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CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 1 – 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series and Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, we're looking forward to some 'Serious Fun' with a full calendar of events spread across the year.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to explain a few bits and pieces in advance of your first event. We hope you find it helpful but, if you have any questions about the BTRDA Rally Series, please contact us.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2026, then you should do so via the new on-line BTRDA membership registration system https://btrda.digitickets.co.uk/tickets , please note it is not possible to complete a paper registration form this year.

Your BTRDA Championship registration number (drivers start with a 7 and co-drivers with a 2) will be issued via the results system. Your registration also includes eligibility for the Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship.

With the cancellation of round 1, the Malcolm Wilson Rally, the 2026 BTRDA Rally Series calendar will start on round 2, Rally North Wales and will now consist of 7 counting rounds. Your final championship results will be based on your **best 5 scores**.

If further rounds are forced to cancel the number of best scores to count will reduce as per the regulations

(Best 5 scores to count)

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
~~MALCOLM WILSON RALLY~~	~~7th MARCH~~	~~Cockermouth / Lake District~~
RALLY NORTH WALES	28th MARCH	Welshpool / Mid Wales
KIELDER FOREST RALLY	18th APRIL	Hexham / Kielder Forest
PLAINS RALLY	13th JUNE	Bala / North Wales
NICKY GRIST STAGES	11th JULY	Builth Wells / Mid Wales
TRACKROD FOREST STAGES*	26th SEPTEMBER	Filey / Yorkshire Forests
CAMBRIAN RALLY*	24th OCTOBER	Llandudno / North Wales
GRIZEDALE STAGES	5th DECEMBER	Coniston / Lake District

** BTRDA reserve the right to include competitor stage times / results from other categories in these events*

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ON EVENT BTRDA REPESENTATION

On the Get Jerky Rally North Wales it will be Neil Cross, Matthew Baddeley and Ian Lawrence, the BTRDA Eligibility Scrutineer will be Geoff Doe.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Get Jerky Rally North Wales – Saturday 28 March

Joining the Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series for the first time and organised by Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Car Club, the event is based in Welshpool Livestock Sales and will feature approximately 45 miles of competitive action across some of Wales most iconic gravel stages, with a revised route. Entries are still available at www.rallynorthwales.co.uk

Kielder Forest Rally – Saturday 18 April

Returning to the Protyre Autocare BTRDA and Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, organised by Cumberland Sporting Car Club the event will be based in Hexham Auction Mart and will offer a compact one-day event in the infamous Kielder Forest. Regulations will be published on 1 March and entries open on 8 March, further details can be found at www.kielderforestrally.co.uk

CHAMPIONSHIPS, CLASSES and CUPS.

The **FUCHS Lubricants BTRDA GOLD STAR® Rally Championship** is open to all registered Drivers and Co-Drivers, except those competing in cars eligible for the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star Championship or BTRDA Rally First Cup.

The **Protyre Autocare BTRDA SILVER STAR® Rally Championship** is open to all registered Drivers and Co-Drivers competing in classes 3, 5, 6, 7, H1, H6 & H15

The **FUCHS Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star® Rally Championship** is part of the BTRDA Rally Series and is open to Drivers and Co-Drivers competing in classes 9, 10 & 12

CLASSES

BTRDA Class	NCR Classes	Summary Description See NCR Ch.13 App.24, Chart 50 for the definitive wording.
1	1	Homologated (& formerly homologated) FIA Rally2 & R5 cars. FIA S2000 cars and any variants including turbo conversions. All World Rally cars which must comply with their homologation. Rally2 & R5 cars whose homologation has expired shall continue to run in this class and be in conformity with their relevant homologation papers (including weight). RHD conversions which retain all other aspects of their homologation are permitted.
2	2 4	All 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc not eligible for Class 1.
3	3	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc, plus all FIA RGT cars.
5	5	All homologated FIA Rally4 and R2 cars with forced induction.
6	6	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to and including 1500cc.
7	7 8	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to an including 1600cc, forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc, and homologated FIA Rally5 and Rally5 Kit cars.
9	9	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc not eligible for Class RS-B.

10	10 11	Rally Start: Over 1400cc cars that meet either the current Rally First specification or are Road Rally cars as per NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art 1.
12	12 13 14	Rally Start: Cars up to and including 1400cc that meet the current Rally First specification or are Road Rally cars as per NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art 1, plus Formula 1000 & J1000 cars.
H1	H1,2,3,4 5,9,10,14.	Historic Category 1 & 2 cars, plus Category 3, 4 & 5 up to 1600cc.
H6	H6,7,8,11 12,13.	Historic Category 3 & 4 cars over 1600cc.
H15	H15, H16.	Historic Category 5 cars (including Appendix K. 1.1.91 - 31.12.99) over 1600cc (All period homologated Group A and Group N 4wd cars, not including formerly homologated World Rally cars)
All forced induction engines are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7 to 1, except as set out above. The BTRDA Rally Series reserve the right to reclassify any vehicle if they consider it appropriate to do so.		

