



**Information Pack for Dunoon
Residents 2026**

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Rally Overview

Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally – 19th / 20th June 2026

On Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June 2026 Mull Car Club are organising a Closed Road Special Stage Motor Rally. As a resident on the competitive route of the **Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally**, you may have been provided with some preliminary details by the event organisers.

If you are new to Closed Public Road Rallying and have not experienced the rally weekend before please make yourselves aware of what happens.

The rally headquarters will be based at Dunoon Stadium, which is also being used as a central service area for the rally cars, with two special stages in Dunoon Town Centre and the remaining stages spread across the Cowal Peninsula. There will be 16 special stages consisting of 2 Legs totalling approximately 75 stage miles and 170 road 'link' miles.

If you are interested in keeping abreast of what's going on please visit either the official event Facebook Page "Argyll Rally" or the Facebook aimed at providing local residents with information about the rally relevant to them "Argyll Rally 2026 - Local Information"

The purpose of this document is to inform you of our plans for the 2026 Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally and give you some advice to be followed during the event. To make the event a success it can only be done with your support and the co-operation of Argyll & Bute Council, Police Scotland, Motorsport UK, landowners and residents along the route. We gratefully rely on the residents along the route of the stages for their contribution to the safe running of the event.

Included in this document are both maps and details of the route and timings of this year's event. The event will be based at Dunoon Stadium, with the event split into 3 Legs. Leg 1 starts on Friday night with first rally cars departing the Stadium around 19:00. Leg 2 and 3 on the Saturday will commence around 08:00 on Saturday.

You have received this document as a resident that will be directly affected by the road closures. When the road closure is in place no parking will be permitted on the closed roads (without exception) and some adjacent roads will also have parking and access restrictions. Whilst the road closure is in place the one-way restrictions on Park Avenue, John Street and Clyde Street in Dunoon will be removed to allow access to properties on these roads.

Information on the full rally route be found on the event website – www.argyllrally.co.uk where you can also find links to details of the road closures on Google Maps along with other general information about the rally. If you have any questions or problems prior to the event please feel free to contact the rally organisers either via the Residents Number (07990 192000) or via email (resident@argyllrally.co.uk).

We thank you for your co-operation and we will endeavour to keep your inconvenience to a minimum, and hope you enjoy the weekend. The Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally organisers and competitors are incredibly grateful for your tolerance of the rally and hope that you will be able to enjoy the spectacle of closed road rallying without too much inconvenience to your daily activities.

Emergency Procedure

When the roads are closed if you have an emergency and require assistance from the emergency services, please dial 999 or 112 as normal, but you must tell the operator that the road is closed for the Rally.

If you are able to do so, please also contact the Rally Control using the dedicated Residents Number (07990 192000). This number will put you directly through to Rally Control who will, if required, arrange to stop the rally stage. There are representatives of the emergency services in Rally Control and we will ensure unhindered access for the Emergency Services, and where appropriate dispatch the Rally Paramedic / Rescue unit to attend to your emergency prior to the arrival of the 999 services.

Residents Number 07990 192000

If there are event Marshals nearby and it is safe to speak to them, you may also use them as a point of contact. If you have no telephone - go **ON FOOT** to a Marshal, who will be at the junction nearest your home. **DO NOT** walk on the road or any footpaths adjacent to the road, as the Stage may be active.

Tell the Marshal what your problem is, and they will communicate your problem to the Rally Control by the rally radio network.

Alternative contact numbers for the senior event officials are:

Sam Spencer	Clerk of the Course	07740 281223
Chris Woodcock	Deputy Clerk of the Course	07973 830695
Mark Dickenson	Deputy Clerk of the Course	07900 564239

Map

The map below shows the roads that will be closed. The roads shown in RED/YELLOW show the route of the competitive stage. The roads shown in RED are also closed but do not form part of the competitive stage, these are closed for safety. All roads shown below in RED/YELLOW and RED are officially closed to the public for any access including vehicles, cycles, and pedestrians.



Road Closure Process

The rally organisers, Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council have a formal and detailed process for the closure of roads, restrictions on parking and traffic movement, and management of spectators. This plan also includes provision for stopping the rally to allow emergency access, for example in the event of a medical emergency or fire, at any time during the day. In addition to organisers vehicles such as marshals and timekeepers, the road closure process and event Safety Plan requires event Safety Cars to travel the route prior to the competing cars. These vehicles are clearly marked and are equipped with flashing beacons, PA systems and sirens and are in direct radio contact with the Rally Control.

