



Press Release

With a little over 6 weeks to go to the 2018 Sheehy Motor Group Carlow Mini Stages Rally, featuring the famous O' Brien Cement MK11 challenge, we are getting geared up for what is considered by Irish and International crews alike as the most sought after trophy for any MK11 men.

This year's event comes with a few changes mainly our new date which this year will run on Sunday, May 20th and a new Mini Stage format. A lot of work has gone into the planning of this event so and it gives us great pleasure to offer an entry fee of 545 euro, including all levies and IRDS. Our headquarters will again be based in the Seven Oaks Hotel which is centrally located in Carlow town and Michael and his team offer a great service for club and competitor alike to make it a very enjoyable weekend for everyone involved.

This year's event will run a 2 by 3 format which totals approx. 90KM of very technical stages that will test car and driver alike and will be easily recced in a few short hours due to the close nature of the loop of stages. Scrutiny will take place on Saturday, May 19th in Sheehy Motors (Volkswagen), Green Lane, Carlow.

Clerk of the Course Brendan Harpur and his team have worked extremely hard on preparations for this year's event and would like to welcome Sheehy Motor Group on board as a rally sponsor. Title sponsor of the MK11 Challenge is O'Brien Cement. We are delighted to have such reputable sponsors and we thank them for their continued support to Irish motorsport. The event has attracted crews from all over Ireland and overseas to battle it out for the MK11 trophies which as per previous years also carries a free entry for the winner.

Previous winners include Daniel McKenna, Wesley Patterson, Frank Kelly and last year's winner local man David Condell. The rally also plays host to round 3 of the Suirway South East Stages Championship being the first tarmac event of the championship and also for the first time hosting round 2 of the Midlands East rally championship.

The Sheehy Motor Group Carlow Stages Launch will be held on Saturday, April 14th in the Seven Oaks Hotel in Carlow. On the night there will be special guest speakers, rally cars on display, finger food and a raffle for a free entry to this year's event along with other spot prizes.

This year's event will be incorporating a part payment option for details on this please feel free to contact our event secretary Brid Harpur on 086-8403017 between the hours of 19.00 & 21.00. Up to date info on this year's event can be found on www.CarlowCarClub.ie or the Carlow Car Club Facebook page. Regs are available now on these and you can also enter online with Evo on line entry so get them entries in quick Regs and entry forms will also be available at our launch night on the 14th of April in the seven oaks hotel with special guest speaker Eugene Donnelly and the chance to win one free entry for this year's event see you all there.

We hope to see you all in Carlow on Sunday, May 20th for what's gearing up to be a great rally. Also if you're looking at doing a few events this year why not try and complete! The Clubman Stages Draw information can be found on The Clubman Stages Draw Facebook page with great prizes on offer that will change your rallying for 2019 in a massive way.

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