BTRDA HISTORIC CUP

The Historic Cup is open to all Historic rally cars that comply with the eligibility requirements set out in the NCR's Ch.13 App.17 Art.1 (13.17.1).

The Historic Cup will be split into classes: H1, H6 & H15

All vehicles must have a Historic Rally Vehicle Identity Form (HRVIF) or FIA Historic Technical Passport (FIA HTP) available for inspection. Category 3, 4 & 5 cars must also present the appropriate homologation form, or any other documentation listed in the NCR's. Only period modifications used in rallying on the make and model of car are permitted.

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to continue working with Protyre Autocare and Kingfisher Insurance as our title sponsors for the **Protyre Autocare** BTRDA Rally Series and **Kingfisher Insurance** Motorsport UK English Rally Championship. Both brands are respected throughout the Motorsport Community and we look forward to working with them in 2026. **Fuchs Lubricants (UK)** will be supporting the Gold and Bronze Star whilst **Mintex, Carless Racing Fuels** and **Kielder WT** will again be providing invaluable support through on-event product prizes.

ON EVENT PRODUCT AWARDS

Vital Equipment Fuel Prize

Premier competition fuel suppliers Vital Equipment Ltd and ETS Racing Fuels are continuing their initiative to support Britain's most popular national rally series. On every round of the 2026 Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series two competitors will each receive **25 litres of ETS Racing Fuel** plus the overall Junior Champion will receive a fuel package for 2027 if they compete in the BTRDA Rally Series.

Awards will go to the following classes

~~Malcolm Wilson Rally~~			Rally North Wales	12	5
Kielder Forest Stages	3	9	Plains Rally	H1	2
Nicky Grist Stages	H6	6	Trackrod Forest Rally	7	10
Cambrian Rally	10	5	Grizedale Stages	1	H15

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In addition to the end-of-season cash award for the leading Junior Driver, Questmead and Mintex will support a bonus scheme on all rounds of the Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series.

On each round of the Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series a competitor from the Gold, Silver and Bronze Star Championships will be selected at random to receive a free set of brake pads from Questmead Ltd.

Steve or Alan Brown from Questmead can be found in the Service Area at most events but to **claim your reward, please contact them in advance on 01706 363939.**

Kielder

Will be offering a great prize to a driver on each round of the championship and an end of season award to a lucky marshal

~~Malcolm Wilson Rally~~		Rally North Wales	5
Kielder Forest Rally	6	Plains Rally	10
Nicky Grist Stages	9	Trackrod Forest Rally	7
Cambrian Rally	H6	Grizedale Stages	H15

We are grateful to all our sponsors and we look forward to working with them during the forthcoming year.

We are always looking for additional supporters, so if anyone wishes to be associated with us in 2026 and beyond please contact Neil Cross, Rally Committee Chair trec1.nec@btinternet.com

Decals – First Issue & Replacement

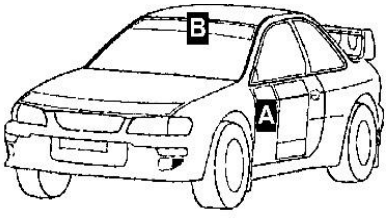
Championship decals will be posted out to all drivers who are registered for 2026, up to the 13th March so you should receive them in time to put them on before the first event. These decals (1 x screen strip and 2 x sponsor panels - 375mm x 265mm; one for each side of the car) must be displayed on the rally car to qualify for Championship points. Those not registered by 13th March can collect them from the BTRDA Championship Team at Rally North Wales. Replacement decals are available, but a small charge may be made to cover admin. costs.

Competitors **must** display the Series decals as specified by the BTRDA on every qualifying event. These include a sponsor panel on each side of the car and a front screen strip. **Decals must not be modified by altering the logo sizes or colours. They can be trimmed where exceptionally necessary to fit the vehicle, but this must be approved by the BTRDA Eligibility Scrutineers or Series representatives.**

Locations **A** and **B** are **mandatory** requirements.

A – Sponsors Panel on leading edge of door

B – The BTRDA / Sponsor screen strip



The Sponsor screen strip may by prior arrangement also be placed in the front leading edge of the bonnet.
Registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers must display two "BTRDA" decals (310mm x 110mm) on the car to be eligible to score points.

