

Rally Newsletter – May 2026

Welcome to your latest update from the Motorsport UK Rallies Team, shared with you as part of our rallying community. Whether you volunteer your time as an official or compete on the stages, you play a vital role in bringing rallying to life across the UK.

This newsletter is here to help us stay connected with you – sharing timely updates, helpful reminders and insights that support you, the people at the heart of our sport.

Member Communications Update

We're making strong progress in improving how our community connects and stays informed across Motorsport UK. As part of this, we've launched a new Keep in Touch preference centre - it's important that you review and update their email preferences to ensure you continue receiving the most relevant updates. Click [here](#) to update your preferences.

UK Rallying Update

There's been a good start to the year for rallying, with plenty of encouraging signs across the sport.

Entries are building in many places – events like the Manx National Rally have seen impressive demand, showing just how much appetite there is to get out and compete. While there have been some early challenges around forestry access, work is ongoing to support organisers and unlock more opportunities.

Behind the scenes, efforts continue to improve guidance and trial new safety technology, helping events run more smoothly and safely. With a big year ahead for the British Rally Championships and Rally Scotland returning to the world stage, there's plenty for the rallying community to look forward to.

Read more → <https://ebooks.motorsportuk.org/FdKd/p20>

Stage & Road Rally Insurance Update

A new road section top-up insurance policy has been introduced to help tackle some of the challenges around cost and availability of cover for events using public roads.

The policy ensures competitors can access the minimum third-party cover needed, while introducing a more consistent and cost-effective approach through event permits. For many organisers and competitors, this should make things a bit simpler and more accessible.

It's a practical step to support both stage and road rallying and other grassroots disciplines, while keeping the right standards in place to protect the sport and everyone involved.

Read more → <https://motorsportuk.org/motorsport-uk-announces-a-new-road-section-top-up-insurance-master-policy-to-improve-support-for-competitors-and-officials/>

Visit the Road Rally Hub → <https://motorsportuk.org/road-rally-hub/>

Artificial Intelligence Safety Camera Project

Throughout 2026, an exciting trial of a new Artificial Intelligence Safety Camera is taking place at each round of the British Rally Championship. Developed by Calirad, in collaboration with the FIA, the AI Camera is the next step in effectively managing Spectators during the running of a live stage.

This system is an addition to our Safety armoury and is designed to compliment the fantastic world already done by our Safety Car convoys, Officials, Radio Operators and Marshals. Over the course of the year, we will be trialling different scenarios – including where in the field of cars they are best positioned – to enable the build up of protocols for future roll out. We are in the process of building Organisers assets to accompany the system.

Keep an eye on our Socials for more information as the year progresses.

Safety Car Teams

A quick reminder to Organisers that they must check the validity of licenses for all those undertaking roles within the Safety Car Convoy in advance of the event. Please remember that, as a minimum, one person in each vehicle must hold a Motorsport UK Safety Car licence.

The World Rally Championship is back!

Hopefully you've all seen the great news that a round of the World Rally Championship is returning to the UK in 2027. Rally Scotland, based out of the fantastic P&J Live in Aberdeen, is a welcome boost to the Sport. To stay informed of the event as it develops, please sign up using the form available at the bottom of the rallyscotland.org website.

Competitors PPE – Being responsible for your own safety!

We're continuing to hear of competitors arriving at Arrival Time Controls with PPE worn or fitted incorrectly. To help keep everyone safe, competitors must arrive at controls fully prepared to start the Special Stage, in line with the National Competition Rules.

Your helmet, FHR device, race suit, balaclava and other PPE are there to protect you if the unexpected happens. Please take the time to make sure all equipment is fitted and worn correctly before arriving at the control.

Scrutineers and officials will continue carrying out PPE checks and may report competitors who are not complying with the required safety standards. These checks are an important part of keeping our sport safe for everyone.

Live Consultations

Please be aware that there is currently a consultation live on the Motorsport UK website. This consultation is in relation to the introduction of Impact Data Recorders (IDRs) and can be found [here](#). This consultation closes on Monday 8th June.

Rally Newsletter

The Rally Newsletter launched in December 2025 however, it quickly became apparent that it didn't get the reach we sought. With that in mind, please find below a link to [December's edition](#). If you are seeing this and have been missed from the distribution list, please sign up via the 'Keep in Touch' page found [here](#).

This newsletter will continue to develop, if you have any suggestions or items to cover, please contact us via email – rally@motorsportuk.org

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