



**Beatson's Building Supplies  
Mull Rally  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Island Community Consultation**



Hello and welcome to the consultation of island community, residents and island stakeholders, for the **2023 Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally**

**Background to consultation**

Since 2020, under the new closed-road motorsport legislation for Scotland laid down by the Scottish Parliament, and as part of our approvals process with Argyll & Bute Council and Motorsport UK, adequate arrangements are to have been made to:

- (a) allow the views of the local community to be taken into account,
- (b) involve local residents, the police and other emergency services in the planning and implementation of the event

**Summary of proposals**

Having run largely the same route in **2015-2021**, followed by a successful fresh route in **2022** with several nods to the event's history, for **2023** the organising team propose a slight refresh of the event route and time schedule.

This to increase running efficiencies, improve rest periods for volunteers and competitors, future-proof the event in the present climate and ensure it remains current – whilst remaining true to the traditions of the event, and arrangements to which the island community is accustomed.

As such, the organising team are keen to explore options which include:-

- All-new stages near Lochbuie, Friday afternoon
- Small amount of Friday daylight running, focussed on low populace roads
- shorter stages to settle competitors into event, and more welcoming for newcomer crews
- Less use of North of island prior to Saturday
- Increase in double usage, and general tend towards shorter stages
- in response to competitor lost mileage in 2022
- Longest night leg since 2012 – 60+ stage miles; starting ~6.30pm + earlier finish; 1<sup>st</sup> car midnight / last ~4am
- longer (max 9.5hr) night closures but less net closure time over weekend, as trialled on Glen Aros in '22
- Friday leg moved forward to 4-11pm, with a mix of daylight and dark running
- to improve overnight rest times for volunteer marshals, officials and competing crews
- Saturday afternoon leg moved forward to Saturday morning
- Shakedown returns to Duart Castle on Friday morning
- Leg Starts/Finishes at Craignure, Tobermory and Salen
- Slight increase in Saturday daytime road closure periods from 5½ hrs to 6½ hrs
- allowing more time for safe vehicle recoveries / handover of public highway, based upon '22 experience
- Majority dark running (50.3%)

Full maps and indicative timings can be found on the following pages.

Please note that stated timings are at this point **provisional / for indication only, and subject to slight change**

### Rally date for 2024+

As part of this consultation, we also wish to assess island community views on another proposal, with potential to take effect from 2024 at the earliest. We are investigating the possibility of moving the rally date to later in October – likely one week later, i.e. the **weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October**. The logic for this being as follows:

- The rally was historically an end-of-holiday-season event. The season is definitely extending, and the Scottish school break also has an impact. Competitors, marshals and visitors are finding accommodation increasingly difficult to source, and costs are rising – we hope this may help alleviate some of this pressure.
- The later week should place less pressure on the ferry capacity, but will still remain within the summer schedule.
- The rally in recent years has clashed with key auction sales on the mainland for farmers, who in turn struggle due to ferries and road closures to attend – we hope the date change would help these key partners.

Your views on the topic of the event date, and its fitness for purpose in 2024+, would be most welcome.

### Get in touch

It is important to us as the event organising team, that we understand what implications our proposed event format and route have on the businesses and residents of Mull. If you have any specific feedback about how you as an island resident and/or business may be affected by our event proposals, we would be obliged if you could please contact [consult@mullrally.org](mailto:consult@mullrally.org) by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

Thank you.





## Shakedown & Leg 1 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



22-12-15





## Shakedown & Leg 1 (Alternative) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023





## Leg 2 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023







# Leg 3 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023

