







Dear Residents,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your invaluable support towards the Whites Bakery South Yorkshire Stages Rally.

As the Clerk of the Course for Sheffield & Hallamshire Motorclub, I am honoured to address you through this residents' information handbook. First and foremost, I must emphasise the significance of your involvement in this exhilarating event. Your cooperation, understanding, and patience is crucial to the success of the rally.

We are fully aware of the impact such an event can have on the local community, and we are committed to ensuring minimal disruption while maximizing the enjoyment for all involved. Please accept my sincerest apologies to residents who were not contacted directly prior to the press release and the concerns this has caused. The rally promises to be an extraordinary spectacle, showcasing the skill, precision, and passion of the motorsport community. This event will bring together talented drivers, navigators, and dedicated support teams from across the Country, all vying for victory in a thrilling display of speed and control.

It is important to note that this rally marks a significant milestone for our club and the local community. As the first event of its kind in this area, we are embarking on a new journey, and we are eager to learn from this experience to improve future events. Your feedback, suggestions, and observations will be invaluable in shaping the way we organize and execute rallies in the years to come.

This residents' information handbook has been carefully crafted to provide you with all the necessary details regarding the rally, including the route, timings, safety precautions, and contact information. We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with its contents, as it will serve as a comprehensive guide to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your support. Your enthusiasm and understanding are vital to the success of the rally.

Together, let us embrace this thrilling event, celebrate the spirit of motorsport, and create lasting memories for all. Thank you, and let the rally begin!

Stephen Richie
Clerk of the Course
Sheffield & Hallamshire Motorclub

#### **Contacts:**

Your point of contact *before* the Rally is Resident Liaison Officer - Craig Hardman

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## Stage Public Road Residents' ESCORTED Access Closure Period

The roads will be closed for the competitive 'special stages' as defined in the table below.

	Stage Name	Closes	Reopens for break	Road reopens
Stage 1	Crane Moor	07:15	11:00	
Stage 2	Hoylandswaine	07:55	11:50	
Stage 3	Windmills	08:15	12:15	
Stage 4	Snowden Hill	08:45	12:45	
Afternoon run				
Stage 5	Crane Moor	11:20		15:20
Stage 6	Hoylandswaine	12:10		15:55
Stage 7	Windmills	12:35		16:35
Stage 8	Snowden Hill	13:05		17:10

#### **Important Note**

In some cases, it may not be safe for you to stand on their own property and watch, especially if your property is on the outside of a bend. While you are of course free to stand on your land, a marshal may recommend you move to a safer place, and we strongly recommend you do so, The best location may be from an upstairs window.

Resident access on the day of the rally will be allowed in accordance with the time schedule above and procedure detailed in this handbook. The times shown above in the 'Closes' Column is when we will start to close the roads. There will be a clearly marked official vehicle traversing the stages, indicating that the road is closed. The roads will be closed again for non-rally traffic at the times shown after 'Afternoon Run.'

There will be a short break after the morning run, and this is shown in the 'Reopens for break' column. If you need to access or leave your property during this time, please contact the Resident Liaison Officer so arrangements can be made to **escort** you on the closed roads.

These times may, however, be subject to change should there be a stoppage on any stage for any reason.

We will aim to reopen the roads as soon as possible after the times shown in the 'Road reopens' column. There will be straw bales placed on the stages to create a chicane to slow the competitor down. We must ensure that these are clear of the highway before we can fully reopen the roads to the general public and residents. We must ensure the road is safe to be used by the public.

Those roads that are being closed for the Rally, shown in RED on the map enclosed, will be officially closed as shown in the table. If residents live on any of the Roads shown in PURPLE Or if presidents from RED roads leave cars on the PURPLE roads they must display their vehicle permits, which is included in this booklet.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU REMOVE ANY VEHICLES and rubbish bins FROM THE ROAD 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE CLOSURE TIME SHOWN ABOVE ON SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, EITHER ONTO YOUR PROPERTY AND AS FAR OFF THE ROAD AS POSSIBLE OR ON AN ACCESS ROAD

## 1.Rally format

## Saturday 9th December

The competitors will have the opportunity to traverse the rally route on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December to check their route notes. They will be using standard road cars and have been told that the maximum speed they are allowed to travel is 40mph unless a lower speed limit applies.

They will be given 2 opportunities to traverse the route in the normal direction of the stage. They have been told that they will be penalised if they are seen travelling in the opposite direction to the stage as this will impact on the stage set up crews as well as the public travelling on the roads.

The cars will be identified with a sticker in the windscreen on the passenger side of the vehicle. This will have the letter 'R' followed by their competitor number e.g., R36, R45. If you should spot a vehicle with this sticker displayed on the windscreen travelling in the opposite direction or indeed you spot them turning around, please contact Rally HQ on the number on the first page.

