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1 Words of Welcome

1.1 Clerk of the Course

Dear competitors and teams,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the fiftieth edition of Ulster Rally, Northern Ireland's premier closed road rally.

The event is one of the most important motorsport events in Northern Ireland, in a territory steeped in rallying history.

This year's rally, which makes a welcome return to Ballymena as our base and supported by our partners Mid & East Antrim Council and title sponsor Modern Tyres, is a round of the FIA European Historic Rally Pre-2000 Championship.

The itinerary has been extensively developed, visiting historical areas and stages, to ensure it meets the championship's high standards and provides an exhilarating challenge for domestic and international crews. Our focus is on offering an event which benefits from a high level of organisation, provides an unforgettable experience for competitors, teams and spectators and showcases classic Northern Irish scenery and local hospitality. This is all underpinned by our commitment to sustainable motorsport and ensuring a positive lasting legacy in the communities we visit.

Alongside the EHRC event, we will be welcoming the competitors from the 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac International Rally Championship, we will also run a national event competing on all the stages and forming a round of the 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Modified Rally Championship, 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Historic Rally Championship, the 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Junior Rally Championship and the NI Micra Challenge.

The ceremonial start and finish will be located in Ballymena with Rally HQ, Media Centre and service parks situated in Ballymena Showgrounds.

Safety is of paramount importance to all of us organisers and competitors and we would ask everyone attending the event to always cooperate fully with the safety Marshals.

The host town of Ballymena is a town in County Antrim, Northern Ireland with a population of 32,000. The town is built on the Braid River and surrounded by the beautiful Antrim Coast and Glens to the east and the cities of Antrim and Belfast to the south. It has many bars, restaurants, hotels and family attractions which are gearing up to provide another warm welcome to the event.

Wayne Turkington, Clerk of the Course, Modern Tyres Ulster Rally 2026

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1.2 Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

The return of the Ulster Rally to Mid and East Antrim is a fantastic endorsement of our Borough and the outstanding opportunities we offer. We are proud to once again host this iconic event, which showcases not only world-class motorsport but also the very best of our local communities.

As a Council, we are delighted to work alongside the Ulster Rally organisers to support the drivers, their teams and everyone involved in bringing this spectacular event to life. Their dedication and professionalism help ensure the rally continues to thrive and attract competitors and spectators from far and wide.

The Ulster Rally brings energy and excitement to our towns and villages, while also delivering a significant boost to our local economy — supporting accommodation providers, shops and hospitality providers across the Borough.

Like the many passionate spectators lining the stages, I look forward to hearing the unmistakable sound of engines revving and feeling the atmosphere build as competitors take on the demanding routes through Mid and East Antrim in pursuit of pole position.

I wish all competitors a safe, successful and thoroughly enjoyable rally. We are proud to welcome you to Mid and East Antrim — a truly outstanding place to live, work and visit.

Councillor Jackson Minford, Mayor of Mid and East Antrim

1.3 Modern Tyres

Modern Tyres is proud to welcome all competitors to this year's Ulster Rally and to continue our support of one of the most iconic events on the Irish rally calendar.

The Ulster Rally has long been recognised for its challenging stages, passionate following, and the high standard of competition it attracts, and we are delighted to once again play a part in an event that showcases the very best of the sport.

As a company with strong roots in motorsport and road safety, we understand the commitment, preparation, and teamwork required to compete at this level. We commend every crew, service team, official, and volunteer whose dedication makes this event possible.

On behalf of everyone at Modern Tyres, we wish all competitors a safe, successful, and enjoyable rally, and we hope this year's event delivers the excitement and memorable competition that the Ulster Rally is renowned for.

Good luck to all crews.

Rory Byrne, Director, Modern Tyres

2 Environmental Policy

We, the committee of Northern Ireland Motor Club, and the shareholders and organisers of the Ulster Rally, are committed to protecting the local and global environment by conducting our activities in a way which provides for a sustainable future for our sport, without unnecessary compromise of the environment. We have identified that we need to be part of the solution to accelerating the transition towards a sustainable future for all.

It is Northern Ireland Motor Club's aim to improve work to minimise the environmental impact of the event by implementing measures in accordance with the FIA's sustainability programme. The event will organise itself and review its actions, behaviours, and the way it runs its event to ensure it remains consistent with this commitment.

