallies at the back end of the year. This was a clear pointer from both the survey and the Stirling meeting

Our biggest problem is the cost to the organasing committees posed by the Master agreement negotiated between Motorsport UK and the Forestry this treats England and Scotland the same in terms of charges

- £796/Mile first usage
- £472/Mile for each other pass

Rallies in England have sometimes double our entries so can spread the cost, in reality we pay circa £30,000/Event to Motorsport UK who subsequently pay to Forestry and Land Scotland.(FLS)

We met a few weeks ago with FLS and have agreed to set up a joint group to look at agreement going forward, this will not be a quick fix but in medium term we can probably sort out each other's requirements

Awards ceremony with again be held at Aviemore on the 16th November

Gordon Adam Chairman SRC