



**Midland Motor Club**



## Press Release 3

With just over a week to go now and over 230 entries Longford is gearing up for an eagerly awaited event involving 3 different championships, the National, Border and Midland East.

The club held its rally launch in Escobar Longford on 19<sup>th</sup> February with attendees including Longford Co Council Cathaoirleach Turlough McGovern, sponsors Orla Reynolds from the Longford Arms Hotel and Gerry Rowley representing Admore Air Conditioning Corp along with associate sponsors Shane Quinn Rallying, Faughnan Construction and McCormack Contracting together with club members and rally fans. Seamus McTigue Clerk of the course outlined the work done to date and thanked all sponsors and businesses in Longford who have been very supportive of the event. The rally consists of 3 stages completed 3 times in the Drumlish, Ballinalee and Moydow areas of Longford with centralised servicing in Templemichael Business Park, Parc Ferme is at St Mels College in Longford Town. Scrutiny takes place on Saturday at Midland Engineering in Templemichael Business Park, Longford and Trailer Park will be located at Fenlon Engineering at Longford Business Park. A ceremonial start will take place in the town on Saturday evening at 7pm.

A quality field of some of the top competitors in the country including reigning National rally champion Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes seeded number 1 with Sam Moffett and Kieth Moriarty seeded 2<sup>nd</sup> both in Hyundai i20 R5's. Current British national rally champion Matt Edwards and David Moynihan are seeded 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Fiesta R5. Top Midland crews are Paul Rowley (USA) & Brian Doherty in a Fiesta, Tommy Doyle from Keenagh with Liam Moynihan calling the notes, in a Hyundai R5 with Sam Johnston from Longford and David Gibbons from Roscommon in Honda Civic. A Seeded entry list is now available through the Sportity App (password MIDLANDMOTO23). The first stage is at 9.30am with first car due back to parc ferme at 4.45pm.