The roads shown on the map above will be closed on Friday 19th June from 17:00 until 22:54 (at the latest)

After 17:00 there will be period of time when pedestrian access will be maintained on the closed roads whilst the marshals erect safety signage, tape etc. Once the Road Closed Car traverses the route there will be no access on the closed roads for residents or spectators.

We would also ask for your co-operation with the following during the road closure:

- Do not attempt to drive or cycle on the road as you may be putting your life and that of others in extreme danger.
- Ensure that any animals, especially dogs, are safely kept away from the road.
- Ensure that any vehicles belonging to you are kept well clear of the road.
- Inform any possible visitors to your home who may not be aware of the Road Closure Times. e.g. Care Worker, Doctor, Vet, etc.

Safety Cars

Road Closed Car (flashing red lights)

This vehicle, which will carry clear identification, signifies to residents, rally marshals and spectators that the road is now in Movement Prohibited status and movement of non-rally traffic, or pedestrians, is forbidden.

3 x Set-up Cars, Equipment Officer & Chief Marshal (amber Flashing Lights)

These vehicles will be traversing the stages to ensure all the necessary signage, equipment and safety marshals are in position.

Spectator Safety Car (flashing amber lights)

The role of this vehicle is to check the safety of all spectators along the route. The Spectator Safety Officer will check and verify the spectator areas are set up correctly and that the allocated safety marshals are in place. They will also carry out an assessment of the stage safety implementation. Using a Public Address system, they will move any spectators that are not in acceptable locations to a safe area.

Safety Car '000' (flashing amber lights)

This vehicle is the final check that the Stage has been set-up safely and in accordance with the set-up notes and Safety Plan. It will assist the Spectator Control Car in resolving any spectator problems.

Motorsport UK Safety Delegate (flashing amber lights)

The purpose of this vehicle is to carry out an overall check of stage set up and spectator safety. This vehicle will also ensure that the spectators continue to be located in areas of least risk and that they are not in prohibited areas and that the marshalling practices continue to implement the Spectator Safety Plan. The crew of this Safety Car will provide the Clerk of the Course with their opinion on whether the stage can be run safely. This information will be considered before stages are approved to run.

Safety Car '00' (flashing amber lights)

The primary duty of the Double Zero Car is to provide a final check that spectators are not located in areas of danger and that in areas of specific control they are complying with the spectator plan. The crew will receive advanced warning of large groups of spectators from the preceding vehicles and check any issues thoroughly. This vehicle will ensure the provisions of the Safety Plan have been implemented with regard to spectator safety.

Rally Course Car '0'

This car will be a rally prepared vehicle with an experienced crew running at 70 – 80% of competitor's speed. It is the final check that the stage is compliant with the Safety Plan. If necessary it will stop, resolve any issues and report to Rally Control. Once the Safety vehicles are satisfied that the stage is safe to run they will approve the stage for competitors.

When the stage is cleared by the Safety Cars there will be up to 140 competing cars running through the stage. These cars are all road legal and insured but have been modified with safety equipment including steel protective roll-over cages, full harness seat belts, and fire extinguishers. The crews will be wearing fire-proof overalls, frontal head restraints and crash helmets. The cars will be starting the stage at 30 second intervals; this gap and the relatively short length of each special stage mean that it is not expected that the cars will be running close together and will certainly not be racing each other.

Sweeper Car (with flashing amber lights)

After the last competing car, a sweeper car with amber flashing lights will travel through the stage to check that all competing cars are clear of the stage. This will be driven at normal road speed. The passage of this vehicle will indicate that the competitive part of that individual stage has completed. This does not however mean that residents, public and marshals are permitted free movement - **Prohibited Movement status still applies.**

Road Open Car (with red flashing lights)

The passage of this car indicates that the road is once again open to the public. Movement is only permitted once this car has passed your location, no members of the public should travel on a road ahead of this vehicle.

Interim Safety Car (with flashing amber lights)

There may be circumstances when the organisers are required to stop the special stage, for example a competing car blocking the stage, pedestrians seen in an out of bounds area etc. If there is an unscheduled stoppage of a Special Stage of more than 20 minutes the organisers will send an Interim Safety Car through the stage prior to the remaining competing cars. These will be normal road cars with identification stickers travelling at normal road speed. Please be aware that these cars may be followed a short time after their passing by competing cars at full rally speed.

