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Border Counties trimmed to just a one day event



The opening round of the MSA British Rally Championship has been trimmed to just one day due to an insufficient number of entries.

The Border Counties Rally was scheduled to run on both Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th March, but will now only run on the Saturday.

The Scottish Rally Championship is unaffected by this decision, with the second round of its series taking place on just the Saturday.

Clerk of the Course Clayton Lackenby is disappointed to have been forced into the decision, but wasn't willing to risk the health of the Hawick and Border Car Club or the Whickham and District Motor Club that organise the event.

"We believe that we had created a fantastic format that would suit some of the best drivers in the business as well as those looking to have a great day's motorsport in the Borders," Lackenby said. #

"We have done everything possible to run as planned but it was concerning having not reached even last year's numbers, which was required to make the two day format work.

"We had to look at other options and with the potential of a reduced field on Sunday, there was only one clear choice."

The Jedburgh-based Border Counties Rally has long been a round of the SRC, with 2018 set to be its second year hosting the BRC opener.

Last year two stages were run in the dark on Friday for BRC crews before they joined the SRC runners for the town centre start the following morning.

The decision to drop Sunday's stages has no relation to the recent snowy weather that has blighted the country.