All involved with Northern Ireland Motor Club and the Ulster Rally, will consciously make every effort to minimise the environmental impact by putting in practice the following actions:

- Comply with all applicable legal requirements which relate to environmental aspects and impacts.
- Measure and monitor our environmental performance to have full understanding of the environmental impacts of our event.
- Promote sustainability and environmental awareness and involve internal and external stakeholders in reaching the objectives.
- Evaluate the wider impacts of our activities through our suppliers, entrants/competitors and partners, and work with these stakeholders to achieve our sustainability goals.

- Educate our teams, competitors, officials, and volunteers about environmentally responsible behaviours.
- Reduce paper usage to help reduce CO_2, deforestation, pollution, and avoiding printing to save resources and energy.
- Actively pursue ways to reduce our carbon footprint and where appropriate use recognised carbon offsetting schemes with the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- Put measures in place to ensure our activities do not pollute, cause permanent damage to the ecosystem, or threaten biodiversity, wildlife, and ancient species.
- Make efficient use of natural resources and seek to minimise our consumption of energy wherever practical.
- Reduce our consumption of materials, minimise our production of waste and seek opportunities for re-use and recycling of any necessary waste materials.
- Ensure any waste management companies comply with the specifications of any necessary environmental certifications
- Consider the sources of the goods we use and consume, and wherever possible use sustainable supplies from ethical and environmentally responsible suppliers.
- Seek to gain accreditation for our Environmental Management System as part of the Motorsport UK and FIA Environmental Sustainability Programmes in 2026 and develop this system towards full compliance with the ISO 14001 standard by 2030.

This policy will be published on the Ulster Rally website and monitored regularly for updating when and if necessary.

Richard Crozier, Environmental Champion, Modern Tyres Ulster Rally 2026

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3 Event History

The Northern Ireland Motor Club and the Ulster Rally both have a long and distinguished history. Formed over 45 years ago, the Northern Ireland Motor Club (NIMC) continues to successfully organise and promote the Ulster Rally as we know it today.

The first seeds were sown more than 90 years ago, when the Parliament of Northern Ireland passed the Northern Ireland Road Races Act, which allowed public roads to be closed for motor racing. The Act allowed for ten road-closing orders to be issued annually, eight of which were granted to the motorcycle fraternity, while two were issued to car sport.

That marked the beginning of closed road rallying in Northern Ireland, which led towards the inaugural Ulster Rally in 1976.

Origins and Early Years (1976–1985)

- The Ulster Rally was first run in 1976, marking the start of a now-longstanding international rally on closed public roads in Northern Ireland.
- The inaugural event drew a high-quality entry list with Cahal Curley winning in a Porsche Carrera.
- Across the late 1970s and early 1980s the event quickly became a key round of the newly formed Irish Tarmac Rally Championship, attracting top drivers and international rally stars such as Pennti Airikkala, Russell Brookes, Bertie Fisher and Jimmy McRae.
- By the mid-1980s iconic Group B and Group A cars like the Audi Quattro and Ford Sierra Cosworth were winning overall, cementing Ulster's reputation as a competitive international asphalt rally.

Growth and International Recognition (1986–2000)

- Throughout the late 1980s and 1990s, Ulster attracted both British Rally Championship and Irish Tarmac Rally Championship competitors, with winners including well-known names such as Gwyndaf Evans, Colin McRae, Malcolm Wilson, Bertie Fisher and Mark Lovell.
- The event was known for high-punctuation class battles and strong local competition as well as international entries, helping it grow into one of the marquee rallies in the British Isles.
- Several years saw cancellations or changes — for example 2001 was cancelled — but the event returned strongly in subsequent seasons.

Modern Era – Rally of Championships (2000–2015)

- In the 2000s the Ulster Rally regularly featured World Rally Cars and became a round of prestigious series such as the British Rally Championship (BRC) and Irish Tarmac Rally Championship (ITRC), drawing international stars and top domestic crews.
- Winners in this period included Kris Meeke in a Subaru Impreza WRC and multiple victories for Eugene Donnelly and Mark Higgins.
- The rally's status was recognised with awards, and it was often regarded as one of the best international rallies on the British Rally Championship calendar.

