



The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry

The saying is adapted from a line in "To a Mouse," by Robert Burns: "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley." What it means is that that no matter how carefully a project is planned, something may still go wrong with it.

And so it is that a new route and time schedule are being announced today for the 2017 Dayinsure Wales Rally GB. In the last week Natural Resources Wales (NRW), who manage the forest estate in Wales, has informed us that an outbreak of tree disease has been confirmed in parts of Myherin forest. To deal with this outbreak all the infected trees will be removed in the next few months and this work will mean that many of the roads that we use for the Myherin stage will not be available in October for the event.

The roads in the northern part of the forest are still available but this means that the original 32 km stage has been reduced to 18 km.

A considerable amount of work has gone into the revised route to minimise the competitive distance loss to just 6 kms and the changes to the route already published are;

Thursday

- The newly announced Visit Conwy Tir Prince will open the action with the start of the rally taking in this specially created short gravel special stage

Friday

- The Myherin stage is reduced to 18.2 km
- Sweet Lamb and Hafren remain as already published

Saturday

- A second use of the Aberhirnant stage has been added which means that, although it is a much longer day, marshals here will now get to see the international field twice as well as the National event
- Aberhirnant and Dyfnant are now the first two stages of the day. They will run in the same direction as 2014 (the reverse of last year)
- Dyfi is extended from 22.58 km to 25.86 km and will be run in the same direction as 2015 (the reverse of last year)

After discussion with the FIA and the teams, we have also cancelled the first running of the Gwydir stage on Sunday morning. There was a safety concern about the late night/early morning requirements for the teams' mechanics and drivers. We obviously pointed out that their schedule would be luxurious compared to that of the marshals! Nonetheless, we have made a small amendment so that the final day now starts at Alwen.

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Information is a valuable tool to everyone involved with the preparation of the UK's round of the World Rally Championship. Very shortly there will be a section within the Marshals' pages of the event website where the staffing status of each special stage can be viewed.

This will allow stage commanders, radio controllers and each volunteer to see immediately what stages have reached their maximums on required numbers, which are almost full and what opportunities are still available to marshal across each section of the rally.

Remember that the event is much more than the 12 special stage locations. There is the Rally Village in Deeside, the regroupings in Newtown, Chester, Corris and Brenig, plus the refuel locations across the route and the high profile finish in Llandudno on Sunday. All need to be marshalled and operated to the highest standards by you; the rally marshal.



Marshal Accreditation

<https://members.msauk.org/imissite/login/default.asp>

It doesn't take long to complete the on-line training and register with the MSA. It is really important for us to know that we all have the same basic knowledge and awareness as we are such a big team.

Not only that but you get an MSA Marshal's Kit delivered to your door containing a marshal's tabard, a torch, a hand warmer and, most importantly, a flask! Not bad for a few moments of your time and a great 'thank you' for your commitment to British motorsport.

Goodies Questionnaire...

Talking about gifts and goodies, thank you to all of you who completed our questionnaire on what you feel the marshals' 'thank you' should look like on Dayinsure Wales Rally GB. We had hoped for a clear winner, but as seems to be the norm these days, this referendum gave us a brilliantly split vote!

The information has been invaluable, however, as have been the comments. Penny and Reece have been confined to a dark room to come up with gift ideas for October and we will let you know the outcome shortly. But one thing we have agreed is that a more robust system will be in place to ensure that everyone gets their goodies and no-one is left feeling that we don't care about you. Nothing could be further from the truth! But remember that this year you will need to have registered with RST in order to be counted for goodies.

...and there is more

There will again be a prize draw from among all 2017 Dayinsure Wales Rally GB signed-on volunteer marshals and officials to win a fantastic trip for two people to a European WRC rally of their choice in 2018. Terms and conditions will apply.

Also on offer will be the opportunity for your club to win £500 as the Best Turned Out Club. Make sure your club gets their picture taken and sent in this year!

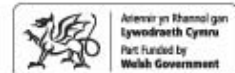
Lastly, if you are one of those clubs who support the event by bringing more than 10 marshals in your party, we will reward this commitment with a pair of World Rally Passes for you to use as you wish. These could be a reward to someone who goes that extra mile within your club (we all have at least one of these club members) or the tickets could be raffled off to raise some funds.

Thanks

Thanks for all your efforts, both on our rally and at motor sport events throughout the year. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in October.



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