

# **KNC Groundworks**

## **2021 Motorsport UK Scottish Rally Championship**

**Interim Report dated :- 08<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Events :-**

### **Armstrong Galloway Hills Rally - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The 2021 Rally was based at Talnotry Park thereby due to the continuing covid pandemic issue this allowed the event to avoid all build up areas. The organisers had prepared three stages which were all used twice in a very compact route which totalled 110 miles of which 40 miles were competitive. After the disappointment of the conditions of the stages used in the previous two events it was a refreshing change to have all the stages presented in great condition which stood up to the passage of the cars twice without much deterioration.

A total of 90 cars lined up at the start with the entire entry seeded conventionally with fastest leading the event away. The pace was extremely fast and furious with a number of leading crews hitting problems in stage 1 however 60 crews visited the final control which was located at the end of stage 6.

The event was voted by all crews as being a great event and a standard which the SRC wish to set for all the forestry events in the Championship.

### **Carlisle Stages Rally - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.**

83 cars lined up for the start of this new event in the SRC calendar and had the excitement of the 2021 Champion requiring to be settled. The crews faced 5 challenging stages within the Keilder complex which were in good order and once again the FLS have to be congratulated for providing roads fit for the purpose of rallying.

The event was a counter in the MSUK Historic Championship and many crews were treating this event as a shake down for the Roger Albert Clark Rally to be run in mid November. However the event suffered from being split into two with separated service areas allocated to the two championships some 10 miles apart.

Only 13 cars failed to complete the route which demonstrates the favourable conditions of the roads failed to claim many cars and Gary Pearson was crowned as 2021 Champion.

### **FLS / SRC Meeting**

Over the past two years SRC members have been attending meetings with representatives of Forestry Land Scotland with a aim of getting a more acceptable "Forestry Agreement" to allow the future of forest rallying in Scotland to be sustained. At the latest meeting it was agreed that a new charging policy would be accepted which protects events which have not attracted a big entry and will prevent events from being cancelled due to them not being financially sound.

A new rate for rally testing and shakedown was agreed along with in the event of an event allowing reconnaissance there would be no charge from the FLS.

The details of the new agreement is the subject of discussions between FL and Motorsport UK and the SRC have not been involved in any of these discussions. The financial agreement will be included as an appendix which will only be implemented on events controlled by FLS.

### **Draft 2022 Championship Dates**

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| 1. 05 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 Snowman Rally        | 2. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022 Speyside Rally     |
| 3. 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 Jim Clark Rally      | 4. 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 Argyll Stages       |
| 5. 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2022 Scottish Rally      | 6. 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 Grampian Rally    |
| 7. 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 Galloway Hills | 8. 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022 Carlisle Stages. |