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Round 10 Condor MSC Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Rally

31st October 2026 Pre-event Report

With the regrettable cancellation of the KVR Motorsport Stages at Crail, the Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages Rally assumes the mantle of Final Round of the 2026 Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Championship. The culmination of a year's competition over 10 rounds, the length and breadth of Scotland - and beyond!

An impressive 68 registered STRC competitors will take part in a bumper field of 88 entries. Crews will make the journey to Kinloss, in Morayshire, many trying to compute what they need to do to cement, or even improve, their placings as the season reaches its conclusion. It's a complicated business, and there will be some number crunching required after the end of the event to confirm the final placings.

Trix Grant and other members of the STRC organising team will be at scrutineering on Friday and Saturday morning armed with decals, so to ensure points are awarded, be sure to have the STRC decals displayed 😊

Our thanks once again, to Fiona Moir for extracting information from the competitors and compiling this report, and remember, if you have something you'd like to tell the rest of your fellow competitors (pre, or post event), some craic, some woes, some photos, you can contact Fiona at fiona.moir7@gmail.com or strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and you'll be included in the next report.

Here are some of the thoughts of the STRC registered crews who will be competing:

Car 1 - Alan Carmichael/Keir Beaton (Skoda Fabia R5 Rally 2), Keir leading off the field of STRC competitors in the co-driver's seat, and well placed to claim 1st overall with a trouble-free day.
Car 6 - Barry Groundwater/Ashleigh Will (Skoda R5), although not showing high in the points tables, will be in with a chance of ending their STRC season on a high with the potential to finish on the podium on the cards.
Car 10, Kenny Wood/Greg Halfpenny (Ford Escort), current leaders of the overall Championship, will be trying to stay ahead of those nipping at their heels. Kenny is only 9 points ahead of Ollie Forrester so there is no room for error as Ollie is also competing on this event. Greg, fresh from his Mull Rally adventure will be back in the hot seat guiding Kenny round.
Car 11 - Ben MacDowall/John Shepheard (BMW 130i), both crew are looking for a fun day out, whilst continuing their quest for Class 3 honours.
Car 14 - Keith Richardson/Jackie Richardson (Ford Fiesta R5) are unfortunately out of contention in the overall placings, but close enough to steal a Class 3 podium with a clean, steady run.
Car 16 - Chris Thompson/Peter Gibson (Ford Fiesta Rally 2), one of a three-way battle for the top spot in Class 1. Only 15 points separate the class top 3, so even a slight mishap could cause a complete shake-up in the Driver and Co-driver categories by the end of the day.
Car 24 - Chris McCallum/Stephen Clark (Ford Escort Mk2), Stephen is a mere 5 points ahead of his nearest rival so will be hoping for a good finish to stay at the top.
Car 32 - Andrew Blackwood/Leesa Watson (Ford Fiesta), Leesa has a 10 point lead over her nearest rival in Class 9, so a good finish will hopefully mean a Class success.

Car 37 - Olllie Forrester/Cameron Morrison (Citroen C2 R2 Max) - following on from his successful Mull Rally, Ollie is poised to take success in both the overall championship and Class 7 should the day at Kinloss go his way. He is aiming for a final big push before seeing what next year brings.
Car 61 - Thomas Milne/Jorja Campbell (Nissan Micra) - Thomas could yet claim honours in the overall championship and in Class 9 if all goes to plan, but the pair will be hoping to have some fun and some laughs on the day as well.
Car 81 - Beefy Fraser/Gail Whyte (Hillman Avenger Tiger) - Gail has a slim lead ahead of Ben Halliwell and Jess Jamieson in Class 7 so a good, steady run should clinch that result, although all three are out competing at Kinloss so anything is possible.

The rest of the STRC competitors along with their team mates are noted as below (with apologies if anyone has been missed, but it is a long list!).

Car 13 - James Gibb/Charley Sayer-Payne (Ford Fiesta R5)
Car 20 - John Marshall/ Iain Thorburn (Subaru Impreza)
Car 21 - Michael Philip/Laura Dawson (Ford Escort Mk 2)
Car 25 - Jamie Miller/Ian McCulloch (Ford Escort Mk2)
Car 28 - Ian McEwan/Fiona Moir (Ford Fiesta Proto)
Car 29 - Peter O'Neill/Stephen Miller (Vauxhall Nova)
Car 30 - Jonathan A Young/Sam Weller (Ford Escort Mk 2)
Car 34 - Alison Horne/Karen Horne (Mini Cooper S)
Car 42 - Aileen Forrest/John Forrest (Ford Fiesta R5)
Car 43 - William Pollock/John Marshall (Ford Escort Mk 2)
Car 49 - Adam Horne/Davie Falconer (Mini RS3 Cooper S)
Car 50 - Kevin Paris/Allan McMahon (Ford Escort RS2000)
Car 51 - Ross Carbry/Jamie MacLean (Citroen C1)
Car 52 - Bill Hamilton/Violet Kydd (Opel Kadett)
Car 54 - Richard Sykes/Richard Wardle (Suzuki Swift Kit Car)
Car 57 - Stephen Skelton/Ben Halliwell (Proton Satria)
Car 62 - Finn Thomasson/Simon Thomasson (Citroen C2)
Car 64 - Scott MacDonald/David MacLeod (Subaru Ipreza)
Car 66 - Stuart Grant/Ian Fraser (Ford Escort)
Car 70 - John Robertson/Stuart Waite (Ford Escort Mk2)
Car 71 - Bruce Lindsay/Mick Johnson (Ford Fiesta S1400)
Car 75 - Andrew Tait/Darren Greene (Peugeot 205 GTi)
Car 77 - Ian Gray/Michael Murray (Toyota Corolla)
Car 79 - Dylan McCombie/Murray Strachan (Mini Cooper)
Car 80 - Connor Black/Duncan Daun (Mazda 323)
Car 87 - Andrew Gray/Graeme Harris (Mini Cooper S)
Car 88 - David Anderson/Jess Jamieson (Rover 25)

Good luck everyone! See you there!

Awards Night 16th January 2027 Grange Manor, Falkirk
The Championship awards night is a fitting end to the 2026 Championship when we honour award winners, marshals, officials, sponsors and all those who have contributed to a great rallying year. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship 2027
The organising team are already planning for the 2027 season, and as always, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions and inspirational ideas on how we can make any improvements to the Championship, so please feel free to drop an email to strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and one of the team will come back you.

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