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The revs are rising and the excitement is building as high speed Gravel Rally action is heading to the West of Ireland for the first time in a decade as Ballina is set to host the 2025 Ronan Transport & Sales Mayo Forest Rally on May 31st, with a huge entry sure to draw thousands of visitors to the town for Rally weekend!

The event will see competitors descend from all corners of the island on Friday for pre-event checks, and there will be real excitement around, both on the stages and in the mid-day Service halt at Ballina Mart on Saturday afternoon.

The fourth round of the Sligo Pallets Forest Rally Championship, Irelands premier loose surface motorsport series, the Mayo event is expected to draw a large number of competitors, and Mayo & District Motorsport Club have been hard at work alongside Motorsport Ireland and Coillte to deliver an exciting route for the competitive action.

The club are delighted to announce that Ronan Transport & Sales have come on board as title sponsors of the event, the UK based business is run by local man and competitor Gerry Ronan, who was amongst the first to get his entry submitted for the event!

Working from their Manchester base, Ronan Transport specialise in the movement of waste goods right across the UK, while they also buy and sell commercials trucks and trailers of all descriptions, making them the one stop shop for anyone looking to buy or sell commercial vehicles!

The 2025 Mayo Forest Rally will be a real family affair for the Ronans, as Gerry will line up alongside his sons James and Adam, as well as nephews Lorcan & Colm. Adam Ronan, the youngest of the clan, receives a sponsored entry for the event with thanks to Seamus Coffey from Cold-Call Refrigeration, having won the Mayo & District Motorsport Club Young Driver of the Year award in 2024.

At 15 years of age, Adam is amongst the youngest competitors in Irish Rallying, and he competes within Junior 1000. A feeder series designed for youngsters between 14-17 years of age, the class has seen a huge boom in recent years and now attracts upwards of thirty entrants on events, and there is a prize fund on offer to competitors right across the season with thanks to the Craig Breen Foundation.



Another series that will bring competitors to Ballina is the Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (MIJRS), which sees talented rising stars compete on both Tarmac and Gravel events right across the year in the hope of winning the highly coveted Billy Coleman Award, as well as receiving financial support from the MI Rally Academy.

After three rounds of the season to date, Pat O'Connell & Mark Wiley lead the Sligo Pallets Forest Rally Championship, and the pair are excited to continue the chase for their second title in Mayo on May 31st, but they will have competition from a stacked field of incredible driving talent and some of the most cutting-edge rally machinery available.

Entries for the 2025 Ronan Transport & Sales Mayo Forest Rally are now open, and can be completed through the ShannonSportIT system. For all the latest information on the event, make sure and check out MayoForest25 on Sportity, or check out Mayo Motorsport Club on Facebook!



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