

Press Release One

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The organising committee for the STS Stonethrowers Rally are putting the final touches on the 2026 event, which promises to be another successful edition of Tipperary Light Car & Motorcycle Club's flagship event. This will be the 46th running of our stages rally and we welcome a new Clerk of the Course in Susan Sheehan. Susan and her team have put together a fast and challenging route of three stages based out of the Talbot Hotel, with service, parc ferme and scrutiny all located in Powerstown Park. The rally will be a counting round of no fewer than seven championships, bringing together competitors in the Triton Showers National Championship, the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup, the Top Part West Coast Rally Championship, the Suirway South East Stages Championship, the GK Print Southern 4 Championship, the Stellantis Cup and the Hugo Loonam Midlands East Championship. Entries for the event remain open and we encourage anyone wanting to do the rally to get their entries in as soon as possible as seeding will take place soon.

The rally has attracted a bumper entry which is likely to be headed by 2024 winners and current National Championship leaders Josh Moffett and Keith Moriarty. Shane Quinn and Stephen Reynolds have been hot on their heels all year and will continue their chase for a maiden victory on the Stonethrowers. The likes of Kevin Eves, Desi Henry and David Kelly add further interest to the battle for overall honours. Jonathan Pringle leads the 2WD National battle and has entered the event, but he has not yet confirmed what car he will be using. Chris Armstrong, Conor Murphy and MKII Trophy contender Gordon Morrison are the most likely candidates to throw a spanner in his title campaign, although it is likely to be a tight race with 10 Class 14s, 16 Class 13s and many more modifieds down the list. Further interest in the 2WD section comes from James Ford who has entered his new Porsche 911 for its national debut after a popular appearance in Donegal. It is tight at the top of the Dacia Sandero Cup with Cillian Doherty leading Evan Stapleton by three points and they will continue their battle in Clonmel, joined by many of the other title regulars..

Club members are also well-represented, providing great local interest. Paul Manton and Derek Gibbs are joined in Rally2 machinery by Andrew Fanning, while Adam Coffey sits with Paul O'Brien in a similar car. Former national champion Roy White contests the Stonethrowers for the first time in eight years, reunited with his old MG S2000 and navigator Des Cooney, and will be joined in the battle for Class 20 honours by Colum Browne and Kieran Carroll in their Evo. Michael Ormond and Paddy King feature in a strong Class 4 lineup and will be hoping for good points. Other locals who will hope to be in the running for class honours include Tom Sheehan and Willie Walsh, Ger Walshe, Jason O'Brien and Ger Clancy, Niall Keane, John Meade and Owen Mulcahy, and Michael Britton.

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