Failure to carry Championship decals in accordance with Article 9.3 will result in the loss of any points or prizes for that round.

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For all your MSUK compliant competitor numbers, decals, rally plates, safety signage, arrows, advertising banners, marshals gifts and more...

Once a competitor has registered for the 2026 Series it is not possible to de-register. Even if the Series decals are removed, registered members of the crew will still be counted as a BTRDA registered competitor for the allocation of points, even though they may not be awarded individual points. Lower scoring competitors will not benefit from the non-award of individual points.

Championship Eligibility Pre and Post Event Scrutineering

It is an important part of any Championship to ensure competing cars meet their eligibility requirements as set down in the Championship regulations and the National Competition Rules (NCR's). At the end of event cars may be selected for post-event Scrutineering by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. You should not be concerned if you are asked to attend such checks as we would much prefer to confirm your car is correct than find a problem. If you have any doubts about eligibility, please contact the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. For any FIA homologated cars please remember to carry an original set (not a copy) of the relevant homologation forms in the car at all times. By not carrying them or having incorrect ones, you risk not scoring any championship points on that event. Simple, but often forgotten.

On Event Fuel / Re-Fuel

Vital Equipment will be the recommended fuel supplier to the BTRDA Rally Series and will be at all the events. We strongly emphasise the convenience, safety and organisational benefits that using the Vital Equipment re-fuel facility brings to all competitors. **To order your fuel please use the on-line order facility listed in the Competitor Section of the BTRDA Rally Series website.** www.vitalequipment.co.uk/btrda-fuel-order-form-30-w.asp Tel: 01981 241169.

Special Stage Rally Video

Once again Special Stage will be **live streaming** from the Stages on every BTRDA Rally Series event this year, bringing all the action to our screens across several media platforms. For more details follow them on X or check out their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/specialstage

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Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship

The **Kingfisher Insurance** 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship is open to all types of stage rally car and is now based on 6 forest rallies following the cancellation of round 1 the Malcolm Wilson Rally. It retains the popular 'class based' scoring format so that the overall English Rally Champions can come from any of the seven competition classes

Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship - Calendar

Event	Date	Location
~~**Malcolm Wilson Rally**~~	~~8th March~~	~~Cockermouth / Lake District~~
Kielder Forest Rally	18th April	Hexham / Kielder Forest
Plains Rally	16th June	Bala / Mid Wales
Nicky Grist Stages	11th July	Builth Wells / Mid Wales
Trackrod Forest Rally*	27th September	Filey / North Yorkshire
Wyedean Stages Rally	14th November	Ross on Wye / Forest of Dean
Grizedale Stages	5th December	Coniston / Lake District

** The BTRDA reserve the right to include competitor stage times / results from other categories in these events.*

The Championship will be split into 7 championship classes with the scoring system reflecting achievement against other competitors in the same class as in previous years. The class structure has changed as follows:

Classes

English Rally Class	NCR Classes	Summary Description See NCR Ch.13 App.24, Chart 50 for the definitive wording.
1	**1**	Homologated (& formerly homologated) FIA Rally2 & R5 cars. FIA S2000 cars and any variants (including turbo conversions). All World Rally cars which must comply with their homologation. Rally2 & R5 cars whose homologation has expired shall continue to run in this class and be in conformity with their relevant homologation papers (including weight). RHD conversions which retain all other aspects of their homologation are permitted.
2	**2, 4 &** H16	All 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc not eligible for Class 1, plus all Historic Cat 5 (Group A & Group N) 4wd cars.
3	**3**	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc, plus all FIA RGT cars.
5	**5, 6,** H6, H7, H8, H11, H12, H13 & H15	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to 1500cc, plus all homologated FIA Rally4 and R2 cars with forced induction engines. Historic Cat 3 & 4 cars over 1600cc & Cat 5 cars 1601cc to 2000cc inc F2 kit cars.
7	**7 & 8**	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to an including 1600cc; forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc, and homologated FIA Rally5 and Rally5 Kit cars.
9	**9,** H1, H2, H3, H4 H5, H9, H10 & H14	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc plus Historic Cat 1 & 2 cars and Cat 3, 4 & 5 cars up to 1600cc.

10	**10, 11, 12, 13, 14**	Rally Start: Cars that meet either the Rally First specification or are Road Rally cars as per NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art.1 plus Formula 1000 & J 1000 cars.
All forced induction engines are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7 to 1, except as set out above. The Championship reserve the right to reclassify any vehicle if they consider it appropriate to do so.		

Remember: **The 2026 Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship registration is all part of the 2026 Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package**.

More information about the Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk

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