



Wilton Recycling Donegal International Rally Officially Launched Ahead of 2026 Event

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

The official launch of the Donegal International Rally took place in Letterkenny, bringing together rally competitors, sponsors, public representatives, members of An Garda Síochána, motorsport enthusiasts, and media representatives ahead of one of Ireland's premier sporting events.

The launch was hosted by Oisín Kelly of Highland Radio, who welcomed guests and guided proceedings as speakers highlighted the significance of the rally to County Donegal's sporting, social, and economic landscape.

Among those addressing the gathering were local councillors and Charlie McConalogue TD, who all paid tribute to the organisers, volunteers, emergency services, sponsors, and local communities whose commitment continues to make the Donegal International Rally one of the most successful and respected events on the Irish sporting calendar.

Representing the rally's sponsor, Rodney Wilton spoke of his pride in supporting the event and the important role it plays in showcasing Donegal to a national and international audience. He was joined at the launch by Clerk of the Course Eamon McGee and Donegal Motor Club Chairman Brian Brogan, both of whom outlined the extensive preparations that have gone into planning this year's rally and thanked the many volunteers whose efforts make the event possible.

Among the special guests in attendance were former Donegal International Rally winners Andrew Nesbitt, James Cullen and Garry Jennings, whose achievements have helped cement the event's reputation as one of the most prestigious rallies in Ireland. Their attendance served as a reminder of the rally's proud heritage and the generations of competitors who have contributed to its success over the years.

A key focus of the launch was safety. Addressing attendees, Garda Superintendent Siobhán Mollahan confirmed that An Garda Síochána will have a strong presence



throughout County Donegal over the rally weekend and urged all spectators and road users to act responsibly.

Superintendent Mollahan reminded those attending to follow traffic management plans, adhere to all safety instructions, and always obey the rules of the road.

"The Donegal International Rally is a fantastic event that attracts thousands of visitors to the county. Gardaí will have a strong presence across Donegal throughout the weekend, and we are asking everyone to play their part by following directions, respecting local communities, and obeying the rules of the road."

Organisers also outlined details of the rally programme and emphasised that spectator safety remains the number one priority. Fans were encouraged to view the event only from designated spectator areas and to always follow the instructions of marshals and officials.

The Donegal International Rally continues to be a major attraction for competitors and spectators alike, delivering significant tourism and economic benefits to the county while showcasing some of the most challenging and scenic rally stages in Europe.

As anticipation builds for rally weekend, organisers expressed their gratitude to sponsors, landowners, local authorities, emergency services, volunteers, and the people of Donegal for their continued support.

The Donegal International Rally will take place from the 19th to the 21st of June, with competitors set to tackle stages across the county in front of thousands of spectators.