



Dear Resident

5th July 2026

Grampian Forest Rally
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. The Rally starts on Friday 7th August 2026, and continues through Saturday 8th August 2026, there will be (non- competitive) Rally traffic in both Banchory and Milton of Crathes from Thursday (6th August 2026) through to Saturday evening (8th August 2026).

It is also important to be aware 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.

Coreen Hills (Whitehaugh & Clatterin Kist Forests): 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 to 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 the King George V Park in Banchory on Friday 7th August 2026, at around 4:45pm, however event scrutineering will be taking place as from 9am, and will finish by 7pm on Saturday 8th August 2026. This will increase traffic in all areas between 9am 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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