

## Rally North Wales Statement - Event Cancelled

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Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Car Club regret to announce the North Wales Rally Services Rally North Wales is forced to cancel its 2020 running of the event due to uncertainties surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic.

After being forced to postpone the Dolgellau based event which was originally planned for the 28th March until November, the event organising team have been closely monitoring the Covid-19 situation.

However, following the latest advice from the Welsh and UK Government and Motorsport UK, the sport's governing body, the event committee had further reviewed the plans for running the event in November.

With the sport posing a challenge when adhering to social distancing guidelines, and with the uncertainty of any other restrictions like access to forestry, venues and local businesses, the decision has been made to cancel the rally for 2020.

A spokesperson from the team said "We have been closely monitoring the Covid-19 pandemic and the implications of running Rally North Wales in November. Whilst we are in the advanced stages of planning the event, there are many restrictions that we understand will remain fluid during the lockdown procedure and beyond.

As well as the increased financial risk to the event, the health and wellbeing of everyone at this time is paramount including event officials, spectators, competitors and residents in Dolgellau and the surrounding area. Therefore we feel it would be irresponsible to run the event at this time.

We would like to thank our event sponsor North Wales Rally Services and our partners for their unrivalled support during these difficult times and are looking forward to seeing everyone on the event in 2021."

Organisers have issued a provisional date of 27th March 2021 for next year's running of the rally.

The event is a round of the Fuchs Lubricants Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship, Pirelli Motorsport UK Welsh Rally Championship, The Fuchs Lubricants RACRMC Mixed Surface/Rally 2 Championship and The ANWCC Forest Rally Championship. It was due to run six stages in the Dyfi and Pantperthog forests totalling 45 miles from its rally base in Dolgellau.