## Sunday 10th December

On Sunday, the competitive elements of the rally will be held on special stages around Penistone. There will be two loops of four stages. There are 8 stages altogether, totalling approximately 52 stage miles and 85 road miles, which link the stages together.

The event is authorised by the governing body of motorsport in the UK, Motorsport UK. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council has issued Road Closure, Clearway and Motor Race Orders. The event has been planned in close liaison with the local councils, emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance Services), Motorsport UK and residents.

The road past your property is on, or close to, one of these special stages and will be closed during the day. No parking will be allowed on the closed roads and will be restricted to residents only on some adjacent roads.

There will be carefully managed periods before the rally starts and between each of the two loops of stages when residents will be permitted to leave or enter their properties, under authorisation from and in communication with, the rally organisers. Once permission has been given to use your vehicle on the closed road, display the permit at the end of the Handbook to enable you to gain access.

A detailed timetable of the rally and access arrangements are included on page 2 of the handbook.

The club and our competitors are incredibly grateful for your tolerance of the rally and hope that you may also be able to enjoy the spectacle of this closed road rally without too much restriction on your daily activities.

The organisers are expecting entries from across the UK and beyond. There will be substantial interest from motorsport enthusiasts and there will be several spectator areas to allow the rally to be enjoyed in safety.

The spectator areas will be managed by experienced motorsport marshals and qualified security personnel. Spectators are not permitted outside of the defined areas although it may be possible for your family and friends to watch the rally from your property. All safety requirements need to be met. The rally organisers are happy to discuss safety with you individually.

## 2. Residents' Access Process - RED Roads (Closed to the public)

The rally will run to a pre-defined time schedule with each competing car following the same route and each special stage having its own management team, who are in constant communication with Rally HQ. The Resident Liaison Officer can be contacted before and during the event with questions and requests for access to and from your property during the intervals between the special stages.

## 2.1 Leaving a property.

If you need to leave you property while the roads are closed to residents, you must first phone Rally HQ They will record the time, your name, address, vehicle registration number and your phone number. You will be informed of the anticipated time that you can leave but will be informed to WAIT until you are contacted.

When the stage is clear of competitors and declared safe by Rally Control a member of the Stage Safety Team will call you and advise that you can leave your property and you will be escorted in the same direction as the competitive cars to your closest access point. Please check the map in this handbook to ensure you are comfortable with the route to take. If in doubt, please ask the Stage Safety Team. The Marshal at the location you leave the stage will record you leaving and confirm to Rally HQ via radio.

#### 2.2 Vehicle Access

If you need to access your property by vehicle you will be required to phone the Rally HQ. They will record the time, your name, address, the vehicle registration of the arriving car (which may be a friend or family member) and your phone number.

You will be advised to arrive at the stage start or access point at a specific time (just prior to the last competing car). When permission is granted from the Stage Commander, you will be allowed access to the stage by the local marshals.

At the end of the resident access period the Stage Commander will drive through the stage, check vehicles have left the road and that any gate or driveways have their tape re-erected. Where possible they will cross-check against the list of vehicle registration numbers known to have entered the stage.

#### 2.3 Pedestrian Access

If you need to access your property on foot via a stage start/finish or adjoining access road, you may be able to do so at the discretion of the marshals at that location. Please follow their directions and advice.

For example, if there are no competitive cars on stage, but after road closure time, then you may be accompanied along the road on foot to your property.

If there are no competitive cars, but access can be gained on foot via a route not accessing the road or going via a prohibited area, then this could also be permitted.

### 2.4 Access & Parking Permits

Residents will be issued with vehicle permits by the rally organisers allowing them access to, and parking on, the access roads Shown in PURPLE. Additional passes will be issued for other residents and visitors.

## 3. Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, there will be additional low speed or stationary traffic on the roads that are due to be closed. The rally organisers will be installing a large amount of equipment to define the competitive route and to ensure the safety of residents and spectators. This may include securing safety tape in front of your property. Vehicles and personnel involved in setting this up will be on the roads throughout the day. Competitors are allowed a limited low speed (maximum 40MPH) reconnaissance of the route between 09:00 and 16:00. This will be in unmodified cars and driving standards will be closely observed and recorded by organisers. Competitors are not allowed to reconnoitre on any other day or practice on the closed roads before the rally.

The rally organisers, Police and local councils have a detailed process for the closure of roads, restrictions on parking and management of spectators. This plan has been made to include defined times during the day when residents will be able to access or leave their property and includes provision for stopping the rally to allow emergency access, for example in the event of a medical emergency or fire.

The road closure procedure involves Safety Cars travelling the route prior to the competing cars on the special stages. These vehicles are clearly marked and are equipped with flashing beacons, PA system, sirens and are in radio contact with Rally Control.

