

# **WARNING – Motor Sport can be Dangerous**

## **SPECTATOR INFORMATION**

A very warm welcome to the 2022 Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally. We are pleased to be a round of the BTRDA Rally Series this year, in addition to being a round of the ANECCC SG Petch Rally Championship and the Northern Historic Rally Championship.

While the start and finish of the event will once again be based in Jedburgh, Rally HQ and pre-event formalities will all be hosted in and around Newtown St Boswells Auction Mart, with scrutineering taking place at Euroroute, Charlesfield Ind Est.

As with all motor sport events, Rallying can be dangerous and each year the Organisers look at both previous events, and indeed other events that have taken place throughout the country, to ensure that all safety precautions have been taken.

Motorsport UK has published an update to the Stage Rally Safety Requirements in 2018, which detail what organisers must do to comply with these new regulations. Events across the country, including the Border Counties have been working extremely hard to ensure they are compliant.

The competitors will split into 2wd and 4wd fields, with the 2wd competitors starting first in reverse seeded order. There will be a 5 minute gap between the last 2wd competitor and the first 4wd competitor. The stage will still be live so please don't walk on the track as it will delay the event.

The Organisers request that you co-operate fully with any marshal's instruction. However, the risk can never be eliminated altogether and that is why we ask that spectators play their part in the safety of the event for all involved. We ask that you read the general safety information and use common sense when in the forests.

Due to the large number of trees blown over during recent storms and nesting protected birds, we have not been able to secure spectator parking as we have had in previous years. There are a limited number of locations with access to viewing points and we will accommodate spectators in these areas.

The maps show where you can access the stages. If you stand in a prohibited area you will be moved. Please follow the Marshal's instructions as they have your safety in mind and have been instructed to report any spectators standing in a dangerous position. The Organisers will have no hesitation in stopping the stage until it is safe to run. If spectators move during the running of a stage it will be stopped until it is deemed safe to continue.

There will be a series of Official and Safety Vehicles passing through each stage prior to the first competitor. The first of these will be the Spectator Safety Officer, followed by the Motorsport UK Safety Delegate. Next will be the Event Safety Officer will be in the 00 car. Then a 0 (zero) car, approximately 5 – 10 minutes in front of the first competitor.

**THE FIRST COMPETING CAR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO START UNTIL THE EVENT SAFETY OFFICER AND MOTORSPORT UK SAFETY DELEGATE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE STAGE IS SAFE TO RUN.**

**Please don't be the one who prevents this from happening by not behaving responsibly.**



Some of the access points on the stages will also be used for emergency evacuation should the need arise.

Access will be restricted on other roads and security personnel and extra locks have been placed on certain gates into the forest which are emergency evacuation routes.

Please do not block these gates as it may delay treatment to injured persons. Spectators will have difficulty getting into the stages other than the defined routes. Any vehicle seen to be attempting unauthorised access will be reported to the Forestry and Land Scotland and the Police.

We would normally charge for parking with the support of local groups / charities, however as we have not been able to secure suitable parking will not be charging for entry to the stages. The Police will issue Parking Tickets to anyone they consider is inappropriately parked on the public road. Please drive carefully.

## STAGE INFORMATION

### **START / FINISH – Abbey Place, Jedburgh**

At 08.00am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May the first competitor will leave Abbey Place, flagged off by the winner of the local primary school's rally car colouring competition. The first competitor is due back approximately 4.30pm. Jedburgh Royal British Legion Pipe Band will be on hand to welcome the winners and share the champagne! Awards will be presented on the finish ramp.

### **SPECIAL STAGE 1 & 5 – Dom Buckley RSC Blackburn Rig 1 & 2**

**(Stage 1 first car 8.30am / Stage 5 first car 3.12pm) w3w///divisible.limbs.phones**

Spectator access to this stage is via the forest road off the B6357 at the Note O' the Gate, viewing may be limited due to tree coverage. The spectator viewing area is prior to the ford, which accesses the stage. Parking on the forest road and a short walk to the stage, however please park on the left to allow other vehicles passed.

**PLEASE ENSURE THE ACCESS ROADS ARE KEPT CLEAR** as they may be needed by Rescue Units in case of emergency. Please drive carefully.

### **SPECIAL STAGE 2 – Lime Kiln Edge**

**PLEASE NOTE** there is no Spectator Access to this stage as there are no suitable spectator points or parking locations. The Organising Team request that you please avoid this stage to help prevent any problems.

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**SERVICE AREA – H & H Auctions, Newtown St Boswells** (Service 1 first car 10.06am, Service 2 first car 1.38pm)

There is parking available behind the Co-Op. Take care as there will be competitor vehicles moving within the service area. As with all our venues we ask that you respect the land owners and put litter in bins or take with you. There will be toilets and catering facilities available.

