



For Immediate Release: 9<sup>TH</sup> August 2016

## Round 5- Solway Coast

The Solway Car Club had put together an excellent route of ten special stage over the Dundrennan Military Ranges. Three McGrady Insurance NI registered Junior crews made the trip across to compete against the best in the Scottish and English Junior series. The camaraderie once again in Junior 1000 was evident as the McErlean's brought over a rear beam axle from their garage for Peter Beaton's car, and all the N.I service crews mucked in before the start to get the fourteen year olds car back into line.

Josh McErlean started first on the road, and set a good time on stage one, but it was the similar Citroen's of Zak Hughes from England and Scot Finaly Retson who led initially until both struck transmission troubles on the same stage, whilst being closed upon by the N.I Junior leaders. Also in trouble was last year's Solway winner Peter Bennett who misread a bale chicane on stage one and had to reverse back. A fast time on stage two moved him ahead of Josh, but under-steering on a slippery corner into another bale and having to reverse again on stage four, would drop the Loughgall driver behind his Kilrea rival.

Peter Beaton and Kenny Foggo had started well, getting used to the difficult roads on this venue. However they were to lock up and slide, hitting a bank and gently rolling the Citroen. Although they made it back to service, they were ruled out of continuing due to a broken windscreen.

By mid-day Josh and Tommy McErlean had got into the rhythm and a nine second lead, which they extended further before a fastest time on the last stage saw Peter Bennett end the day just eleven seconds behind. Once again it was an epic showing from the McGrady Insurance ANICC Juniors, as they defeated the cream of Junior 1000 rallying from all over the UK.

### 2016 McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge Ireland- Rnd 5 Positions

1st	Josh McErlean / Thomas McErlean	Peugeot 107	52m 14s
2nd	Peter Bennett/ Andrew Bushe	Skoda Citigo	+ 11s
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ewan Tindall/ Paul Hudson	Citroen C1	+1m 46s
4 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Chalmers/ Steven Brown	VW UP!	+1m 55s
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tommi Meadows/ Gareth Hopper	Nissan Micra	+2m 27s
DNF	Peter Beaton/ Kenny Foggo	Citroen C1	

### Junior 1000 Driver Championship Points after Round 5

1	Josh McErlean	58
2	Peter Bennett	39
3	Peter Beaton	32
4	Ruairi Bell	18
5	Ryan Mclvor	8
=	Marcus McElwee	8

McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge Ireland Calendar 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Organising Club</u>
<del>23<sup>rd</sup> January</del>	<del>Kirkistown</del>	<del>500 MRCI</del>
<del>13<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Kirkistown</del>	<del>North Armagh MC</del>
<del>2nd May</del>	<del>St. Angelo</del>	<del>Enniskillen MC</del>
<del>6th August</del>	<del>Shackleton</del>	<del>Maiden City MC</del>
<del>7<sup>th</sup> August</del>	<del>Solway (Scotland)</del>	<del>Solway Car Club</del>
<del>24<sup>th</sup> September</del>	<del>Kirkistown</del>	<del>500 MRCI (Reserve)</del>
<del>12<sup>th</sup> November</del>	<del>Bishopscourt</del>	<del>BADMC (Reserve)</del>
<del>30<sup>th</sup> December</del>	<del>Shackleton</del>	<del>Maiden City MC (Reserve)</del>

**Issued by Andrew Bushe Promotions- F-Andrew Bushe Promotions t-@andrew\_bushe**

*Pictures thanks to Philip Stewart- [www.philpics.net](http://www.philpics.net)*

*Regulations and points for the series are available on [www.anicc.org.uk](http://www.anicc.org.uk)*