



KIELDER FOREST RALLY 2026

18 April 2026

Final Instructions

1. Introduction

Welcome to the 2026 Kielder Forest Rally.

We thank you for supporting the event – we are running with the minimum level of entries on the event this year but did not want to cancel which would let down all of you who have entered and supported the rally.

Your competition number is as shown on the Seeded Entry List enclosed with these Final Instructions. Note that the running order is for Classes 9, 10 and 12 and pre-67 or sub 1300cc H1's to run at the front, in seeded order (as per Supplementary Regulations). All other competitors will follow in seeded order.

These final instructions give you a little more detail to ensure that your arrival at Hexham and pre-event formalities run smoothly.

2. Principal Locations

Hexham Auction Mart	/// agency.announced.fidelity
Noise/Scrutineering	///equality.stamp.meatball
Service Zone 1	/// turntable.starting.rash
Service Zone 2	///decanter.decide.mango

3. Access

Hexham Auction Mart is 400m off the A69 (Carlisle-Newcastle road)

Postcode is NE46 3SG.

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4. Arrival at Hexham

As there is a Mart on at Hexham on until mid-afternoon of Friday 17th April 2026, the Service Park opens at 15:00hrs this year, with Noise and Scrutineering starting at 14:30hrs. Please try to avoid arriving before this. If you do arrive early and want to unload please use Service Zone 1.

Please NOTE:

**THE CAR PARK AREAS IN FRONT OF THE MART NOW HAVE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS
YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

5. Processing

Please Note that Noise Test and Scrutineering will take place in a different location to previous editions of Kielder Forest Rally.

- 5.1 Select which Servicing Area you are going to use. We expect competitors to be equally split between the two areas (ie approx 40 in each area) Note there may be some activity from the livestock sale in Servicing Area 2 until mid afternoon.
- 5.2 Unload and park your Trailer: Note: Trailer parking is in designated areas of each of the two Servicing Areas. (ie If you are servicing in Zone 1, park your trailer in the designated area in Service Zone 1. If you are servicing in Zone 2, park your trailer in the designated area in Service Zone 2) See layout Diagram. Please park neatly. Leave your Service Vehicle in the Service Area,
- 5.3 Take your competition car to Noise Test, located at the entrance to Service Area 2. Please queue on the left-hand side of the road. Your Process Card and competition numbers will be issue here.
- 5.4 Upon successful completion of Noise Test you will be called forward to Scrutineering which is in the garages on the left-hand side of Service Area 2.
- 5.5 The competition numbers must be in place before you present your car to the scrutineers. Rally plate should be affixed to the bonnet of the car so marshals can see it. The fluorescent Orange numbers should be placed on the rear side windows of the car where possible, the single competition number on a 150x150 white square should be placed on the rear window of the car. Door headers and door numbers – we hope you know where to put them!
- 5.6 On successful completion of Scrutineering, collect your Rally Pack (containing Road Book and Time Cards) from the documentation desk located within the Scrutineering garage.
- 5.7 There is NO Security on the Mart but the gates will be locked at 20:30hrs on Friday evening and reopened at 07:00hrs on Saturday.
- 5.8 You are permitted to stay in the Service Area Friday but there is no power hook up, water supply or toilets to use other than those in the Mart building which will be locked as per the gates.

6. Servicing Areas

The servicing areas at Hexham offer hard standing for all. There are toilets and an excellent café within the mart building. Please use these facilities if you can.

You are reminded of the requirement to service within the service bays that are set out and use a groundsheet. The Service Pack which will be added to Sportity will give more detail including the Service Area guidelines from Motorsport UK.

Please treat the marshals with respect.

Do not clog up the servicing areas with auxiliary vehicles. There is limited parking at the front of the Auction Mart building – Please avoid the Self-refuel and Vital Fuels areas.

Individual service bays are not allocated, please select your own. However, no competitor may take more than one service bay per competing car. Each bay is a very generous 10m x 8m. Anyone found exceeding their space will be required to move or will be penalised under NCR Ch13, App 14, Art 2 (aa) which may go as far as Disqualification.

7. Tyre Wagons

MRF, Pirelli and South Shore Tyres will be in attendance at the event and will be located in Service Zone 2

