

## Major Motorsport World Rally Championship Debut

Major Motorsport are soon to compete on the Wales Rally GB, one of the most legendary and historic events on the FIA World Rally Championship calendar.

The Oxfordshire based team will be running Gus Greensmith, the 2014 BRC Junior Rally Champion in a new Ford Fiesta R2, and Ben McKay, the 2013 BRC Junior Rally Champion in one of Major Motorsports own R1 Ford Fiestas.

Gus Greensmith won his entry as part of the prize package he picked up from the British Rally Championship this year. He and co-driver Melanie Holmes secured BRC3 and Junior honours at the Isle of Man earlier this year in his R1 Fiesta, but is now making the move to a more powerful R2 Fiesta to gain some experience ahead of the 2015 season. Gus will be competing in the Welsh forests with experienced co-driver, Carl Williamson.

Ben McKay will be tackling the stages with his Father, Justin McKay, sat next to him. The father and son team competed in the Wales Rally GB last year with a different team, but sadly didn't make it to the end. This will be Ben's first outing with Major Motorsport, the aim is to gain some valuable experience by adding a World Rally event finish to his CV.

Team owner, and former World Rally Championship driver, Simon Mauger, said: "We are looking forward to the challenge of a step up into the World Rally Championship. It will be a difficult event but I'm confident we will be successful, and are looking forward to working with two of Britain's best up and coming young drivers for the Wales Rally GB".

Gus is excited to step up into the World Rally scene and is hoping to relive some of the success he has experienced this year, he says: "I think it's fair to say it's the biggest rally event I've ever competed in. The aim is to finish on the podium and gain as much experience as we can... Experience is key in rallying".

Ben is very grateful to his supporters who have provided assistance to allow him to compete on this rally: "I'm really glad to be competing on this year's Wales Rally GB, it feels great to be working with Major Motorsport in the Fiesta R1 and getting back on some of the best stages in the world. Thanks to those who helped me get here".





The majority of the timed sections are set on some of the world's finest rally tracks in the Welsh forests. And two stages held in darkness on Saturday evening will further increase both the challenge and the spectacle.

After a ceremonial start at the Eirias Park Stadium in Colwyn Bay, the action heads off early Friday morning on familiar Wales Rally GB territory in mid-Wales. A long, demanding day features double runs through the well-known Gartheiniog, Dyfi, Hafren Sweet Lamb and Maesnant stages, either side of a remote service in central Newtown.

Saturday's action is closer to Deeside, including two spectacular stages in the famous Clocaenog forest plus morning and afternoon runs through Aberhirlant and Dyfnant – the final two after sunset. Before that the cars return to the mid-day service in Deeside via historic Chirk Castle for the first of two fan-friendly RallyFest stages.

Sunday includes another RallyFest Stage – this time at Kinmel Park – plus two stunning new stages in north Wales: Alwen and Brenig. The final run through the breathtaking scenery of Brenig is the event's dramatic, concluding PowerStage. The winners of this gruelling rally will then be crowned at the finishing ceremony on Mostyn Street in Llandudno.

It all adds up to 23 Special Stages and 191-miles (308kms) of fiercely fought competition and what we are sure will be a brilliant conclusion to this year's globe-trotting FIA World Rally Championship and a fantastic introduction for our Juniors to the World Rally scene.