

GwynneSpeed Rallying return to Epynt to settle the score!

Following months of further development and testing of their Super1600 Citroen Saxo kit car, Gloucestershire based rally team Andy Gwynne and Holly Robinson returned to the Epynt military ranges to contest the S&G Printing Harry Flatters Rally on 2nd and 3rd August and came away with a very convincing class win and an impressive 12th overall position.

The rally, organised and promoted by Brecon Motor Club, was based in Brecon and consisted of 85 competitive stage miles across the notoriously tricky tarmac roads which Epynt is renowned for. The last time that Gwynne and Robinson tackled Epynt, they came away with some significant battle scars after an altercation with a substantial chicane. The crew was extensively more prepared for this rally having carried out further engine testing and having made several alterations to the engine cooling system. The car also ran a revised suspension set up and performed superbly on a set of new AST dampers.

The event held 2 stages on Saturday afternoon and then a further 8 stages throughout Sunday ranging in length from 2.5 miles to nearly 13 miles. The event started well with Gwynne setting the fastest class stage time on Stage 1 despite being help up for nearly 4 miles and he dominated the class from the start. The crew finished leg 1 feeling extremely positive and co-driver, Robinson comments on the first 2 stages:

“Stages 1 & 2 were re-runs of the same stage and were challenging. They really tested the changes that had been made to the car, in particular to the suspension as the stages utilised some massive jumps and some of the very technical tight and twisty roads. The car ran faultlessly which gave Andy and real confidence boost in preparation for a maximum attack on Sunday!”

The crew continued to dominate the class throughout Sunday and eventually won the class by 2 minutes and 16 seconds. The last stage of the day saw Gwynne find new limits with the car and saw him set 8th overall fastest stage time despite having had a fright on the previous stage with a soft brake pedal! He describes his event:

“I’m absolutely delighted with our result this weekend; it has really shown what the car is capable of. The car ran very well although I feel that there are still some improvements that I can make but I feel that we now have a strong basis to work from.”

The car is clearly generating massive interest amongst spectators as the following clips show:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21iPe0P11bo&feature=related>

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