**SPECIAL STAGE 3 – Autoshop.co.uk Cardrona**  
(Stage 3 first car 11.35am) w3w///blunt.himself.multiples

Spectator access is at the competitor entrance, limited parking in the forestry car park. Spectators can then access a footpath which will lead to Post 6. The access is uphill and not suitable for those who have difficulty walking. Spectators will need to arrive before the Safety Delegate enters the stage at least 40 minutes before the first car is due to allow time to get to the location and will not be able to leave until all competitors have passed.

**SPECIAL STAGE 4 – Brian Riddell Craik**  
(First car 12.32pm) w3w ///colleague.cheerily.deep

Spectator area is accessed via the B709 Ettrick to Eskdalemuir road. Enter the forest at the Gair. This car park will not be staffed until you reach the stage. Travel the forest road to an excellent hairpin junction with good viewing of the stage leading to the hairpin. PLEASE ENSURE THE ACCESS ROADS ARE KEPT CLEAR as they may be needed by Rescue Units in case of emergency.

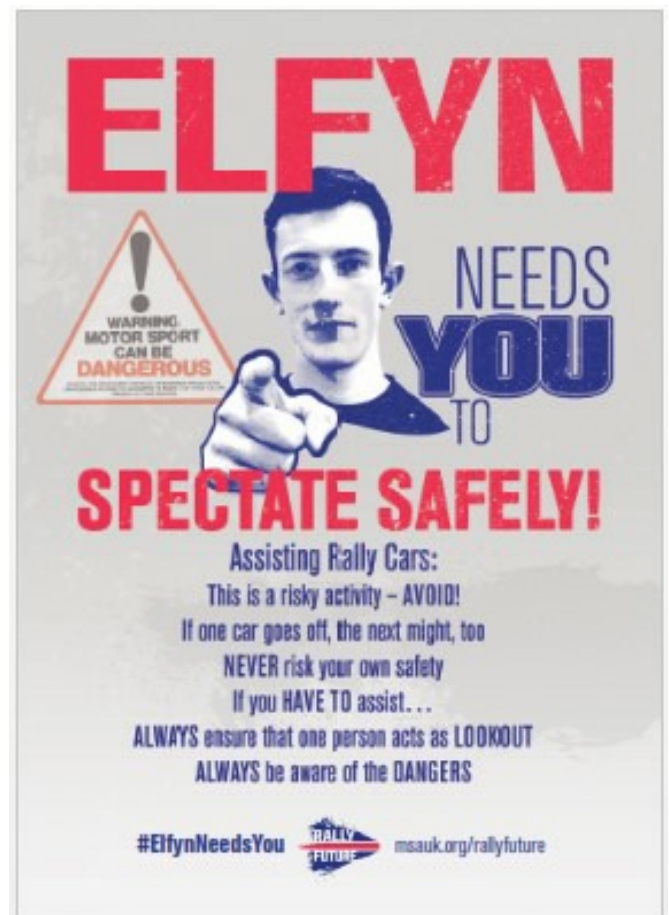
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**SPECIAL STAGE 6 – S G Petch Riccarton**  
(First car 15.31pm) w3w///shining.initiates.splendid

The spectator area is accessed off the B6399 at Whitrope and access is via the exit road for stage 2. There is parking on the forest road, however please keep to the left in case of emergency vehicles requiring to exit the stage this route.

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**Despite the Organising Team taking all reasonable precautions, Motorsport can be dangerous and unavoidable incidents can happen. You are present at your own risk and should take responsibility for your own safety.**



**PLEASE** follow the instructions of the Marshals; they are there for your safety.

**NEVER** stand in Prohibited Areas, escape roads, in box junctions or on the outside of corners.

**PLEASE** use the official car parks. Parking on roadside grass verges may result in a Parking Ticket being issued by the Police.

**DO NOT** walk on the competing stage.

**CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS** be accompanied by an adult who should be responsible for their behaviour.

**PLEASE** be aware that this is not Summer time and the weather can be very cold and wet. Please dress accordingly with adequate clothing & footwear.

**STAY ALERT** some cars are quiet and it is easy for a car to appear when you are not expecting it. Although cars will start the stage at one minute intervals, in a long stage they may catch the car in front and you may find some cars running close together.

**DO NOT** block access roads; they may be needed by Rescue Units in an emergency.

**DO NOT** sit on log piles or stand below the level of the road and give yourself room to move quickly if necessary.

**ALWAYS** stand a safe distance from the cars, remember this is a loose surface and flying stones can travel a long way.

**DO NOT** light fires or BBQ. They can cause major fires.

**PLEASE** keep the forest tidy: **TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME**. We all want to come back again next year.

**AND FINALLY**, the event takes place with the consent of the Forestry Commission and the Residents on route. Please do not do anything to damage the good relationship we have with the people concerned.

**THANK YOU**



