

## Abingdon CAR-nival Ace!

Major Motorsport had a fantastic time at the Abingdon CAR-nival rally today. There were 5 Major Motorsport cars in today's team, between which, won a trophy in every class entered!



### Overall

Simon and Melanie were seeded car one, having won the event last year. The crew had a good start to the day, only a handful of seconds behind event leader Mark & Helen Straker in their Darrian after the first half of the rally.

Simon & Melanie decided to shake things up a bit by taking part in a seat swap!! Melanie drove SS5 (and was the fastest female driver on that stage!), considering her only experience driving the car was pottering from the service area to the stage start, she did exceptionally well. The crew only slipped back to 4<sup>th</sup> O/A, only 3 seconds behind Steve & Yvonne Furzland in their WRC Focus! It did become apparent that Simon doesn't make a good co-driver, the maps went out the window and the intercom was overwhelmed with screams of "BRAKE!"...



With only 2 stages to go, Simon and Melanie had climbed up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 17 seconds behind Paul King & Alicia Miles. A final push in the last pair of stages meant they re-gained their 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and put a good gap behind them. A fantastic result!

## Class A

Nick Mauger & Dan Cammack were flying around the stages in their 1.4 Nissan Micra Kit Car, they had worked their way up into the top 30 after SS3, winning their class by a huge margin! Unfortunately, the engine let go on SS4, bringing them to an early retirement ☹

Kasia Nickin & Emma Morrison took our new 1.4 Nissan Micra Rally First spec car on its debut event today. Kasia competed in the Junior F1000 Championship, but this was her first event in an adult rally. After a 7 month break, she certainly hadn't lost her touch, the crew were putting in consistent times, and worked their way up to 30<sup>th</sup> O/A, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class! Kasia didn't put a scratch on the car all day, and was also the highest placed female driver. Congratulations!



## Class D

The Major Motorsport mechanics have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes recently. Jeff Bennet recently came in to our garage to get a pre-rally prep and suspension set up for his Mk2 Escort, and after a long run of bad luck, he finished the event today, and won his class!

Justin (Dingo), one of the Major Motorsport mechanics, decided to go back behind the wheel today after a 10 year break! He was climbing the leader board all day, and finished in the 20's in his self built BMW M3.



## Class E

Dick Mauger and Steve McNulty (who sat in with Simon to win the event last year), had an unfortunate start to the day, getting lost around the spectator area of the stage! But once they had re-gained their bearings, they set some fantastic stage times and finished 5<sup>th</sup> O/A, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class ☺

