



Hockridge triumphs in Ireland

Pwllheli residents Andrew Hockridge and Darren Garrod scored an emphatic class victory and a brilliant top ten overall finish on last weekend's Stonethrowers Rally in southern Ireland in their Signature Cheese backed Citroen C2R2 Max.

Andrew, who is a contestant in the British Citroen Racing Trophy, was using the Stonethrowers Rally as a high speed test ahead of the fifth round of the MSA British Rally Championship, the Ulster Rally and was pleased to run without dramas all day long.

The days action would centre around three loops of three stages and as well as class rival Martin McCormack, in a similar Citroen, Andrew also had a world rallying superstar to compare his times against as young Matthew Wilson was contesting the event in a brand new Ford Fiesta R2. By the penultimate stage Andrew still had Wilson in his sights and when the Fiesta crashed out on stage nine it meant that Andrew's top ten position was guaranteed as he took both the class win and an amazing second two wheel drive home!

"Amazing! The car was fantastic all day. We played around with gear ratios before the rally and it transformed the car! To have the M-Sport Team coming over to get our times to compare against Wilson was pretty surreal but I could get used to this!"

Andrew will be back in action on the Todd's Leap Ulster Rally in just three weeks time. Based in Antrim, just outside Belfast, this high speed two day rally over closed public roads will be a true test of man and machine - and Andrew will be hoping to take the fight to his rivals once more.