Recent Years (2016–2025)

- Into the mid-2010s and beyond, the Ulster Rally continued to alternate between prominent championship status and evolving formats, including strong ties to both the BRC and ITRC.
- 2016 saw a BRC return and a strong performance from Elfyn Evans (Fiesta R5).
- In 2021, British Rally Champion Matt Edwards sealed his title at Ulster, underscoring its importance in championship battles.
- The 2020s have seen the rally remain central to Irish rallying, continuing to host top crews

2025 and Beyond – Milestones and Modern Competitions

- The 2025 Modern Tyres Ulster Rally (held August 15–16) was won by Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan, marking a major achievement in Irish Tarmac Rally Championship competition.
- 2025 also marked the final year on the current Armagh/Banbridge/Craigavon route after six successful seasons.
- Looking ahead, the Ulster Rally celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026 and will feature as part of the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship and will also host rounds of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship, bringing classic and modern machinery together.

2023
Adrien Fourmaux / Alexandre Coria

2024
Keith Cronin / Mikie Galvin

2025
Callum Devine / Noel O'Sullivan

4 Contact Details

4.1 Organiser's Contact Details

Organiser:	The Northern Ireland Motor Club Limited
Organiser's Representative:	Event Secretary: Grace King
Street:	19 Blackberry Lane
Town:	Newmills
Postcode:	BT71 4AZ
Phone:	+44(0) 7955 905502
Email:	secretaryofmeeting@ulsterrally.com
Website:	www.ulsterrally.com

4.2 Rally HQ Contact Details

Name:	Ballymena Showgrounds
Street:	St Patrick's Barracks - Link Road
Town:	Ballymena
Postcode:	BT43 7FU
Phone:	TBA in Rally Guide 2
Email:	secretaryofmeeting@ulsterrally.com

Rally HQ in Operation:	Sunday	2 August 08:00 to 11:00 hours
	Wednesday	3 August 08:00 to 11:00 hours
	Thursday	6 August 08:00 to 21:00 hours
	Friday	7 August 07:00 to 21:00 hours
	Saturday	8 August 08:00 to 20:00 hours
Service Park in Operation	Thursday	6 August 08:00 to 21.00 hours
	Friday	7 August 08:00 to 24:00 hours
	Saturday	8 August 08:00 to 20:00 hours

Digital Notice Board (DNB): Sportity App – Password: UR2026

4.3 Other Key Contact Details

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Travel & Accommodation:	Nutt Travel	+44(0)28 7035 1199
Press & Media:	Ben Buesnel	+44(0)7752 402408

5 Event Overview

Length of Special Stages and Road Surface

Leg 1:	Asphalt	52.22 miles (84.04 km)	Gravel	0 miles
Leg 2:	Asphalt	47.78 miles (76.89 km)	Gravel	0 miles

Overall Special Stage Distance and Total Distance of the Itinerary

Number of Legs	2
Number of Sections	4
Number of Special Stages:	12
Total Distance of the Itinerary	310.00 miles (498.90 km)
Overall Length of Special Stages	100.00 miles (160.93 km)

The Modern Tyres Ulster International Rally will host three separate events, an international event, a national event and an interclub event.

The International Event will count towards the following championships and titles:
- The FIA European Historic Rally Pre-2000 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- The FIA European Historic Rally Championship 1600cc Trophy
- The FIA European Historic Rally Championship Front Wheel Drive Trophy

The National Event will count towards the following championship and titles:
- The Irish Tarmac Rally Championship
- The Irish Tarmac Modified Rally Championship
- The Irish Tarmac Historic Rally Championship

The Interclub Event will count towards the following championship and titles:
- The Irish Tarmac Junior Rally Championship
- The NI Micra Challenge

