



Dear Resident

5th July 2026

Grampian Forest Rally (South Stages)

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th August 2026

We are writing to inform you that we are organising the above Rally and that this will mean increased traffic in your area on the above dates. Although the Rally itself is on Friday 7th August 2026 and Saturday 8th August 2026, there will be (non-competitive) Rally traffic in the forests on Thursday 6th August 2026 and clear-up operations until 12 noon on Sunday 9th August 2026.

Please note that Aberdeenshire Council have issued a Section 11 Order which **closes the forests to the public** as follows:

Durris Forest: from 00:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026 to 12:00 hours on Sunday 9th August 2026.

Fetteresso Forest (Hill of Three Stanes): from 00:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026 to 20:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026.

Fetteresso Forest (Main): from 00:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026 to 12:00 hours on Sunday 9th August 2026.

North Drumtochty Forest: from 00:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026 to 12:00 hours on Sunday 9th August 2026.

South Drumtochty Forest: from 00:00 hours on Thursday 6th August 2026 to 12:00 hours on Sunday 9th August 2026.

Notices to that effect will be posted at all forest entrances. Police Scotland have also agreed the Rally route and the Rally will be run under the strict safety guidelines issued by Motorsport UK and Forestry and Land Scotland. Spectators to the forests are only permitted in specified areas, further details of these will be available on our website www.grampianforestrally.com in due course.

The Rally itself starts in Banchory on Friday 7th August 2026, at around 4:45pm and will finish by 7pm on Saturday 8th August 2026. This will increase traffic in all areas between 4pm and 8pm on Friday 7th August 2026, and between 8am and 8pm on Saturday 8th August 2026.

Rally cars must comply with an average speed of 30 mph whilst travelling on public roads between forest stages.

We trust that you will not be inconvenienced by the Rally but if you have any concerns or questions, please contact myself on 07793 207715 or by email ganderson55@btinternet.com

Yours sincerely

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