PLEASE NEVER ASSUME THAT THE ROAD IS AVAILABLE FOR MOVEMENT WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM A RALLY OFFICIAL/MARSHAL OR RALLY CONTROL

Access and Parking

Should you need access within an area where the road is closed, please contact the rally organisers prior to the event, and we will facilitate access as best we can.

The roads shown as **RED or RED/YELLOW** on the map will have Clearway restrictions to prevent unauthorised parking on the rally stages. Please work with us to ensure minimum delays. It is an offence to leave any car parked on the roads coloured red or red/yellow as indicated on the map, during the closure hours.

SHOULD ANY CAR BE LEFT PARKED ON A CLOSED IT WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED FOR SAFETY. IF THE POLICE HAVE TO INSTIGATE A REMOVAL, THEY HAVE THE POWER TO PROSECUTE OFFENDERS, BUT WE DO NOT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN.

Additional Information

On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June 2026 there will be additional low speed or stationary traffic on the roads that are being closed. The rally organisers will be installing a large amount of equipment to define the competitive route and to ensure the safety of residents and spectators. Vehicles and personnel involved in setting this up will be on the roads throughout the day. The road will not be closed during this period and access will not be restricted.

On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June competitors will be allowed to familiarise themselves with the rally route during the "recce sessions". During the recce sessions competitors will be restricted to a maximum speed of 30 mph when on the sections of road that will make up the closed road special stages. Competitors undertaking these recce sessions will be identified by stickers on their vehicles as shown in Appendix A.

The recce sessions will take place between 09:30 and 19:30 on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June. Competitors will only be permitted to traverse each special stage section twice and at all times must travel in the direction of the stage.

The organisers will arrange checks and general patrols of the roads used during this period. If you witness any poor driving or the unacceptable behaviour of someone connected to the rally during this period or between now and the rally, please take a photograph or video of the car and/or incident and report it to the Rally Organisers either via email (resident@argyllrally.co.uk) or the Residents Number (07990 192000). Other than the recce sessions detailed above competitors are not allowed to drive or practise the closed road route before the rally. If anyone is caught doing this, they will be disqualified from the rally and may have their competition licence revoked.

Official Spectator Area Locations and Information

Spectators will be directed to spectator areas and will be discouraged from spectating at any other points on the special stage. All official spectator areas are roped/ taped and have notices to define the limit of the spectator area. Full details of these areas and car parking arrangements will be publicised nearer to the rally. To keep up to date with the latest event information, please see our website www.argyllrally.co.uk and our Facebook page.

Spectators are asked to keep safety in mind at all times and are given the following guidance:

- The organisers have tried to ensure that you will be able to reach your chosen spectator viewing area without walking on the special stage. If you decide to leave the stage prior to the last competitor, PLEASE ensure that you walk behind taped spectator areas and not on competitive stages. All the competitors will be travelling at high speeds and spectators MUST NOT to walk on the rally route.
- All spectators are reminded that motorsport can be dangerous and despite organisers taking all reasonable precautions, unavoidable accidents can happen.
- We ask that spectators obey all instructions of safety marshals, spectator marshals, council officers and police officers in relation to their safety and that of others.
- Please make sure you dress suitably for the prevailing weather conditions and stout footwear is strongly recommended.
- Children and infants should ALWAYS be accompanied by an adequate number of adults at all times who are responsible for their behaviour and safety.
- Beware of flying stones and uneven or slippery surfaces.
- Stay above the track (never below)
- Do not stand in run off areas, you will be told to move.
- Respect the signs and the tape; Yellow and Black is GOOD -i.e., it is ok to stand behind this tape. Red and White is bad, this is a NO GO area. Prohibited area MEANS prohibited area.
- Please be considerate to other spectators to ensure everyone can enjoy the event.
- Listen to the marshals - they are there to help you and ensure the event runs within the safety guidelines prescribed by Motorsport UK, the governing body of UK Motor Sport.
- If you do not abide by the instructions of marshals and event officials, the stage may be stopped or cancelled.
- Marshals and officials have the right to work without being abused or threatened.
- Consider your own safety and that of others at all times.
- Have fun but stay safe.