6 Event Schedule – Provisional

	Location	Date	Time
Publishing of the Supplementary Regulations	www.ulsterrally.com	**09/06/2026**	20:00
Entries Open		**09/06/2026**	20:00
Closure Date of Entries at Reduced Fee		**16/07/2026**	12:00
Closure Date of Entries		**22/07/2026**	23:59
Issuing of Rally Guide 2	Sportity App	**23/07/2026**	12:00
Publication Date of Entry List and	Sportity App	**28/07/2026**	12:00
Issuing of the Road Book and Maps		**29/07/2026**	19:00
Administrative Checks #1 **National & Interclub Only**	Rally Office Ballymena	**02/08/2026**	08:00 to
Collection of Material and Documents #1 **National & Interclub Only**	Rally Office Ballymena	**02/08/2026**	08:00 to
Start of Reconnaissance **Option 1 – National & Interclub Only**			09:00
End of Reconnaissance **Option 1 – National & Interclub Only**			19:00
Closing Date for Order of Extra Service Space in Service Park		**03/08/2026**	20:00
Administrative Checks #2 **International Only**	Rally Office Ballymena	**05/08/2026**	08:00 to
Collection of Material and Documents #2 **International Only**	Rally Office Ballymena		08:00 to
Start of Reconnaissance **Day 1 – International Only**			09:00
End of Reconnaissance **Day 1 – International Only**			19:00
Administrative Checks #3 **International, National & Interclub**	Rally Office Ballymena	**06/08/2026**	08:00 to
Collection of Material and Documents #3 **International, National & Interclub**	Rally Office Ballymena		08:00 to

Opening of the Service Park	Ballymena Showgrounds	**06/08/2026**	08:00 to 21:00
Start of Reconnaissance **Day 2 – International** **Option 2 – National & Interclub**			09:00
End of Reconnaissance **Day 2 – International** **Option 2 – National & Interclub**			19:00
Rally Office Open	Rally Office Ballymena Showgrounds	**07/08/2026**	07:00 to 21:00
Opening of the Service Park	Ballymena Showgrounds		07.00 to 23:00
Scrutineering – Sealing & Marking of Components	Ballymena Showgrounds		07:00 to 11:30
Issuing of Rally Safety Tracking Systems	Service Park Prior to Scrutineering		07:00 to 11:30
Opening of Media Centre Media Accreditation	Rally Office Ballymena Showgrounds		11:30 to 21:00
Re-Scrutineering	Ballymena Showgrounds		11:30 to 12:00
Publication of the Amended Entry List	Sportity App		12:30
Publication of Start List for Leg 1	Sportity App		12:30
Start of the Rally – Leg 1	TC0		13:30
Finish of Leg 1 (Estimated time of FCD)	TC6C		21:30
Publication of Start List for Leg 2	Sportity App	**08/08/2026**	07:00
Re-scrutineering - Cars to Re-start after Retirement	Ballymena Showgrounds		07:30 to 08:00
Rally Office Open	Rally Office Ballymena Showgrounds		07:30 to 20:00
Opening of the Service Park	Ballymena Showgrounds		07:30 to 20:00
Media Office Open	Rally Office Ballymena Showgrounds		07:30 to 20:00

Start of Leg 2	TC6D	**08/08/2026**	09:00
Rally Finish and Podium Ceremony / Prizegiving	TC12C Ballymena Showgrounds		16:50
Final Scrutineering (Following the Official's Instructions)	Ballymena Showgrounds		Directly after arrival at the finish
Publication of Provisional Classification	Sportity App		18:45
Publication of Final Classification	Sportity App		19:15

7 Service Park

The Service Park for the event will be in Ballymena Showgrounds in the close vicinity of Rally HQ and is accessible for teams from Thursday 6th August.

A plan of the Service Park will be included in Sportity and the Event Road book.

On arrival at the Service Park, all service crews must report to the Service Park Manager.

A Service Pass will be enclosed with the confirmation of entry. Only vehicles with this Official Service Pass will be allowed into the Service Park. A Motorhome Pass, if ordered, will also be enclosed

Support (Trade) plates, if ordered, which must be **affixed** to the front of the vehicle, will be allowed into Service Parks.

All service crews must use a ground sheet.

