

World-class field in Jim Clark Rally

The Jim Clark Rally from May 24 to 26 promises to be the best in over a decade with more stages, more cars and world-class drivers tackling the closed-road event.

The start is at Duns before the drivers tackle six stages in the moorlands and lanes around the town, including the popular Langton Mill test and its water-splash.

Chris Ingram, the M-Sport Ford, 2019 European Rally champion, and co-driver Alex Kihurani, will lead the field away in their Volkswagen Polo GTI R5. Ingram returns to tackle the Jim Clark for the first time since 2013.

Keith Cronin is the second seed alongside co-driver Mikie Galvin in his Ford Fiesta Rally2. Cronin won the event in 2022.

Both face stern competition from the Fiestas of 2022 British Rally Champion, Osian Pryce, and 2023 Junior World Rally Champion, William Creighton.

Pryce arrives in Duns having won the most recent round of the British championship, while Creighton – who has been second on both BRC events thus far – is in-from the latest world championship round in Portugal.

A trio of Duns drivers – Euan Thorburn, Garry Pearson and Dale Robertson – compete and also flying the flag for Scotland is Max McRae, the latest talent from the McRae rallying dynasty.

The 19-year-old is a winner in the Junior European Rally Championship this year.

McRae drives an M-Sport Fiesta with hopes to fare better than last year when he retired on the opening stage with mechanical gremlins.

Spectators have access to an array of stages and a big screen in Duns will broadcast live action from the stages.