



There are three weeks to go to the Hotel Kilmore Cavan Stages Rally and the entries are flowing in for the event in what's shaping up to be a very competitive rally between some of Ireland top drivers. Declan Boyle in his Ford Fiesta WRC will be coming back to try and repeat his win in 2017.

The popular Donegal man who currently leads the chase for the 2018 Triton Showers National Rally Championship will have stiff opposition once again in the form of fellow Donegal man Donagh Kelly aswell as a host of other big names including White, McGonigle, Moffett and not to mention the 6 times winner of the event Niall Maguire.

The event was launched officially at the Hotel Kilmore with the help of Paul Henry and his team who are back once again as the title sponsors of the event with the hotel being the focal point for the event with parc ferme, service and scrutiny all being within a 3 minute walk. Commenting at the launch Paul noted the event was one of Cavan's prestige sporting events during the year "The Hotel Kilmore are delighted to be associated once again with this great event and we are really looking forward to it." The Hotel Kilmore's Country Club also have Michael English performing on the Saturday night for a great night's entertainment.

The event is delighted to welcome back the Cootehill based Abcon Industrial Products Ltd who through the form of their automotive brand FinishLine would have a strong connection with the sport with a number of competitors turning to the brand since it's introduction and association with the Rally in 2017. Speaking at the launch Lyn Sharkey expressed delight at coming on board with the event for another year "We are delighted to be associated with the rally once again with the FinishLine product as we feel it's a really good match for our customer base and to be associated with such an old and well established event." Lyn also brought news of a competiton being held in the Rally Programme this year in the form of a coupon which can be cut out and filled in when they purchase

FinishLine products from their retailer for a chance to win a supercar driving experience day in Mondello.

Another company making their return for 2018 is Wilton Waste recycling who have been great supporters of the event over the years since their establishment in 2003 with Rodney himself a former two wheel drive winner on the event on occasions. This year with the stages getting close to home there could be a chance that Rodney could possibly make a cameo appearance in some form of Ford. Once again they will be providing the waste disposal solutions in the service park which is just one branch of their business catering for a lot of the Commercial and residential refuse in the county on a daily basis.

2018 will bring a new sponsor to the event in the form of Fire Protection Ireland who have been in business since 2011 formed by regular competitor Sean Sharkey who offer 24 hour 365 services on fire protection systems whether it's installation, commissioning or servicing. Sean will be hoping to have his Toyota Starlet ready in time for the event to have a go at the 2 wheel drive race which will feature a number of rapid locals with Chris Armstrong and Gary Kiernan renewing their battle on the stages.

With entries still coming in the number of entrants and interesting names will continue to grow with the addition of a new look shakedown stage being welcomed by all competitors as a great initiative. Regs and Entries can be found at www.cavanmotorclub.com

