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## CLOSED ROAD STAGES ADDED TO LOUGHGALL RALLY CLASSIC

Last year Aaron McLaughlin/William Neill in the super quick Fiesta R5 took top honours to win the Loughgall Stages Rally for the first time, from the Loughgall champion, Damian Toner who first won the event in 2015 in his powerful MK2 Escort. Both Drivers are back again this year and each is looking forward to another win.

Hoping to spoil both Aaron and Damian's chances is a list of top entries including, Joe Hegarty in his Fiesta R5, Adrian Wray Polo R5, Kenny McKinstry Fiesta R5 (not to be ruled out despite his recent "big birthday") and not forgetting Jason Black in his very quick RWD Starlet.

Taking place on Saturday 1 July, the North Armagh Motor Club Ltd organised event now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, will break the usual tradition of all stages held within the beautiful confines of County Armagh's Loughgall Country Park and will this year incorporate a six-mile closed road stage, which is located close to Loughgall village and this will be run three times.

**PRM Group** and RPM Motorsport have eagerly agreed to sponsor the event again this year. Managing Director, Philip Morrow, said:

***"I am delighted to be associated again with such a high-profile motorsport event in Northern Ireland. It provides the perfect fit for our business interests and as a keen car enthusiast, I am looking forward to seeing some of the fastest drivers in the country compete for the spoils in both the stunning Loughgall country park and the new, nearby classic closed road stage."***

Competitors will tackle a total of seven stages, four based within the park and three on the closed roads.

The event's Clerk of Course, William Fullerton, said:

***"We are most grateful to PRM Group and RPM Motorsport for their generous and enthusiastic support, and also to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, for their assistance and guidance and to DAERA and AFBI Government Departments and the N.I. Forest Service for the use of Loughgall Country Park."***

Formerly a two-wheel-drive only event, the Loughgall Stages Rally is now open to four-wheel cars also and along with the previously dominant two-wheel drive cars, it should provide an exciting and competitive spectacle for spectators.

Competitors remember entries at [www.rallyscore.net](http://www.rallyscore.net) close at 10.00pm on Wednesday 21st June.

Scrutiny begins at Loughgall Country Park for all Competitors from 3.30pm on Friday 30th June where cars and service vehicles may be left overnight in the service area, which will have security present throughout.

Competitors will have the opportunity to recce the stages (walk or cycle the park and drive the road stage) from 2.30-8.30pm on Friday 30th June and in the park only from 7.00-8.30am on Saturday morning.

There will be an historic, classic and rally car display in the central arena during the event; anyone wishing to bring a suitable display vehicle, the entry is £10 per car, (including driver and passenger) and club contacts are Brian Stinson, [07761 358907](tel:07761358907) or Alan Dalzell, [07913 675902](tel:07913675902). Refreshments are available in the park which is closed to other public activities.

The action starts at 10.00am with all stages held on tarmac roads and will conclude at 5.00pm. Admission to the event is £10 for adults (which includes a programme) while accompanied children under the age of 16 are admitted free; free public car parking available. For more information, visit [www.namcc.com](http://www.namcc.com) .

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**Notes for Competitors:**

Visit [namcc.com](http://namcc.com) for further information.

**Note for Editors:**

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