

SWIFT
SIGNS & SHIRTS



YORKSHIRE DALES RALLY

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SPECTATOR GUIDE



8 STAGES

2 LOOPS

45 STAGE MILES

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WELCOME

Northallerton Automobile Club is delighted to host the inaugural Swift Signs & Shirts Yorkshire Dales Stages Rally. This new closed-road event brings a fresh route through the Yorkshire Dales, created by an experienced organising team known for fast, technical, challenging stages and a warm welcome. The rally builds on inspiration from the original Three Rivers Rally and other night time road rallies from the 1970's & 1980's, marking its 35-year anniversary and revisiting some of the same roads.

The weekend begins with scrutineering and recce on Saturday. On Sunday, the rally starts in Leyburn before crews tackle four stages—Castle Bolton, Surrender, Whitaside and Semer Water—each run twice, totalling over 45 competitive miles. The event finishes back in Leyburn with the trophy presentation.

Safety Responsibilities

Rallying is inherently dangerous, and spectators must take responsibility for their own safety. As the guide states: *“If they ask you to move, please do so as it's for your own safety.”*

Key expectations:

- Follow all marshal and official instructions immediately.
- Never stand in any area marked with red/white tape or “Prohibited Area” signs
- Yellow/black tape indicates permitted viewing areas.
- **RED is BAD** this is a no-go area, it is prohibited to stand in this area
Yellow and Black is **GOOD** the organisers believe this is a safe place to spectate.
- Spectators may enter stages on foot until 45 minutes before the first car; all must be in place 30 minutes before.
- The Motorsport UK Safety Delegate must see all spectators positioned safely or the stage will not start.
- Marshals will use whistles to warn of approaching cars—treat this as a final alert.
- Stand above the road, never below it or in a straight-on position.
- Expect cars to run wide, cut corners, overshoot junctions or throw stones.
- The stage remains live until the Road Opening Cars have passed.

Please listen to the marshals – they are there to help you and ensure the event runs within the safety guidelines prescribed by Motorsport UK, the governing body of UK Motor Sport. Marshals and officials have the right to work without being abused or threatened.





SPECTATE SAFELY!

- **Be alert!** Always expect the unexpected.
- Stay at the designated spectator areas.
- Remember that in an accident anything can happen.
- Always follow the instructions of the marshals.

**YOUR SAFETY
YOUR LIFE**



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PERSONAL PREPARATION

Conditions in March can include rain, snow, ice, strong winds and cold temperatures.

Spectators should:

- Wear warm, waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.
- Bring food and drink - no catering is provided.
- Supervise children closely at all times.
- Dogs are allowed, but must be on a lead at all times
- Be prepared for uneven, muddy, boggy or steep ground.
- Take all litter home.

RESPECT FOR THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The rally takes place within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, a protected Site of Special Scientific Interest. The guide emphasises: *“Take only memories (and photographs), leave only footprints.”*

Please:

- Do not litter, climb dry-stone walls or damage vegetation.
- Avoid trespassing on private land, gardens or fields.
- Do not block access for residents; park only in designated areas.
- Use only the official spectator zones approved by Natural England to protect wildlife, including ground-nesting birds.

Local authorities support the event on the condition that disruption is kept to a minimum.

Poor spectator behaviour risks the future of the rally.

ROAD CLOSURES

Closed-road rallies differ from forest events.

Once the “Road Closed” vehicle with a flashing red light passes -90 minutes before the first competitor -it becomes an offence to walk on the road.

Spectators must be in place early and remain in safe areas until the “Road Opening” vehicle with flashing red light passes after the final competitor and other support vehicles with amber flashing lights.



OFFICIAL SPECTATOR AREAS

Tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold on the day.
Parking at each zone costs £10 per car.

**Please arrive in good time, the later you arrive the longer the walk will be to the spectator area.
Arriving early reduces walking distance, as later arrivals may need to walk over a mile.**

All car parks will be staffed by volunteers from local community groups that we are supporting through a car parking income share scheme. Please follow their instructions and treat them with respect.

Additional Viewing

- Ceremonial Start and Finish in Leyburn town centre.
- Service Area at Tennants in Leyburn.





