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Life is a rollercoaster for rally star Wilson

Stobart rally driver Matthew Wilson yesterday teamed up with Boyzone front-man Ronan Keating as he and the rest of the band took time out of their hectic UK tour to attend a drive day as guests of Stobart Motorsport. The day was held to help promote the up-coming Carlisle Live pop festival which is being organised by Stobart Group CEO Andrew Tinkler and headlined by the Irish group.

Ronan, along with fellow band member and Motorsport enthusiast Shane Lynch, received a high speed dash in the Stobart Ford Focus WRC car driven by Wilson – the UK's top driver in the world series. Ronan also met with Bradley North, a teenager helped by the charity When You Wish Upon A Star. The charity is supported by Stobart Group and Bradley was also thrilled to receive a few hot laps in the Stobart rally car.

Despite the FIA World Rally Championship taking a six week break for the summer it is still a busy time for Stobart Motorsport with several events on the calendar. At the midway point to the WRC the Stobart VK M-Sport Ford rally team have all three drivers comfortably inside the top-10 leaderboard. The team also lies fourth in the Manufacturers' Championship just 12 points behind Subaru's factory outfit.

Wilson and his Carlisle-based co-driver Scott Martin are also set to embark on a nine day cycle covering the full length of Britain kicking off this weekend. The pair will cover a route from Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of The Richard Burns Foundation, Cumbria Community Foundation and the Great North Air Ambulance service.

It doesn't stop there though as the team will be in action again in July when they attend the Goodwood Festival of Speed in Chichester for one of the greatest motorsport exhibitions in the world. The Stobart Motorsport team will be on hand in full capacity to run the Focus RS in front of the hundreds of thousands of fans who attend the festival from 10-13 July. From there the crews are back in action as they tackle the fastest roads in the championship on the Neste Oil Rally Finland at the end of July.



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