## **#Thankyoumarshal**

If there are Course Marshals nearby and it is safe to speak to them, you may use them as a point of contact. The marshals are there to ensure the safety of the event from a resident and competitor point of view. If you are able to assist the marshals in any way with any facilities, I am sure they will be grateful.

We appreciate that you may have concerns about safety and access arrangements. The following FAQ may help answer these:

## Q What happens if there is an emergency in my property, e.g., medical or fire?

A Dial 999. If emergency vehicles require access to your property, the rally will be stopped. Please also contact the Resident Liaison Officer who will contact the Clerk of the Course to advise him of the situation. He will then liaise with the Stage Commander and issue an order to stop competing vehicles entering the stage. This will allow full access to any emergency vehicle.

## Q Can I leave or access my property during the rally?

A Yes, but only at certain times during the day between the stages. We have planned periods where you can access or leave your property. More details can be found in this handbook. Each special stage will be 'live' for just over an hour before the first competitive car, with the window during which no residents' vehicle movements are allowed being about two to three hours, twice during the day.

### Q What happens if my property is damaged by a rally car?

A The rally has substantial third-party liability insurance in place with specialist motorsport insurers. In the first instance you should contact the Resident Liaison Officer with details of any damage.

#### Q What should I do if a rally car breaks down outside my house?

A The event marshals will usually be monitoring the progress of every car and will provide assistance to ensure that any broken-down car is parked safely. If you are able to safely provide parking on your property, the car will then be removed by our recovery vehicles (positioned at the start of each stage) once the stage has closed (probably no more than one hour).

## Q Can I watch the rally from my property?

A We would like to encourage the residents' family and friends on route to watch the rally from a safe place. Please ask the Resident Liaison Officer for more information on spectating from a safe place on your property. We will be defining 'out of bounds' areas where spectating is not safe (e.g., on the outside of corners) using tape, warning signs, straw bales, and other equipment. In some cases, it may not be safe for you to stand on their own property and watch, especially if your property is on the outside of a bend. While you are of course free to stand on your land, a marshal may recommend you move to a safer place, and we strongly recommend you do so.

### Q Will non-residents be able to watch the rally?

A Yes, but only from a few defined 'spectator areas' distributed across the four special stages. These areas have been selected in agreement with local landowners to allow safe access and observation points and will be managed by experience motorsport marshals and SIA registered security personnel to ensure all spectators remain in situ and do not walk onto the special stages. More details can be found at southyorkshirestagesrally.co.uk

## Q What do I do if I see spectators outside of these areas?

A Please contact the Resident Liaison Officer or local marshal if it safe to do so. We will then make arrangements for them to move the spectators to safe areas. The independent safety crews driving through each stage in advance of the rally cars will assist in moving people on and will not allow the stage to start until it is safe.

#### Q I understand that the roads will be closed, but what about public footpaths and bridleways?

A The rally organisers have worked closely with the local councils to ensure that public rights of way crossing the rally route are also suspended. These will be indicated by signage and will be manned during the day by rally safety marshals to ensure no-one has unauthorised access to the rally route.

## Q I understand the roads will be closed, but can I park my car on an adjoining road and walk to it?

**A** In most circumstances, yes. The PURPLE roads adjoining the special stages have for the duration of the event been defined as Clearways by the Highways Authority, but some resident parking is permitted, and

passes will be issued to identify your vehicle and those of your guests. You will not be able to walk along the special stage when the road is closed. If you are able to safely walk across fields or footpaths to safely access your vehicle without using the closed road, then this should not be a problem.

### Q I have animals or am concerned about the impact of the rally on wildlife.

A Rallies using closed public roads for the competitive sections have been running in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man, Belgium, France, and other European countries for the last five decades. There are no records or reported instances of wildlife being adversely affected by these rallies.

If you have a veterinary emergency during the day of the rally, please call your vet as usual as well as calling The Resident Liaison Officer at Rally Headquarters: **07487 638104** 

## Q What happens if a car has an incident?

A Many incidents involving rally cars do not involve any injury to the crew and can be dealt with at the scene by our marshalling crews who will be placed at every junction of the route and will be in radio contact with the start and finish of each special stage and Rally Control.

More serious incidents may result in all competing cars being stopped using a system of radios and red flags, allowing our medical and recovery crews, which are positioned at the start of each special stage, being deployed. Each medical crew includes a motorsport trained doctor/paramedic and fully equipped ambulance.

Even if you think you can be of assistance, please do not move from your property unless instructed to do so by our personnel. If the stage is stopped for whatever reason, please do not assume it is safe to leave your property; we will aim to re-start the stage as soon as the incident has been dealt with. The plans for allowing residents to move are detailed in this handbook.