8 Travel to the Event

We're pleased to partner with Nutt Travel, who will support competitors with discounted ferry fares and help arrange accommodation. Please fill out the quote request form via the link below or give them a call on +44 (0) 28 7035 1199 and quote Ulster Rally for your travel needs!

https://nutttravel.com/motorsport-event/the-ulster-rally/

Airports
Belfast International: 31 km / 19 miles
Belfast City: 47 km / 29 miles
Dublin: 201 km / 125 miles

Great Britain
Airlines Operating into Northern Ireland
- easyJet
- British Airways
- Jet2.com
- TUI Airways
- Loganair

Airlines Operating into Dublin
- British Airways
- easyJet
- Jet2.com
- TUI Airways
- Loganair

Mainland Europe
Airlines Operating into Northern Ireland
- KLM (Netherlands)
- Lufthansa (Germany)

Airlines Operating into Dublin
- Air France (France)
- KLM (Netherlands)
- Lufthansa (Germany)
- Swiss International Air Lines (Switzerland)
- Scandinavian Airlines – SAS (Denmark/Sweden/Norway)
- Finnair (Finland)
- Eurowings (Germany)
- Luxair (Luxembourg)
- Icelandair (Iceland)
- Iberia Express (Spain)
- TAP Air Portugal (Portugal)
- Transavia (France / Netherlands)
- Norwegian Air Shuttle (Norway)

Ports
Larne: 35 km / 22 miles
Belfast: 44 km / 27 miles
Dublin: 209 km / 130 miles

Commercial Ferry Routes to Northern Ireland and Ireland

Great Britain to Northern Ireland
- Cairnryan – Belfast: Stena Line
- Cairnryan – Larne: P&O Ferries
- Liverpool (Birkenhead) – Belfast: Stena Line
- Heysham – Belfast: Stena Line (freight-focused)
- Heysham – Warrenpoint: Stena Line (freight only)
- Douglas (Isle of Man) – Belfast: Isle of Man Steam Packet

Great Britain to Republic of Ireland
- Holyhead – Dublin: Stena Line, Irish Ferries
- Fishguard – Rosslare: Stena Line
- Pembroke – Rosslare: Irish Ferries
- Liverpool – Dublin: P&O Ferries (limited/freight-focused)

Mainland Europe to Republic of Ireland
- Cherbourg – Dublin: Irish Ferries
- Cherbourg – Rosslare: Brittany Ferries, Stena Line
- Dunkirk – Rosslare: DFDS
- Roscoff – Cork: Brittany Ferries
- Bilbao – Rosslare: Brittany Ferries

Mainland Europe to Northern Ireland
- No direct ferry routes. Travel is via Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland.

Competitors from the European Union are required to comply with customs clearance for the temporary import of cars and equipment into the UK. Teams should apply for a carnet via their local chamber of commerce.

9 Media

9.1 Media Contact Details

FIA EHRC Media Delegate:	Richard Rodgers	**richard.rodgers@fiaerc.com**
FIA ERC Media Delegate:	Ben Buesnel	**media@ulsterrally.com**

9.2 Media Centre

The Media Centre will be close to the international service park. The media centre will be open from Thursday 7th August.

9.3 Media Accreditation Procedure

Accreditation requests for all media must be submitted via the online form which will be available on the event website.

All media accreditation for event will be via the EHRC system; therefore all Motorsport UK level 2 tabard holders will still need to apply for accreditation and be issued with an EHRC tabard in order to access special stages.

Motorsport UK media tabards will not be eligible on the event.

10 Subjective Route Notes & Maps

Subjective Route Notes and DVD for all special stages will be available by mail order from Patterson Pacenotes and from onthepacenote.

Patterson Pacenotes
Tel: +44 (0)2890 844 111 (Monday-Friday 9-5)
E-Mail: sales@rallynews.net
Web:www.rallynews.net

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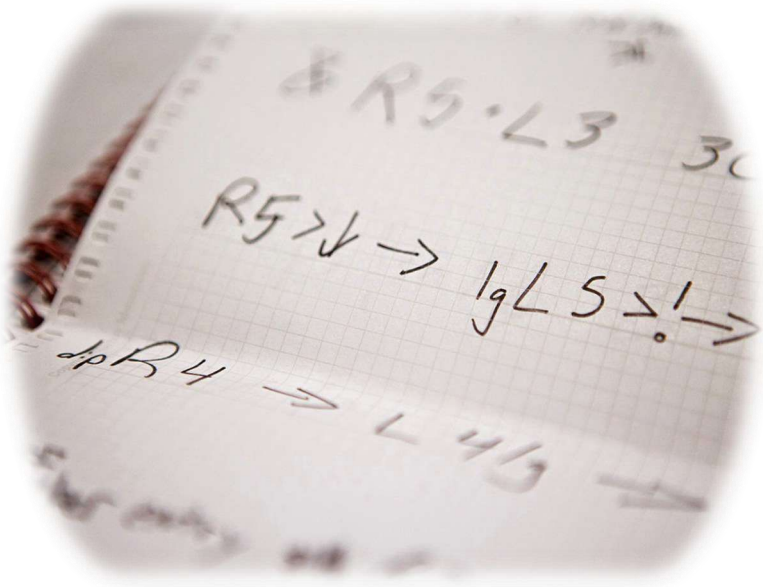
Web:www.onthepacenote.ie &
www.onthepacenote.co.uk

