

**Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

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**JOHNSON WINS BORDER COUNTIES RALLY**

Driving the Andreas Mikkelsen Ford Focus WRC, two times Scottish champion, Barry Johnson, claimed victory on the Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally.

County Durham driver Johnson and co-driver Stewart Merry finished 5.6 seconds ahead of the Subaru Impreza WRC of Cheshire driver Jon Ingram and Ian Allsop on the Jedburgh-based event after they edged into the lead on stage six and maintained it to the finish.

"I'm very pleased to finish first on the Border Counties Rally," Johnson, who has won the event before, said. "It's a long time since I've been out in a car so it's great to get the win."

"It's been a fantastic event, it's gone really well," Clerk of the Course Paul Hughes said. "It's been really challenging for the crews, which is what we hoped and the weather has also made it difficult at times."

**Results**

1. Barry Johnson/Stewart Merry (Ford Focus WRC) 59:32.8
2. Jon Ingram/Ian Allsop (Subaru Impreza WRC) 59:38.4
3. Richard Cathcart/Martin Brady (Mitsubishi Evo 9) 1:00:30.4
4. Jimmy Girvan/John Bennie (Subaru Impreza) 1:00:47.1
5. Mark Higgins/Rory Kennedy (MG S2000 Sport) 1:01:11.2
6. Daniel Barry/Mark Bowens (Mitsubishi Evo 9) 1:01:11.5
7. Julian Reynolds/Patrick Walsh (Subaru Impreza WRC) 1:01.15.5
8. Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson (Hyundai Accent WRC) 1:01:37.3
9. Neil McCance/Anthony O'Connell (Mitsubishi Evo 9) 1:01:58.6
10. Andrew Burton/Shelley Rogerson (Peugeot Cosworth) 1:02:12.3

***Picture (courtesy of [www.cmwi.net](http://www.cmwi.net)) - Border Counties Rally Pirelli winners Barry Johnson and Stewart Merry in their Ford Focus WRC.***

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