



## Island Community Consultation

Hello and welcome to the consultation of island community, residents and island stakeholders, for the **2024 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 a fresh route in **2023**, which made use of newer legislation to explore new opportunities and improve event running efficiencies, for **2024** the organising team propose to build upon the insights afforded this past year, and also explore new opportunities (such as those offered by new Motorsport UK regulations), whilst returning to known and popular concepts.

This is to improve rest periods for volunteers and competitors, reduce and improve daytime closures, 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.

Responding to feedback from the 2023 event, and ever aware of increasing cost-of-living and time challenges for our volunteers, the organising team are keen to explore options which include:-

- Moving of two Friday daytime stages back to Saturday; start Friday night with throwback / formerly traditional Glen Aros
- “Whole island event” – long-awaited return to the Ross of Mull for first time since 2016 – “Ardtun” stage Friday night
- Return of “Gribun” west of the rocks / around Balmeanach, on Saturday legs
- Reduced daytime closures from 5.5/6.5 hours, to 4.5 hours, single run for the majority of stages
- Consulting on maiden daytime run of Glen Aros & Dervaig
- Build upon Saturday night of ‘23 – 60+ stage miles; starting ~6.30pm + 1<sup>st</sup> car finish ~midnight / all done 4am
- Longer (max 9.5hr) night closures generally kept to lower populous south of island
- 18mi Calgary / Lochs to finish – first time this way through Smiddy Junction since 2014
- Consulting on either usual Duart Castle shakedown, or Glengorm Road to increase representative shakedown mileage, on either Friday morning or (as ‘22) Thursday morning
- Leg Starts at Tobermory, Salen and Craignure; Leg Finishes at Pennyghael and Tobermory; Services at Craignure+Tobermory
- Increased majority dark running (71.9%)
- Aim to continue well-received initiative of forestry queuing at Fishnish ferry on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, to reduce / mitigate public highway queueing

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**

### 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 **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Thank you.







**Shakedown & Leg 1**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**[shakedown alt: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> ?]**

Stage	Road	Closed	Open
SD Duart Castle (Opt A)	012 Kilpatrick Road	08:30	12:30
SD Glengorm (Opt B)	C47 Glengorm Road	08:30	12:30
SS1 Glen Aros / Hill Road	C46 from Aros Bridge to Dervaig	18:02	23:32
	B8035 from Dervaig to C45 Hill Road		
	C45 from Dervaig to Torloisk		
SS2 Loch Tuath	B8073 from Torloisk to Gruline	18:33	00:03
SS3 Ben More 1	B8035 from Knock Farm to 1.0mi S.E. of 076 Balmeanach Road	20:39	02:09
SS4 Scridain 1	B8035 from Gleann Seilisteir to A849	21:08	02:38
SS5/6 Ardtun	C49 Ardtun Road	21:49	03:37
	U018 Lee-Knockan-Ardtun Road		







Leg 2  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Stage	Road	Closed	Open
SS7 Ben More 2 + SS8 Gribun	B8035 from Knock Farm to 1.0mi S.E. of 076 Balmeanach Road	09:32	14:20
SS9 Scridain 2	B8035 from Gleann Seilisteir to A849	10:09	14:39
SS10 Glen Aros / Achnadrish + SS12 Achnadrish	C46 from Aros Bridge to Dervaig	11:48	16:18
	B8073 from C46 at Dervaig to 056 Kilmore Terrace, Dervaig		
	B8073 from Kilmore Terrace, Dervaig to Rockfield Rd, Tobermory		18:18
SS11 Calgary Bay	B8073 from C45 Dervaig via Calgary to Torloisk	13:33	18:03







**Leg 3**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Stage	Road	Closed	Open
SS13/17 Loch Kinloch 1/2	B8035 from A849 Kinloch Junction to Gleann Seillisteir	17:42	02:42
SS14/18 Inch Kenneth 1/2 + SS15/19 Knock 1/2	B8035 from 1.0mi S.E. of 076 Balmeanach Road to Knock Farm	18:02	03:17
SS16 Loch Tuath / Hill Road / Glen Aros	B8073 from Gruline to C45 at Torloisk	18:36	00:06
	C45 from Torloisk to Dervaig		
	C46 from Dervaig to Aros Bridge		
	B8073 from C45 to C46 at Dervaig		
SS20 Calgary Bay / Achnadriish	B8073 from Torloisk via Calgary to C45 at	18:43	03:36
	B8073 from C45 at Dervaig to Rockfield Rd, Tobermory		

