

Back to Benone for the 2023 Tyrone Stages Rally 2023.

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The Tyrone stages at Benone last ran in 2019, where Glengormley driver Derek McGarrity and his Donegal-based Co-driver Paddy Robinson took the spoils that day on their way to another Northern Ireland Rally Championship win in their Skoda Fabia R5. Their winning margin of just two seconds over Monaghan's Steven Wright was a testament to a closely fought, challenging and demanding day. Played out over 14 stages on the picturesque setting of the Magilligan Military Ranges, the 2023 event is scheduled to run on Saturday 14th, October and promises much of the same.

The Cookstown Motor Club first secured a permit to run an event at the Magilligan Military installation in 2016. It was a unique opportunity to sample the fast but narrow asphalt roads of what is usually a highly restricted area. Under normal circumstances, the venue is reserved for government training purposes. It was somewhat of a coup for the Cookstown Club to secure an arrangement for motorsport use.

The stages are generally very smooth, military-grade, high-quality tarmac with an average length of around 5 Km. The total stage miles for the proposed 2023 event should be approximately 60 Kilometres.

Back in 2016, Derek McGarrity also won the inaugural event and, at the time, described it as "A brilliant rally. It was bang-bang-go from the start. We loved the format". This sentiment was seemed to be echoed across the board.

For the 2023 event, the online entry system is being finalised and will be available very soon on www.rallyscore.net. Entries received before September 28th will include an early entry discount and will be priced at £535.00 Stg. Entries received after September 28th will pay the full entry of £595.00 Stg.

Below, we have included a short sample video of the Patterson Pacenotes on-board safety video from 2019 just to give anyone unfamiliar with the venue a small taster.

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/862458376>



MUK-approved safety route notes will be available from Patterson Pacenotes online at www.rallynews.net.

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