

STAGE FLASH

Date: 5/4/13

Day: 1

Special Stage: SS1 Pundershaw 1 (9.27km)

51. Richard Sykes / Simon Taylor (Citroen C2R2 Max)

We're rusty and had a few moments, but we're generally good and happy.

52. Russ Thompson / Andy Murphy (Renault Clio)

Cautious, smooth stage, slippy off the line

55. Luke Pinder / Martyn Taylor (Ford Fiesta ST)

We had to come to a stop, Steve Smith was off at the chicane, but ok. We lost time, first event for a while but we're happy.

56. Gareth White / Mike Dickson (Citroen C2 R2 Max)

Very very fast. Felt we were going well.

57. Anthony Simpson / Jonathan Jackson (Ford Fiesta ST)

We caught Steve and managed to pass him. We're happy with the stage time.

54. Steven Smith / Daniel Johnstone (Peugeot 206 RC)

We got stuck at the first chicane. There was a big ditch, we slid wide and couldn't get back on.

58. Matt Griffin / Chris Spilsted (Renault Clio)

It felt rough, we're still learning the car. Still working at the settings

60. Aaron McClure / Tom Woodburn (Ford Fiesta ST)

Finding my feet, first corner was loose.

62. Ross Hunter / Josh Davison (Peugeot 205)

A steady pace, no dramas. My first time on gravel for a long time. Great fun!

63. Michael Threlfall / Rob Harrison (Renault Clio 172)

Scary as hell! First time at such speed! A few big rocks and tight chicanes.

65. Dean Raftery / Aileen Kelly (Honda Civic)

Not a great run, the handbrake stuck on the stage.

64. Chris Wheeler / Yan Griffiths (Ford Fiesta MS1)

A steady clean run, the first time through Kielder.

66. John Byrnes / TBA (Honda Civic)

Ok, we dropped time in the middle. Our first UK stage.

61. Meirion Evans / Paul Wakely (Ford Fiesta ST)

That was not good, we ran wide and hit a bank.

67. Gary Wright / Ross Hynd (MG ZR)

No problems, we need to go faster on the straight bits.

68. George Morrison / Richard Hortin (Peugeot 205)

Hot! Good to get back into it. New box is up and down the gears.