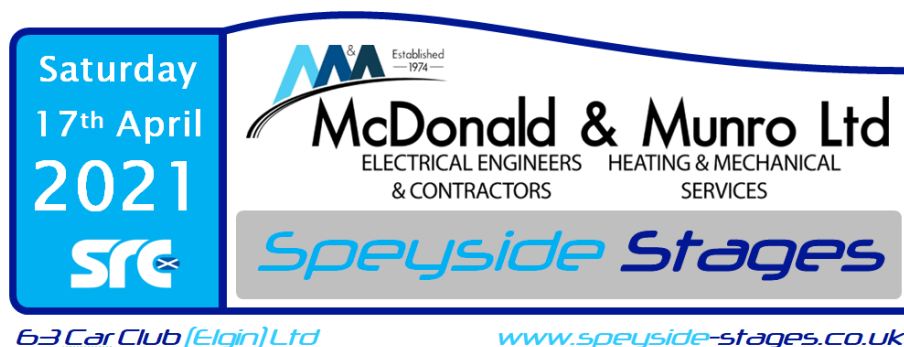


Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021



### Statement - McDonald & Munro Speyside Stages Rally

It is with regret that event organisers, The 63 Car Club (Elgin) Ltd, announce the cancellation of the 2021 McDonald & Munro Speyside Stages Rally, due to be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

With the current situation in Scotland becoming more serious in recent times, and the prospect of increased restrictions continuing for some weeks ahead, we must prioritise the health and safety of all competitors, volunteers and the general public of the local area, however disappointing the decision is.

Neil Shanks, event clerk of the course, commented;

“We find ourselves here again, in a similar position to 10 months ago when we had to make the decision to cancel the 2020 event. Whilst as a club we are disappointed to take this course of action, we have a responsibility to all of our event volunteers, competitors, sponsors & partners to remove any uncertainty with a decision in good time. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

With a busy event calendar in the period where we will hopefully see things returning to normal, the club have decided that cancellation, and not postponement is the most responsible course of action, and we will focus our efforts on our 2022 event, however far away that seems now.

We look forward to meeting everyone again next year with a renewed sense of vigour, thinking about how much we have missed over the course of the COVID pandemic, and looking forward to the day we can enjoy the sport which unites us again.

In the meantime, we can all play our part in reducing the spread of the disease by continuing to follow the government guidelines whilst waiting for the wider rollout of the vaccine, which is hopefully the key to normality returning, whilst we remember the suffering and loss many have experienced over the past 10 months.”

Miguel Gomez, of event sponsors McDonald & Munro added;

“We fully support the decision that Neil and his team have had to make again, these are continuing uncertain times for us all, and safety is the top priority for everyone. We now look forward to 2022 when the event will return better than ever”.

The club have the full support of their partners, and the organisers and sponsors of the KNC Groundworks Scottish Rally Championship, of which the event was due to be the second round.