



Hockridge survives Ulster to take Irish podium

Pwllheli resident Andrew Hockridge survived the carnage on the penultimate round of the 2009 Citroen Racing Trophy to take his first podium of the season when the Signature Cheese backed driver brought his Citroen C2R2 Max home in a fine second in class and eighth registered British Rally Championship driver!

Andrew has enjoyed strong runs on recent forays across the Irish Sea and, despite having a mammoth 12 hour recce the day before the event, Hockridge and co-driver Rich Mills were confident when the rally began from Antrim on Friday afternoon.

Changeable weather conditions made the bumpy high speed Irish lanes more treacherous than normal and, with a number of cars caught out on every stage, just surviving the rally was achievement enough. However Hockridge and Mills were happy to be on the pace and despite the odd overshoot and a problematic gear change for the final loop the pair returned to Antrim second in the standings after over a hundred miles of high speed rallying.

"I love rallying in Ireland. The events are well organised, the roads are challenging and the craic is great. The pace at the front is rapid and so we are happy to have been as close to Marty and Jason as we were.

The car is awesome to drive and I'm really looking forward to the Touquet now"!

The final round of the 2009 Citroen Racing Trophy is the Rally Touquet, based in Calais, France. Although Andrew has never competed in mainland Europe before, this is an event he is really looking forward to. And with the prospect of going up against a number of other C2R2 Max drivers, Hockridge will be keen to fly the Welsh flag proudly!

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