ONTHEPACEnote.ie
By Killian Duffy

All competitors will be supplied with a Map Book, which will contain a map of Rally HQ Area, an overview map of the area and stages, and a map of the individual stages.



11 Police, Medical & Safety Services

The emergency phone number for Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade in the UK is: 999.

Medical advice and assistance is also available from the National Health Service by calling: 111 or visiting https://111.nhs.uk.

Hospital		
Antrim Hospital	Bush Road, Antrim, BT41 2RL	+44 28 94424000
Pharmacies		
Boots Pharmacy	86 Cushendall Road, Ballymena, BT43 6HB	+44 28 25641989
Woodsides Pharmacy	38-42 Church Street, Ballymena, BT43 6DF	+44 28 25652462
Dentist		
Ballymena Dental Care	125 Broughshane Street, Ballymena, BT43 6EE	+44 28 25656444
Motor Mechanics		
John Leonard Auto Engineer	106 Broughshane Street, Ballymena, BT43 6EE	+44 28 25643778
BMT Car Service	56 Railway Street, Ballymena, BT42 2AE	+44 7521 295908
Recovery Services		
Ballymena Recovery Services	Raceview Road, Ballymena, BT42 4HY	+44 28 25643590

12 Useful Facts

Ballymena is a town in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. It had a population of 31,205 people at the 2021 United Kingdom census, making it the seventh largest town in Northern Ireland by population. It is part of the Borough of Mid and East Antrim.

The town was built on the Braid River, on land given to the Adair family by King Charles I in 1626, with a right to hold two annual fairs and a Saturday market in perpetuity. Surrounding villages are Cullybackey, Ahoghill, Broughshane, and Kells-Connor.

Driving in Northern Ireland
Many road signs will be in both English and Irish languages.

Driving Licence
You should always carry a valid driver's licence and proof of vehicle insurance when you drive. It is a criminal offence to refuse or give false details when needed to do so.

You can use your national driving licence but must have reached the minimum age to drive a vehicle in Northern Ireland. You must be:

- 17 years or over to ride a motorcycle with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc, or power not exceeding 11kW
- 19 years or over to ride a motorcycle not exceeding 35kW
- 21 years or older to ride a motorcycle unlimited in size/ power
- 17 years old or more to drive a car

A provisional (learner's) driving licence issued abroad is not valid for use in Northern Ireland.

Motor Insurance
You must not drive a vehicle from abroad in Northern Ireland without adequate motor insurance. If you do not hold an insurance certificate valid for Northern Ireland, arrangements should be made before travel.

The minimum cover is third-party insurance.

If driving a rented vehicle you should make sure that any insurance provided covers driving in Northern Ireland and in Republic of Ireland if you will drive in both.

Vehicles

Vehicles in Northern Ireland are usually fitted with the driver seat on the right-hand side of the vehicle and vehicles are driven on the left-hand side of the road.

You should take time before driving off to familiarise yourself with the various controls in the vehicle especially steering, foot-pedals, gearstick, lights, indicators and wipers.

You should adjust things such as your seating, mirrors, lights to make sure that you can drive the vehicle safely and with comfort.

Lights
You must use:

- sidelights between sunset and sunrise
- headlights at night (between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise)
- headlights when visibility is seriously reduced - generally to less than 100m

You may use front and rear fog lights when visibility is reduced but must switch them off when visibility improves.

You must not use any lights in a way which would dazzle or cause discomfort to other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

If you are driving a left-hand drive vehicle you should make sure that, if used, the headlights are adjusted for driving on the left, or you risk being stopped by the police and as a result fined up to £1,000.

