



Hockridge endures frustrating weekend

Pwllheli based Andrew Hockridge ended his strong run of finishes on the Isle of Man when the Welshman was forced to retire from last weekend's Isle of Man International Rally after his Signature Cheese backed Citroen C2R2 Max lost a wheel at high speed on the seventh stage of the two day event.

Hockridge and co-driver Rich Mills were fighting for a podium position when the incident happened, caused by the wheel studs shearing from the hub. The pair were extremely lucky not to crash as they were racing down a narrow Manx lane at the time, and very nearly collided with a large electrical box after the front right wheel suddenly broke away from the car with no warning!

"Rich and I were extremely lucky not to roll when we lost the wheel in Maughold on Friday afternoon. It is gutting to end our strong run of results on the island but at least we've found some more pace and I'm pleased that our notes worked so well".

The next rounds of the 2009 C2R2cup is the Todds Leap Ulster Rally which takes place at the end of August. Andrew intends to conduct a short test ahead of the rally, which counts as the fifth round of the championship.

A short highlights video is available [here](#)