



“Start your engines”, Mayo Stages Rally Launched

The countdown to the 2026 WEST TYRE – Westport Woods Hotel & Spa Mayo Stages Rally is firmly on following a successful launch at Westport Woods Hotel, headquarters for the March 1st event. A large crowd was in attendance on Friday night last to hear information about this year’s rally from a selection of speakers, including Clerk of the Course Stephen McGing who thanked all the sponsors who have made the running of the 2026 Mayo Stages Rally possible.

Among those attending were Deputy Keira Keogh, who spoke about Westport’s strong relationship with many other sporting events and was delighted to see the rally back in Westport after two decades and the boost that is coming to local businesses with the news that all accommodation is sold out already for the weekend of the Rally.



Kilian Duffy speaks to Deputy Keira Keogh & Stephen McGing



*(L to R) Declan Tumilty Triton National Rally Manager Championships,
Stephen McGing - COC, Ruthann O'Connor - Event secretary, & Oisin Coffey - Deputy COC*

The large crowd in attendance also heard from representatives from the different Championships, Declan Tumilty, championship manager of the Triton National Rally Championship spoke about his strong connection with Mayo, while Martin McGaritty on behalf of the Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship highlighted Andrew Mullen's continued involvement which now enters 15 years of support for the Clubman rally competitors.



Top Part West Coast Rally Wesley Roberts with Ruthann O'Connor and Stephen McGing

Wesley Roberts on behalf of the Top Part West Coast Rally Championship complimented the competitor focused rally from the event secretary Ruthann O'Connor, while Declan O'Keefe Championship Manager of the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup spoke about the affordable and thrilling rallying that the one-make series offers.



[L to R] Ruthann O'Connor - Event Secretary, Stephen McGing - Event COC, Declan O'Keefe - Dacia Sandero Cup Manager and Oisin Coffey - Deputy COC



Killian speaks to Darren O'Connor Westport Woods Hotel & Spa



Killian Duffy speaks with Brendan Fergus Mayo Sports Partnership

Brendan Fergus from Mayo Sports Partnership spoke about their involvement in increasing participation in all sports in the county and highlighting the importance of volunteers and marshals in the safe running of the Mayo Stages Rally.



(L to R) Ruthann O'Connor, Matthew, Claire, Callum, Martina & Ronan Murphy (Murphy family) (WEST TYRE) & John Warren

Entries

With just under three weeks to go Mayo & District Motorsport Club reported that entries are near capacity with a large number of Rally2 cars already subscribed, while reminding that entries close on February 15th and must be paid in full to be included on the seeded entry list.

Safety First

For spectators intending to visit the rally, plenty of time should be allowed to get to the stages to park and find a safe viewing location, as some of the stages have only limited access. Always obey the marshals and follow their instructions, as they are there to ensure that everyone has a safe day's rallying. Official Mayo Stages Rally programmes will be on sale at various local outlets and filling stations, on the lead up to the event. These programmes are crucial for identifying stage routes, entry lists, and spectator locations.



Dylan Nangle, Big McHale Rally fan

Marshals Needed

To run an event like the Mayo Stages Rally is a major undertaking, requiring the help of a large number of volunteers. Mayo and District Motorsport Club is looking for additional marshals to ensure a successful running of the event. If you would like to help out, contact chief marshal John Duffy on 087 9583240 – your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship representatives Jamie, Brendan and Martin with Ruthann, Stephen and Oisin

Onthepacenote #MayoStagesRally Motorsport Marshal Incentive

Volunteers are the backbone of motorsport and Onthepacenote's Killian Duffy wants to recognise the invaluable contribution that marshals make to the smooth running of the sport we all love. The Mayo man is putting his hand in his pocket to reward marshals who commit to marshalling at his local event #MayoStagesRally on March 1st. Three lucky marshals (One from each stage location) will share a cash purse of €1050 plus everyone who pre registers online and turns up to marshal on the day on the event will receive a free beanie hat, bringing the total amount donated by Onthepacenote to over €2500. Registration link is available on Mayo Motorclub Facebook and Mayo Stages Rally Instagram pages. In order to avail of the incentive, a marshal must pre register by using [this online link](#) before February 16th and they must be present and signed on to marshal at the marshal meeting points on the morning of the event.

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