

## **Snowy Scottish test a success for Hockridge**

North Wales resident Andrew Hockridge had a successful debut in his new Gino's Pizza Cheese backed Citroen C2R2 last weekend when he used the Border Counties Rally as a test session and finished second in class on a difficult event that experienced everything from snow blizzards to bright sunshine.

Pwllheli based Andrew had only done a limited amount of testing on board the new Geoff Jones Motorsport prepared car prior to the event. With this in mind the company director was just keen to gain more experience of both the Camsport assisted car and the treacherous terrain ahead of an assault on the MSA Tesco 99 British Rally Championship and had no aims apart from to complete last weekends Jedburgh based event.

With new co-driver Tony Derrick calling the notes the pair kept their noses out of trouble and with every stage mile that passed their confidence grew and by the end of the 7 stage rally the little GRH Foods supported Citroen was trading times with the much more sophisticated Super 1600's that were competing in the same class.

***Today went really, really well. Considering the limited mileage I had done before the rally we are more than happy with our pace. I learnt a lot about the car and we adjusted a few things in service that helped build my confidence. The Citroen was faultless and I got on well with Tony. Now I can't wait for the Pirelli.***

The Pirelli International Rally, on the weekend of 18 and 19 April will mark the beginning of Andrews first ever high profile championship campaign as he tackles the fiercely competitive Citroen C2R2 Cup. Based in Carlisle, the Pirelli International Rally is the first of seven rounds of the premier championship, which sees crews travel to Scotland, the Isle of Man, Ireland, England and finally Wales throughout the year.