



## **RACE & RALLY STAGES 2023**

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

Good evening all, we hope you have all managed to dry off and warm up after yesterday!!

That is the Race&Rally Bishops court stages done for another year. Where do we even start with yesterdays event, we hope all who attended enjoyed their day. The changeable weather really spiced things up and added to the action and tension. Please feel free to send any pictures or videos you have our way, we would love to see any action we may have missed out on.

Before we finish, we would like to say a few thank yous.

First off, our event sponsor again for this year Race&Rally. A big thank you to Raymond and all at Race&Rally for your continued support. The support is much appreciated and really helps us get on and concentrate on organising the event.

To the Championship sponsors, McGrady Insurance and your continued support to Rallying in Northern Ireland.

To the guys of Bishops court Track, thank you for once again allowing us to use your fantastic track and facilities, we are extremely lucky to have such an amazing circuit right on our doorstep.

To the marshals and volunteers who stood out in yesterdays weather. Thank you all so much!! We got a great response and were delighted with all who came to help us run the rally. Without you guys events like ours simply could not work, I am sure everyone who was up at the track would agree you are were all fantastic and are in awe of everyone standing out when the weather turned without complaint. From all at

Rathfriland Motor Club and Ballynahinch Motor club, we thank you so much!!

Thanks to all the rescue and ambulance services who gave up their day for us all to enjoy ours. A vital service that enables us all to enjoy our motorsport, I am sure everyone there yesterday will join me in thanking you all.

To the scrutineering guys and girls who got all of the cars through, super job guys, I am sorry if we gave you lot a little fright just after 6am with the number of cars you had to get through, but as always you all were superb and had everyone through in no time!!

To the results guys and girls who kept us up to date so well with everything that went on throughout the day and the post rally round up after everyone had gone home. The instant service provided makes things so much clearer and easier for us all. Thank you.

Thanks to all competitors and their service crews. We hope you all had a good day out regardless of finishing position. I know a few were worried the weather might have stopped the event, but we hope it was worth battling through the cold to get to us yesterday morning, the displays of driving were as always impressive to watch especially once the rain hit after lunch. We hope to see, and look forward to welcoming you all back again next year.

A massive thanks needs to go to our set up crew over the last three weekends to get the layout ready to go. The man hours it takes to set the course up is substantial, and there was quite the turn out on the two set up weekends, and the clear up today. Some of the competitors from yesterday were up again today at 10am helping to take everything back down. A great effort from all involved and as always your support for the event is appreciated.

It is always nice to see spectators come and join us, and we thank all who came to the rally yesterday, we hope you enjoyed the event and the driving on show, sorry we could not organise better weather for you all. Thank you for supporting our event and the NI Championship.

Lastly but by no means least, thank you to all members of Rathfriland and Ballynahinch Motor Clubs who helped organise and plan the event. Planning for this takes months with many late nights and early mornings involved. The smiling faces and the fun people we were having yesterday certainly makes the time put into the event worth while.

Hopefully that is everyone, but I apologise if anyone was missed, it certainly is not intentional.

Until next year....

**Signed**

**Paul Conlon**

**Clerk of the Course**