Rules of the Road
Always drive on the left side of the road unless road signs or markings show different.

You must remember to keep left every time you drive, every time you come to an intersection and every time you pull out on to a road.

Always check for other road users and signal your intentions before driving off, changing position on the road, changing direction or stopping and parking.

Do not cross the centre line unless safely passing or turning off the road.

Many roads have a single lane each way and some provide passing lanes at intervals. Some narrow roads don't have centre line markings to guide you.

You must never cross a solid white line on your side of the centre line to overtake a vehicle, as this shows it is too dangerous to overtake.

A double white centre line means that no traffic (on either side of the road) can overtake other vehicles.

If you do not have a solid white line on your side of the centre line, it is only safe to overtake when you can see that the road ahead is clear.

Think before overtaking and never overtake on or near a corner.

On a two-lane dual carriageway you should use the left-hand lane and only use the right-hand lane for overtaking slower moving traffic and return to the left-hand lane when it is safe to do so. You may need to use the right-hand lane if turning right on a dual carriageway.

At a stop sign, you must come to a complete stop, then give way (give priority) to all traffic.

At a give-way sign, you must give way to all traffic on the intersecting road.

If turning, you must also give way to vehicles that are not turning.

Speed Limits
Speed limits are the absolute maximum speed you should drive at for a particular road and you should always reduce your speed to take account of:

- road condition
- the presence of other users, particularly vulnerable users like walkers, cyclists and motorcyclists
- weather conditions
- visibility
- time of day

Speed limits in Northern Ireland are shown in miles per hour (mph) while speed limits in the Republic of Ireland are shown in kilometers per hour (km/ h).

The most common speed limits you will find in Northern Ireland are:

- in built up areas: up to 30 mph unless shown different
- outside built-up areas: 60 mph
- motorways and dual carriageways up to 70 mph
- variable speed limits set by overhead signs/ roadside signs may be seen on motorways
- 20 mph limits are increasingly common in built up areas

A car towing a caravan or trailer:

- must not use the outside lane of a motorway with three or more lanes
- be restricted to 50 mph on single carriageway roads outside built-up areas
- be restricted to 60 mph on dual carriageways and motorways

Seat Belts
If fitted, seat belts must be worn in the front and rear of vehicles by all occupants.

Drinking and Driving / Drug Taking and Driving
The maximum level of alcohol allowed in the blood is 80 milligrammes in 100 millilitres of blood.

It is an offence to drive if you are impaired through drugs, though there are no set limits for individual drugs.

The police may carry out tests to detect a driver who may be under the influence of drink or drugs.

If you fail these tests, it is liable to result in prosecution.

If you are on medication, which may impair your driving, you should talk to a doctor before driving.

Sharing the Road
The Highway Code tell you when you should give way to other users.

You must watch for people crossing the road, particularly at pedestrian (or zebra) crossings and intersections.

Always slow down near cyclists. Pass slowly and only when safe and try to leave a space of 1.5 metres.

If you see animals on the road, slow down and move on carefully. Do not sound your horn.

Watch for Bus Lanes
Be aware that in some cities and certain parts of motorways, there are bus lanes shown by road signs, the words bus lane painted in large letters across the road and occasionally the bus lane will be coloured red.

Only public buses and emergency service vehicles are allowed to use this lane (taxis, motorcycles, bicycles can if the bus lane signs show this). Anyone else will be photographed (automatic cameras) and fined £60 for using this lane.

Mobile Phones
It is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving in Northern Ireland. The advice is to turn it off or put it on silent until you can pull the car in somewhere safe or until you reach your destination.

Other Information
Power: 240 volts.

Plugs and sockets are of a three-pin design.

Smoking is not permitted by law in enclosed public places and workplaces.

The country code for Northern Ireland and UK is +44.

13 Helicopter Registration

During the course of the event competitors or their representatives are not permitted to use or be directly or indirectly concerned in the use of, helicopters or fixed wing aircraft in the vicinity of the event (whether in connection with servicing, aerial surveillance or any other reason whatsoever), unless previous authority has been obtained from the organisers in writing.

A Helicopter Policy is available on request from secretaryofmeeting@ulsterrally.com