

Hi rally fans! I love Beatson's Building Supplies Mull rally, here's my tips for spectating in 2024!

There are activities all rally week, so plenty to keep you occupied, even before and after the high speed action! Check out the event calendar and keep an eye on social media too. Here's how to get close to the cars:

# Thursday

Outside Taigh Solais in Ledaig Car Park (Tobermory) from 13:00 we will be scrutineering the competing cars – checking them for safety and compliance.

## **Friday**

Scrutineering continues in Tobermory from 09:30 The shakedown takes place on the Glengorm Castle road, from 08:30-13:30. Here some crews take the opportunity to try our island roads and make sure their car is working as it should. This is a new road for this year, with viewing and parking at Ardmore Forest, just past Nonhebel Industrial Estate. This is accessible throughout the shakedown, as the road closure is just past the entrance. There is also parking for spectators (and a great café!) at the Castle end of the road, but you need to be in before the road closes. The road reopens briefly around 11:00 between the two sessions. Please do not park in any of the passing places leading up to the stage and follow marshal instructions.

The Rally itself starts in Tobermory at 19:00 on Friday, outside Taigh Solais in Ledaig. Here the drivers will be interviewed as they leave the start, with a car leaving every minute until around 21:30.

There are no stages in Tobermory this year, so if you want to be close the live action on Friday you can watch at Dervaig where cars will be coming up Glen Aros and turning left at the church from about 19:30. It's sure to be really busy, so please get there early, share transport and park responsibly. We're lighting up that area to help your viewing. The only road access to Dervaig at this time is from Tobermory, roads are closed in other directions.

We have two stages at Ardtun at the end of the evening, with cars from 22:15 navigating this tricky section. There are limited options for spectating and parking, please follow marshal instructions.

### Saturday

Strap yourself in for an action packed day! Cars restart from on Saturday morning, outside Salen Hotel in Salen from 10:00 with driver interviews as they cross the start line.

Our spectator zone for Saturday afternoon is at the Tobermory end of the Mishnish stages. To get there from Tobermory, take the Glengorm road then turn left to the Cheese Farm. The spectator

area is a short walk from the Glass Barn. There is limited car parking, but the location is walkable from Tobermory. The cars will pass here twice on Saturday. Action starts at 12:00 and runs until about 17:00; cars are on 30 second starts so it gets pretty hectic! The spectator area includes catering and toilets. Please use the litter facilities provided.

The third leg starts at Craignure outside the Craignure Inn, with first car due at 19:30. Our presenter will be interviewing the crews as they head off for the night stages.

Dervaig has two stages going through the village. Be aware that the road closures change as the evening progresses, with access earlier in the evening from Tobermory, but this closes and (much) later access is via Glen Aros. Cars start around 21:00 and they are back for the final stage from 01:00. The stage layout changes between the two stages, so park with care, follow instruction and be prepared for long night!

We hope to see the first car back around 1.30am, at the entrance to Ledaig car park in Tobermory.

## Sunday

We're back in Tobermory on Sunday afternoon, with our traditional parade along the Main Street from 14:45 to the Taigh Solais, where we present the trophies to all the lucky winners. We'll interview the top crews here and there might be some champagne sprayed!

#### General

As you will see from the maps, the rally traverses much of the island, so you can spectate at the roadside in many locations. However some words of caution;

- Watch the road closure times. If you are taking a vehicle you need to be in position and safely parked before these times. Safe parking means a considerable distance from the road, well out of harms way. Don't touch tape or signage, and comply with the sign instructions.
- 2) Expect to be moved by our safety marshals. We may ask you to move yourself or your car at any point, and if we can't position our spectators safely then we simply will not run the stage!
- 3) If you are camping, use recognised campsites or seek out landowner permission. Respect the farmers and other landowners.
- 4) Leave no trace. Use toilet facilities and take all your litter with you. There are bins specifically for rally spectators located at both Craignure and Fishnish ferry terminals.
- 5) Stay in position once the cars start arriving, moving location could endanger yourself and others
- 6) If there is a break in the action. Never assume the road is open. The road remains closed and the rally could restart at any time. Be patient!
- 7) Do not attempt to go on the road (on foot or in your vehicle) until the road opening car (clearly marked with flashing red lights) has passed you. Entering the road before this car has passed is illegal and dangerous

You can follow the action via our live channels, on Faceboook, Twitter, TikTok and Instagram. Use these to keep up to date with progress, results and any safety information. The best place to spectate when the weather gets bad!

Finally, we are so fortunate to be allowed on these roads on Mull, and we are grateful for the opportunity to stage our iconic event. But for this to continue we need to respect the landscape, be good visitors and leave no trace. Please follow landowner, farmer, marshal and official instructions – then we get to come back and do it all again next year.

LOVE THE RALLY - STAY SAFE - FOLLOW INSTRUCTION - LEAVE NO TRACE