8. Refuel / Vital Fuels

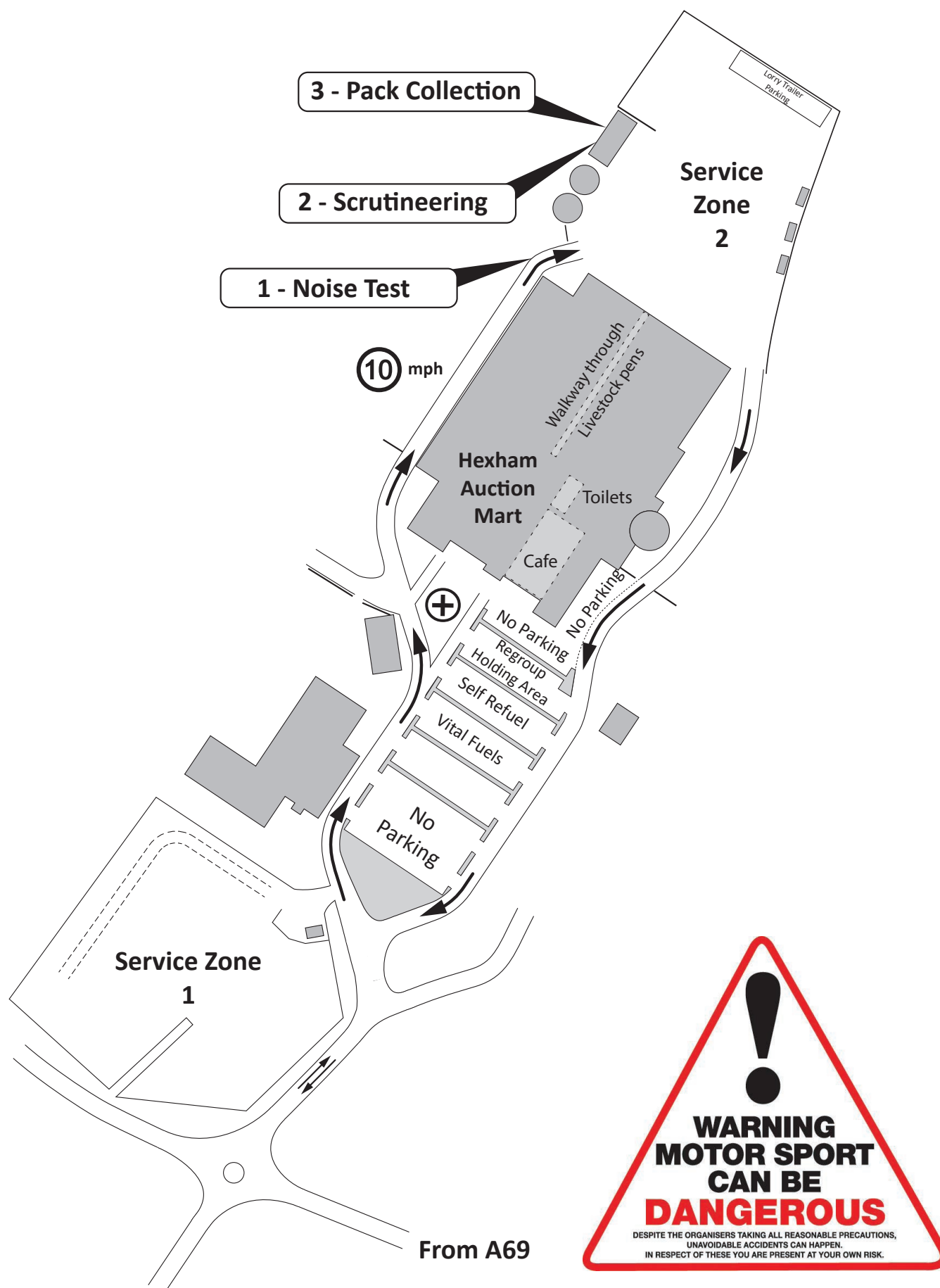
Refuelling, whether self-refuel or with Vital Fuels, will take place between TC 3B (Service Out) and TC 3C (Regroup Out)

