

O'Connell Group Cork 20 Rally 2024

Press Release #2 – Event Details

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DATE: Sunday 29th September 2024.

LOCATION: Corrin Events Centre / Cork Marts, Rathcormac, Co.Cork, P61 EE37.

Final Round of ITRC Championship – **FULL Championship points on offer**.

Plans are at an advanced stage for this year's O'Connell Group Cork 20 Rally. This year the Cork 20 reverts to a one-day rally for 2024, taking place on Sunday 29th September 2024, however the event still offers **Full ITRC** Championship points for registered crews.

There is no doubt that last years event was a difficult event for Munster Car Club, entries fell away significantly late on in the run up to the event resulting in a depleted entry which was very dissapointing for for the club givent the event that was put on and the excellent feedback it received from competitors who competed on it. In re-building for 2024, the Munster Car Club are once again planning a shortened, very compact, competitor friendly event, Everything is centralised and based at the World Class Service Park in the Corrin Events Centre / Cork Marts – all aspects of the event from Rally Office / Reece Sign-on, / Press Sign On / Scrutiny / Trailer Park / Parc Ferme / Service Park / Finish Ramp will all be located in the one facility as ot was in 2023 so it just could not be easier for the competitor.

This one day event offers 8 exellent challenging fast flowing stages covering 110km with just 120km of road mileage, so this compact route with quality stages featuring a mix of fast flowing stages with some technical stuff to test driver and machine to the limit.

Speaking with Kevin O'Riordan, Clerk Of The Course, he said "last year was a very difficult event financially for the club but we are concentrating all our efforts on this year's event, a very central low road mileage compact event, the event planning is at an advanced stages, so all we need is the support of the competitors. We at Munster Car Club are delighted to have the O'Connell Group back as title sponsors thanks to its principals Eamon & Paul O'Connell, and it's great privilege to have club members supporting and sponsoring the event, I look forward to meeting all competitors and friends at this year's Cork 20 Rally."

The basics of this years Cork 20 rally are :

- 1 Day National Rally
- 8 Quality Challenging Stages
- 110km's Stages / 120km's road mileage
- Extremely Easy Reece
- Reece Saturday – Rally Sunday – Compact Competitor Friendly Format
- Everything centralised / based at the Service Park in Cork Marts, Rathcormac (as last year) (Rally Office / Scrutiny / Trailer Park / Parc Ferme / Service Park / Finish Ramp)
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We asked popular Irish Escort Rally Legend Frank Kelly, a man who competed not alone in all parts of Ireland but on many overseas events for his comments about last year's Cork 20 Rally,

*When we sat down to plan our 2024 season, the first rally on the list was the Cork 20.
Why?*

Because it stood out as the best overall rally we did in 2023.

A very approachable COC.

A "can do" attitude.

A world class service area. Centralisation of the whole event to make it easy for clubmen to compete.

And stages that would do your heart good.

I can genuinely say those Saturday stages are among the most enjoyable I've ever done.

Gone are the days of goat tracks on the side of a mountain, these are real ballsy rally stages that any club would be proud of.

I know where I'll be in September !!!



Frank & Lauren Kelly through Inch Village on the 2023 Cork 20 International Rally

So the 29th of September be there for one great days rallying. More updates soon.

Yours in Motorsport,

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