



THE ECHLINVILLE DISTILLERY, KIRCUBBIN, NEWTOWNARDS

SPONSORS N.I. RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 OPENER!

North Armagh Motor Club is pleased to welcome **THE ECHLINVILLE DISTILLERY, KIRCUBBIN, NEWTOWNARDS**, as new event title sponsor this year.

Shane Braniff is continuing his previous long-standing association with this event, and through his Echlinville Distillery business, is backing the opening round of this year's McGrady Insurance Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship.

Based at Kirkistown Race Circuit on Saturday 17 February, **The Echlinville Distillery Stage Rally**, which is organised and promoted by **North Armagh Motor Club Ltd**, will attract the crème de la crème of local rally talent as they battle for the spoils at the popular County Down venue. In fact, the entry is filling fast with many of these top - line competitors already committed and/or entered, bringing the total so far, to over 70 crews.

Barry Taggart, Clerk of the Course for the event, said: "We are delighted to be associated with local businessman Shane Braniff, a long-standing supporter of North Armagh Motor Club Ltd., Northern Ireland motorsport in general and rallying in particular."

The Echlinville Distillery which was founded in 2012, began distilling its famous four spirit brands in 2013 which are available worldwide. The Echlinville Distillery is now firmly established as a successful local producer of Irish Whiskey, Gin and Vodka at their Distillery based in Kircubbin, Newtownards.

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to support North Armagh Motor Club and the opening round of the N. I. Rally Championship 2024," commented The Echlinville Distillery Managing Director, Shane Braniff. "There's always a lot of buzz surrounding the opening round of the championship and Kirkistown is always a well-supported event so it's great to be a part of it and meet the rally fans at the event."



Competitors will tackle six stages within the confines of Kirkistown Race Circuit, with a similar format (but with minor alterations to the stages) to last year. In an effort to satisfy all competitors' needs, vehicle scrutiny will be on Saturday morning only, before the rally, with the opening stage set to start at 9.15am. The finish will be around 5.00pm. The stages will be minimum 95% sealed surface.

A limited number of entries can still be made via www.rallyscore.net up until **07 February at 10.00pm**. Regulations and future rally information will be available from the club's virtual noticeboard at www.namcc.com

If anyone would be available to marshal, contact Chief Marshal:

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