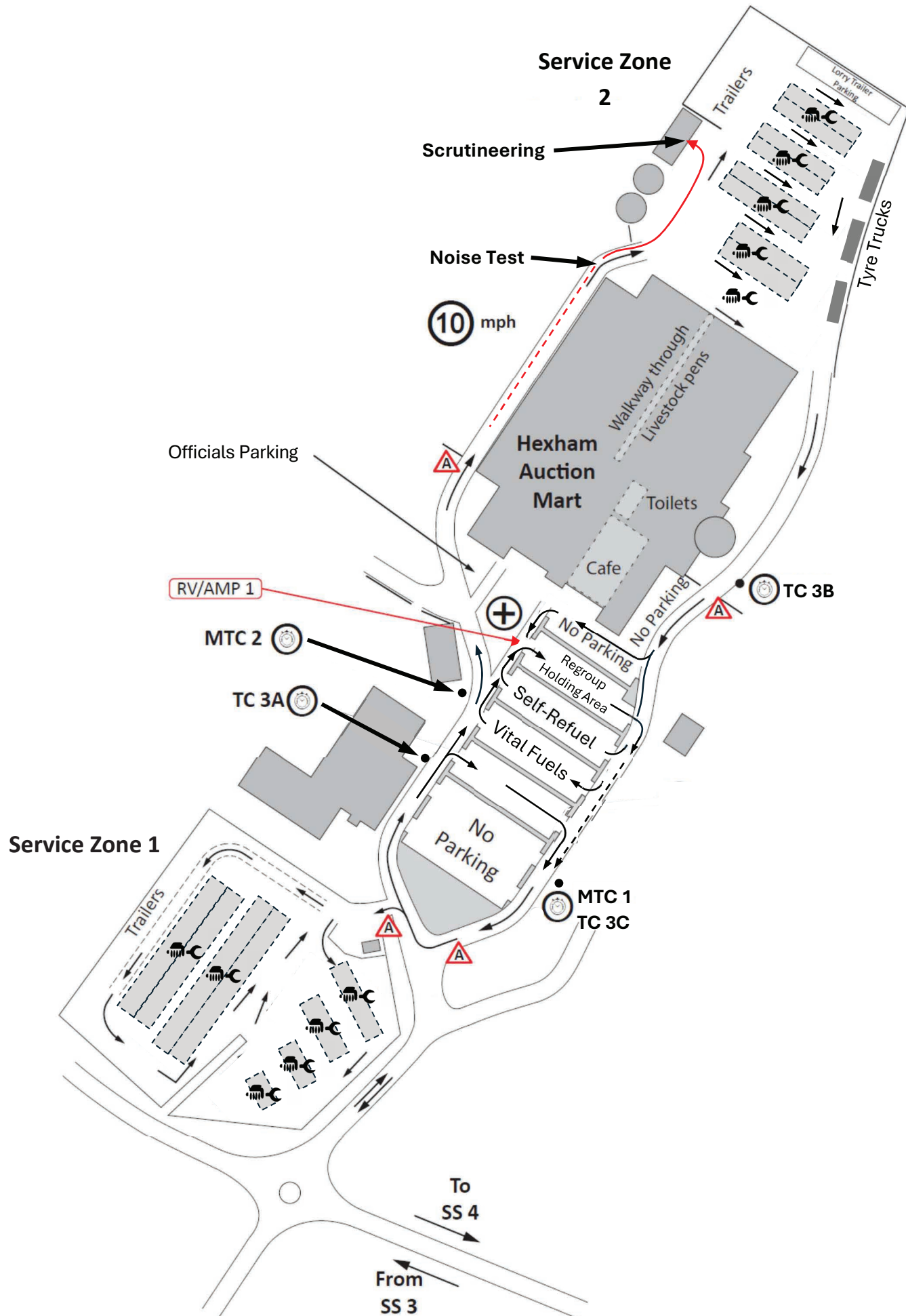
9. First Aid

There will be first aid cover at the Service Area on Saturday – located on the left-hand side of the front of the Auction Mart building.

10. Competitor Liaison

Graham Hall our Competitor Liaison Officer will be based at Hexham during the Rally. He will be manning one of the Regroup Controls. He will have a link to the Clerk of the Course and results team who are not located at Hexham during the running of the stages.





11. Service Area

NOTE: THERE IS A 'CLOCKWISE' ONE-WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE MART TRACKING

12. Amendments To Supplementary Regulations

3. Permits

CAS Route Authorisation No:

6. Officials

Event Stewards delete Andy Whitaker add Rod Parkin

9. Classes

Our Class H1 includes Motorsport UK Classes H1, H1(a), H2, H3, H4, H5, H9, H10, H14. We are only authorised by Motorsport UK to run Classes H1, H1(a) and H9 in the group at the front of the field. Therefore some cars, despite being within our Class H1, must run in seeded order within the main field.

13. Tracking

We will be using the Sportraxx system for tracking competing cars on the event this year.

You will be issued the usual tracker at Scrutineering. The battery will have sufficient life to cover the whole event.

14. Road Section Route

Key junctions are arrowed on the route. You are reminded to drive carefully and with consideration for other road users as, whilst the roads are narrow they are open to the general public including many local residents.

Competitors are reminded of Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 286 of the Highway Code. Any injury incidents must be reported to the Police Authority.

There are significant sections between stages which are on gravel forest roads. You are reminded that the speed limit on these is 20mph. Road section timing makes allowance for this. Your speed can be monitored via your tracker.

We have a couple of sensitive areas from a PR point of view so keep your driving sensible and noise to a minimum, and no tyre warming please.

15. Tightened Junctions, Chicanes and Virtual Chicanes

We have always aimed to minimise the use of chicanes and tightened junctions with the route we have planned. However, to keep average speeds within Motorsport UK requirements it has been necessary to introduce 3 Virtual Chicanes, 2 Chicanes, and 5 Tightened Junctions.

These are constructed from Hay Bales, water-filled barrels and traffic barriers.

The layout and operation of the virtual chicanes is detail in the document on Sportity.

The deliberate short-cutting through the material of the chicane or tightened junction will result in the competitor being penalised in accordance with the Motorsport UK NCR's.

16. Seeding

We have seeded the entries on the information you have provided us with. We are not planning to amend or alter this seeding or the running order. However, we are generally a reasonable bunch and if you feel your seeding is completely wrong we will give consideration to this if you speak to the Clerk of the Course before Friday 17th April 2026. We will not move you if you think for example you should be car 16 on the road and are seeded at 19 or 20!

17. Sportity



We look forward to seeing you all next weekend: The Kielder Forest Rally Organising Team