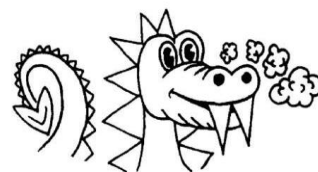




**SCOTTISH TARMACK  
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**



**Pendragon Stages Rally**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Warcop Army Ranges**

## **Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship**

### **Pendragon Stages Rally post-event Report**

It was unusually meltingly hot weather for Round 3 of the STRC down at Warcop Ranges for the Pendragon Rally. Here are some of the post event thoughts from registered competitors:

#### **Car 7 - Barry Groundwater/Sean Donnelly - 7th overall**

The WRC had been away for its winter overhaul so Barry decided to take it to Pendragon, a rally we both enjoy. We lost shift pressure during SS1 which resulted in us stopping for over 2 minutes. We thought that was it, and an early finish, but the guys in service did an amazing job and found the problem and sorted it. We then spent the day trying to claw back some of the time lost. To end up 7th overall after having lost two minutes was a big achievement and all credit to Barry for that drive, fair play!

#### **Car 28 - Des Campbell/Rhys Donaldson - 10th overall / 1st Class D**

Some day! The Pendragon was Rhys's 1st pace note event, but he took to it like a duck to water and was absolutely perfect! I was a bit nervous due to the closeness of the Jim Clark weekend, and the fact the car let us down last event and a few other changes, but as ever the 6 was spot on, not a spanner went near her all day. Great support from the whole team it was so good to be leaning on the sidewalls of a hard tyre and not be at a single venue!

#### **Car 8 - Joe McKeand/Charlotte McDowall - 13th overall**

We had a couple issues - the turbo boost pipe coming off on 2 stages and power steering pump leaking but we got it to the end! Looking forward to the Jim Clark. Just the power steering to fix.

#### **Car 99 - Alistair Crawford/Greg Halfpenny - 24th overall**

Enjoyed the event. Took a little bit of getting used to the track and getting used to the Millington but started to turn in some good times and we were happy to come away with 24th overall and 8th in class. Still got a bit work to do to try and catch some of these other lads in the other Escorts, but we're getting there.

#### **Car 82- Gavin Lloyd/Warren Scott - 25th overall / 2nd Class E**

We were well chuffed with a great day on the Pendragon. Looking forward to hopefully the same again on the Reivers when Gordy will be back in the ballast bucket!

#### **Car 29 - Martyn Douglas/Mark Thurley - 29th overall / 3rd Class D**

We've been so busy with work the car had sat untouched since Kinloss. We set out hoping to build more confidence in the car and get as much out of it as possible. We had a brilliant time, despite some issues in the morning with the car going into limp mode due to overheating for the first 4 stages. The service team managed to narrow it down to the new radiator we had fitted being faulty, and after sorting this, the last 4 stages were an absolute blast. Having the Warcop Ranges in the dry shows how quick the stages really are and the car came into its own - after we got brave enough!

#### **Car 42 - Drew Barker/Shona Hale - 33rd overall**

We set off to get round in one piece for Championship points. We achieved, with a couple of issues on the way - like forgetting to re-fuel in Service, meaning the car started to stutter with 3k to go... It dropped us a minute, but we still finished 4th in Class and 33rd overall on a sweltering hot day. Thanks to the organisers for handing water out on the Stop line. Much appreciated!

#### **Car 69 - Kevin Paris/ Gavin Paris - 40th overall**

First time doing the Pendragon and loved it! Great stages and well run. As this was the first time on notes we used SS1 to get some much-needed seat time and get used to the notes. The car had a slight issue but that was looked at during service. The rest of the stages the car went amazing and we managed to climb up some places. Great day and boy was it hot! Thank you for a great event.

#### **Car 36 - Neil A Thompson/Chris Purvis - 43rd overall**

The Pendragon was an absolutely brilliant event. We went there with no real expectations, having last competed on Mull and having done very little since 2019. I was very pleased with our pace, we were constantly improving our seeding, which in bone dry conditions in a 1600 car against a very strong field was great. We had our issues; we took the rear quarter and back bumper out on a tractor tyre on SS2 but the lads the split in SS4 meant I got us a stage max. I was disappointed but it has re lit the fire and we know we can still be competitive. The event itself was fantastic. And the weather - I don't think I've done a fully dry rally in the last 5 years!! Finally, I have to say, a proper rally on notes for less than £400 was a refreshing change so thanks to the organisers and volunteers for making it such a great day.

#### **Car 33 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin MacCabe - 44th overall**

A difficult day for us. The car felt down on power right from the start, tried a few things over the course of the day, but nothing really worked. Had steady runs, but getting caught and passed, which slowed us down further. Then to cap it all 2nd gear decided not to play, jumping out of gear, when we could get the gear in the first place. Last two stages without 2nd at all, so very pleased to get the finish and get some points.

#### **Car 58 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson - 49th overall**

It didn't go quite as planned with an off on SS1, but lucky to miss any rocks and ditches, so made it back on the road and with some confidence lost, a broken shaft on SS4 then on SS6 the diff gave up so by we nursed the last two stages to get a finish! But we still had a good day and what a venue!

#### **Car 54 - David Ellis/Alan Edwards - 52nd overall**

A well run event which had very tricky stages in places, and it caught quite a few out. I had a small off early on, into a pure grass patch just behind a blind left 90, (I was waiting for the bang), got very lucky, but later in the day caught a tyre on a tarmac/concrete edge on the first of the stages running the opposite way. The jack then partly failed while trying to change the wheel, and although we got off the stage the damage was done, and put me out of contention.

#### **Car 87 - Kenny Moore/Fiona Moir - 57th overall**

Despite a rare mechanical problem (broken gearbox mount) on SS6 resulting in a penalty, we had a fun day. Kenny loves the Warcop stages, and the hot weather just made it all the more enjoyable. Massive thanks to the Marshals at Post 9 who kept us safe and gave us juice while we were stopped and waiting to get back to service. Thanks also to George, Gary and Ryan for doing the speedy repair that got us the finish and valuable Championship points.

#### **Car 51 - James Gibb/Ian Parker - 58th overall**

Disappointed not to have finished better but think the broken shaft might have been driver abuse...I was keeping it pinned over the grids and jumps so only me to blame, I think!! Once we got back out, I've never felt as committed and confident on the delivery of the notes ever! I absolutely loved it and our times were respectable. Still a few mods to get the 100% but getting there. I've been told from the BMW drift boys that it's impossible to break a shaft!

#### **Car 84 - Charlie Knight/Jordan Joines - 61st overall**

It was a very enjoyable event. I had a new co-driver Jordan Joines who did a great job and I feel that I have learnt a lot from him. This was my first proper go in the car since making changes to the diff. It was much more pleasant to drive and I had much more confidence. Everything was going to plan until SS2 when I noticed the clutch was getting a bit long. We went into service and noticed that the clutch cable had snapped. We didn't have a spare clutch cable, so we went scrounging for a new one. We luckily found one that would get us by, so big thanks to Kenny Moore and Fiona Moir for letting us have their spare. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to SS3 in time so we were given a 30m penalty. We managed the rest of the stages with no problems and were setting decent times...until I accidentally took the wrong split in SS7 and was given the stage maximum. Nonetheless we had a great time.

The Championship moves on next to Round 4, The Borders Competitions Jim Clark Reivers Rally in less than 2 weeks' time. It's full-on rally fever for the next 9 weeks! Everyone will be hoping that the good weather will stay with us. Stay hydrated!

See you in Duns!

Should you have any queries in any way please feel free to drop an email to [strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk](mailto:strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk) and one of the team will come back you.

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