## 4. Rally Organisers' Vehicles

During the rally there will be a number of rally organisers' vehicles driving along the route in advance of the competing cars:

### 'Road Closed' Car - 1 hour 15 minutes before first rally car

This vehicle, which will be clearly marked and identified, signifies to residents, rally marshals and spectators that the residents access period has finished, and the road is now closed.

Road closures for the public will be in force from around 06:00 until the last rally car has completed the last special stage at around 18:00, after which the 'Road Open' Car will indicate normal open road conditions. However, we aim to close the roads as shown in the table on page 2 and open them as soon as it is safe to use the road.

#### Chief Timekeeper – 1 hour and 10 minutes before the first car

The role of the Timekeeper is to ensure the automatic timekeeping equipment is fully functional and the operators are familiar with its operation.

## Deputy Stage Commander - 1 hour before the first car

The role of the Deputy Stage Commander is to ensure the stage is ready for the remaining official cars.

## Spectator Safety Car - 50 minutes before first rally car

The primary role of this vehicle is to check the safety of all spectators along the route, both in official and unofficial areas. They will take the Stage Safety Officer through the stage with them to verify the spectator areas are set up, marshalling allocations and conduct a final assessment of the stage safety implementation. This car travels at normal road speed.

### Rally Safety Car '000' - 40 minutes before first rally car

The primary role of this crew is to check that the route is set up according to the safety plans, to ensure all marshals are in place in appropriate locations and that spectators are positioned in safe locations.

#### Motorsport UK Safety Delegate - 25 minutes before first rally car

This vehicle will contain the Safety Delegate and the Event Safety Manager. The primary role of this independent crew is to check that the route is set up according to the safety plans, to ensure all marshals are in place in appropriate locations and that spectators are positioned in safe locations. This car travels at normal road speed.

### Rally Safety Car '00' - 20 minutes before first rally car

Using a Public Address system, they will move any spectators that are not in acceptable locations to safer areas. This car travels at normal road speed.

#### Rally Safety Car '0' - 10 minutes before first rally car

This vehicle is a fully prepared rally car and is driven close to competition rally speed and will prepare the spectators and marshals for the first official competitor.

#### **Competing Cars**

We are expecting up to 120 competing cars to enter the rally. These cars are all road legal and insured but have been modified with safety equipment including steel protective roll-over cages, full harness seat belts and fire extinguishers. The crews will be wearing fireproof overalls and crash helmets. The cars will be starting each stage in order at 1-minute intervals. Due to the length of the stages, we do not anticipate that competing cars will catch the car in front of them but, if this happens, rally etiquette allows the slower car to let the faster car through. This may happen when a competitor suffers a mechanical mishap.

### **Sweeper Car**

After the last competing car, a rally stage sweeper car with orange flashing lights will travel through the stage indicating that the competitive part of the route has finished. No resident movement is permitted prior to this car and is only permitted after it, under telephone guidance from the stage Resident Liaison Officer.

### 5. Official Spectator Area Locations and Information

Spectators will be directed to dedicated spectator areas and will not be allowed to spectate at any other points on the closed road special stages. Full details of these areas will be publicised nearer to the rally. The official spectator venue is close to Penistone, see website for details <a href="mailto:southyorkshirestagesrally.co.uk">southyorkshirestagesrally.co.uk</a> Please email for access to disabled spectator area <a href="mailto:pr@southyorkshirestagesrally.co.uk">pr@southyorkshirestagesrally.co.uk</a>

In the event of an emergency requiring Fire, Police or Ambulance, Dial 999.

If you require veterinary services, please call your vet as usual. Please also inform the vet of the closures and should they need to visit your property, ask them to call Rally HQ

<u>In ALL circumstances</u>, please contact Rally HQ Tel: **07487 638104** so we are aware of what is happening.

Once the road closing vehicle has passed your property, you should not walk or drive on the closed road as there will be obstacles placed in the road for the event. This is for your safety, and for the safety of everyone else connected with the event. It is also illegal to drive on a closed road.

Competitive cars will be travelling very fast, as the 60mph limit has been removed, and competitors will be using both sides of the road. Anyone using a vehicle or walking on the road, without FIRST gaining approval from Rally HQ will be putting yourselves and others in great danger.

## Here are some tips that you should remember if spectating:

- ✓ Always keep your own safety in mind
- ✓ Park in a safe place
- ✓ Follow marshals' instructions!
- ✓ Observe and obey all event signs.
- ✓ Stay within the official spectator areas.
- ✓ Do not enter any prohibited areas.
- ✓ Keep off the road or track.
- ✓ Listen to official announcements.
- ✓ Expect the unexpected.
- ✓ On rallies, remember:
  - Cars may run wide on corners.
  - Cars may cut corners.
  - Cars may throw up stones.
  - Cars may overshoot junctions.



