

ON THE STAGE



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This year, you're contesting both the Scottish Rally Championship and the Fiesta Sporting Trophy UK. Are you able to give them both your full attention?

"At the start of the year, I was trying to devote the same amount of effort to both campaigns, but we've had some problems. I missed a round of each championship with a delayed engine rebuild, and an electrical problem cost us ten minutes on the Scottish Rally. I'm still in with a shout in the SRC so I've got to be consistent and go for the points; I'm further down in the Sporting Trophy so it's not so crucial."

Having become a bit of an expert in front-wheel drive gravel rallying, how does the Fiesta compare with your Peugeot 205?

"The 205 was much more of a road car, especially in the suspension department, although both the 1.6 and 1.9 championships in Scotland are cracking to compete in. The Fiesta isn't as scary, because it's more like a proper rally car. It's much more relaxed to drive and easy to be quick in."

How long do you intend to stick with front-wheel drive?

"I'm going to have another proper go at the Fiesta Sporting Trophy next year and hopefully avoid some of the problems that affected us this year. After that, Group N seems to be the way to go for me although it's all down to budget."

However my backers Leaker Direct and Rangemaster have been very good to us this season."

