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The 2023 Westlodge Hotel Fastnet Rally is just four weeks away and over 130 entries have been received to date. This year's event will keep up tradition of being the showdown for the National Rally Championship with Josh Moffett and Keith Moriarty (Hyundai i20 R5) hoping to retain their championship from 2022. Moffett's big rivals, Callum Devine & Noel O'Sullivan, are also looking to take their maiden championship to add to their Tarmac Championship secured earlier this year. As usual Devine will compete in his home prepared VW Polo. Also among the top Rally2 and Class 14 entries to date are Declan & Michael Boyle, Jason McSweeney, Pdraig Egan, Jer O'Donovan, Eddie Doherty, Chris Armstrong and Barry Morris.

The locals are out in force for this event also with Daniel Cronin and Cal McCarthy hoping to make it a home win. Other local entries include Gerard O'Connell, Shane Casey, Noel McCarthy, Conor McCarthy, Victor Beamish and Brian O'Mahony to name a few.

With the event being a warm up for Killarney in December there is a strong Historic entry in so far including Duncan Williams, Peadar Walsh, Fergus O'Meara, Gareth Bevan and John Moynihan.

With the entries still rolling in the competitors can look forward to 8 classics with James Kingston and his team adopting the tried and tested formula of giving a compact and challenging route with some enjoyable roads and breath taking scenery to keep the crews smiling throughout the event and really showcasing what Bantry and the south west have to offer.

This year the centralised service will be situated at the Bantry Aerodrome with ample room whilst being accessible to the public it will prove to be a hit with teams and spectators alike.

The Rally will have it's official launch on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Westlodge Hotel at 7.00pm with a vast array of cars on display and guest speakers it will be a fitting way to lead into the Fastnet Rally.

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