Frequently Asked Questions

Finally, please find below some clarifications on questions that you may have. If there are other things that you would like to know then please contact the rally organisers either via email (resident@argyllrally.co.uk) or the Residents Number (07990 192000).

What happens if a car has an incident?

Many incidents involving rally cars do not involve any injury to the crew and can be dealt with at the scene by our marshalling crews who are placed at every junction of the route and will be in radio contact with the start and finish of each special stage and Rally Control. More serious incidents may result in all competing cars being stopped using a system of radios and red flags and our medical and recovery crews, which are positioned at the start of each special stage, would be deployed. Each medical crew includes a motorsport trained doctor/ paramedic and fully equipped ambulance. Even if you think you can be of assistance please do not move from your property unless instructed to do so by our personnel.

If the stage is stopped for whatever reason, please do not assume it is safe to leave your property; we will aim to re-start the stage as soon as the incident has been dealt with. Access to and from properties and movement of residents is only permitted as detailed above in the Residents' Access Process.

What happens if there is an emergency in my property, e.g. medical or fire?

Dial 999. Then, if possible and safe to do so please contact Rally Control via the Residents Number (07990 192000) to inform them. If emergency vehicles require access to your property, the rally will be stopped. If the emergency is medical, then the rally organisers can decide to deploy the stage medical team for early intervention.

What if I need to commute to work whilst the road is closed?

If you live on a closed road section and your ability to get to work is impacted, please contact the rally organisers via resident@argyllrally.co.uk and we will help to facilitate access in and/or out of your property wherever possible.

If I am a blue badge holder where should I park if my property is on a section of closed road?

If you usually park directly outside your property but are unable to because of the road closures please contact the rally organisers via email (resident@argyllrally.co.uk) and we will help to facilitate alternative arrangements. Alternatively please call the Residents Number (07990 192000).

What happens if my property is damaged by a rally car?

The rally has substantial third-party liability insurance in place with specialist motorsport insurers. In the first instance please contact the rally organisers, ideally via email (resident@argyllrally.co.uk), with details of any damage. If the damage caused could lead to livestock becoming loose, please contact Rally Control as soon as possible and relevant action will be taken.

What should I do if a rally car breaks down outside my house?

The event marshals will be monitoring progress of every car and will provide assistance to ensure that any broken-down car is parked safely. If you are able and willing to safely provide parking on your property, then the car will be removed by our recovery vehicles (positioned at the start of each stage) as soon as possible once the stage has closed.

Can I watch the rally from my property?

Subject to the overriding priority of safety, we would encourage residents' family and friends on route to watch the rally from a safe place. You will be permitted to spectate from your property provided the area is safe and these locations will have been pre agreed with PR officers and the Safety Team. Safety Cars will check that residents are in safe positions when they drive through the stages.

Please note that there will be prohibited areas along the route, for example on the outside of bends, and these areas will be clearly marked and may include residential properties. No one is permitted to stand in a prohibited area, and this includes residents on their own property.

Please consult the rally organisers (resident@argyllrally.co.uk) for more information on spectating from a safe place on your property.

Will non-residents be able to watch the rally?

Yes. Non-residents are directed to the defined 'spectator areas' distributed across the special stages. These areas have been selected in agreement with local landowners to allow safe access and observation points and will be managed by experienced motorsport marshals to ensure that all spectators remain in situ and do not walk onto the special stages whilst the stages are live to competitors.

What do I do if I see spectators in a marked prohibited area?

Please contact Rally Control using either the Residents Number (07990 192000), or local marshal if it safe to do so. We will then plan for them to move to safe spectator areas. The independent safety crews driving through each stage in advance of the rally cars will assist in moving people on and will not allow the stage to start until it is safe.

I understand the roads will be closed, but can I park my car on an adjoining road and walk to it?

In most circumstances, yes. The closure of the adjoining roads is to allow the organisers to restrict access by the public to the rally special stage, but vehicles with resident passes will be able to park on the side roads provided that access for emergency vehicles is maintained. You will not be able to walk along the special stage while the road is closed. If you can safely walk across fields or footpaths to safely access your vehicle without using the closed road, then this should not be a problem.

Appendix A – Recce Identification Stickers

During the two recce sessions each car will be displaying the stickers below. Each car will have a unique number to identify them.



Located on top left hand side
(passenger side) of the windscreen.



Located on each rear side window.