Stage or Time Control	First Car due
MTC1 Leyburn Market Place	08:15
SS1 Castle Bolton 1	08:36
SS2 Surrender 1	09:02
SS3 Whitaside 1	09:17
SS4 Semer Water 1	10:19
4A Leyburn Market Place	11:07
SS5 Castle Bolton 2	12:23
SS6 Surrender 2	12:49
SS7 Whitaside 2	13:04
SS8 Semer Water 2	14:06
MTC 2 Tennant's Auctioneers	14:54



**NEVER
RISK YOUR OWN
SAFETY**



Spectate Safely

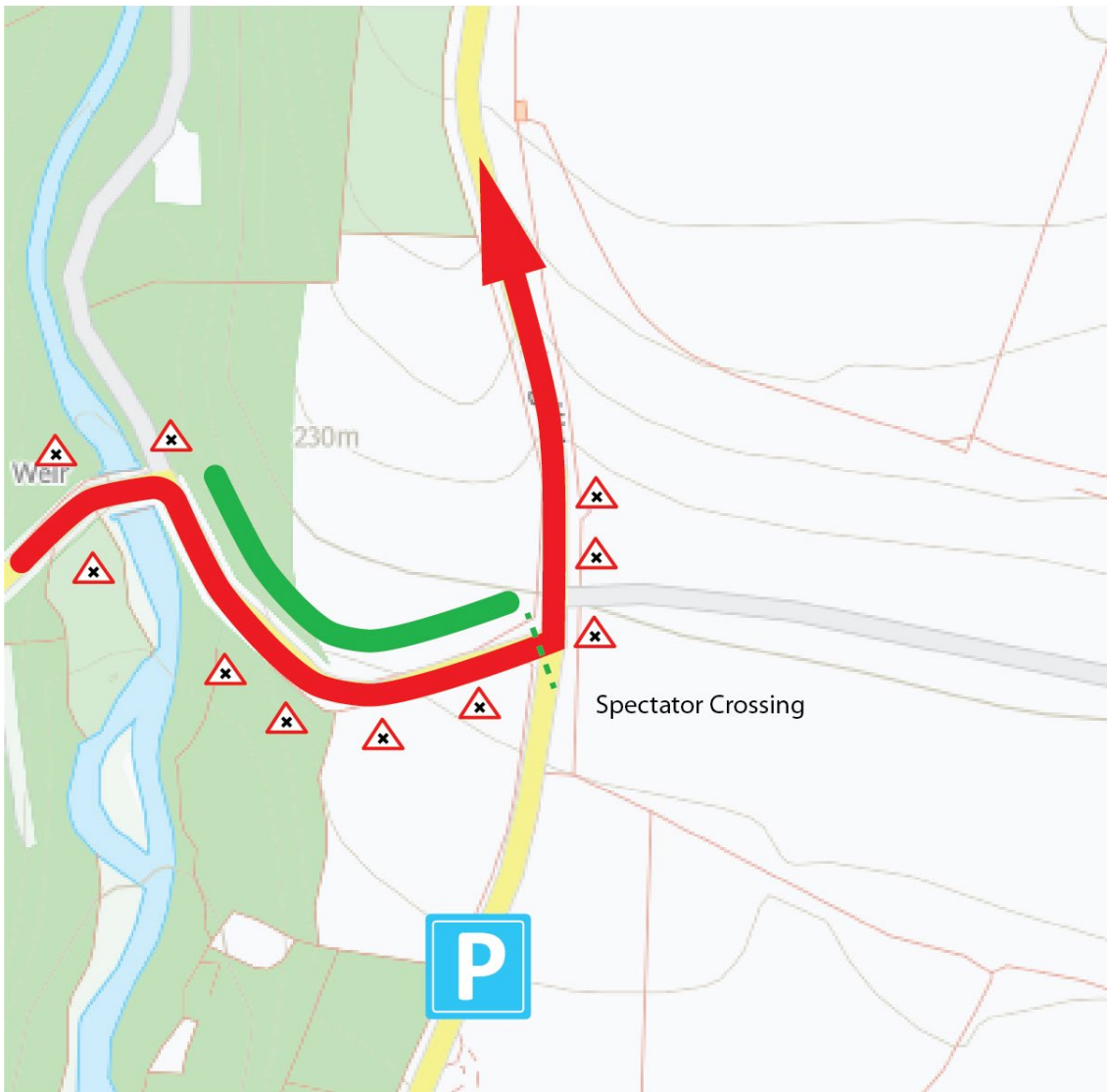
A safe rally is a good rally

If one car goes off, the next might too. If you have to assist then **always** ensure that one person acts as lookout.



Spectator Area 1A – Stages 1 & 5

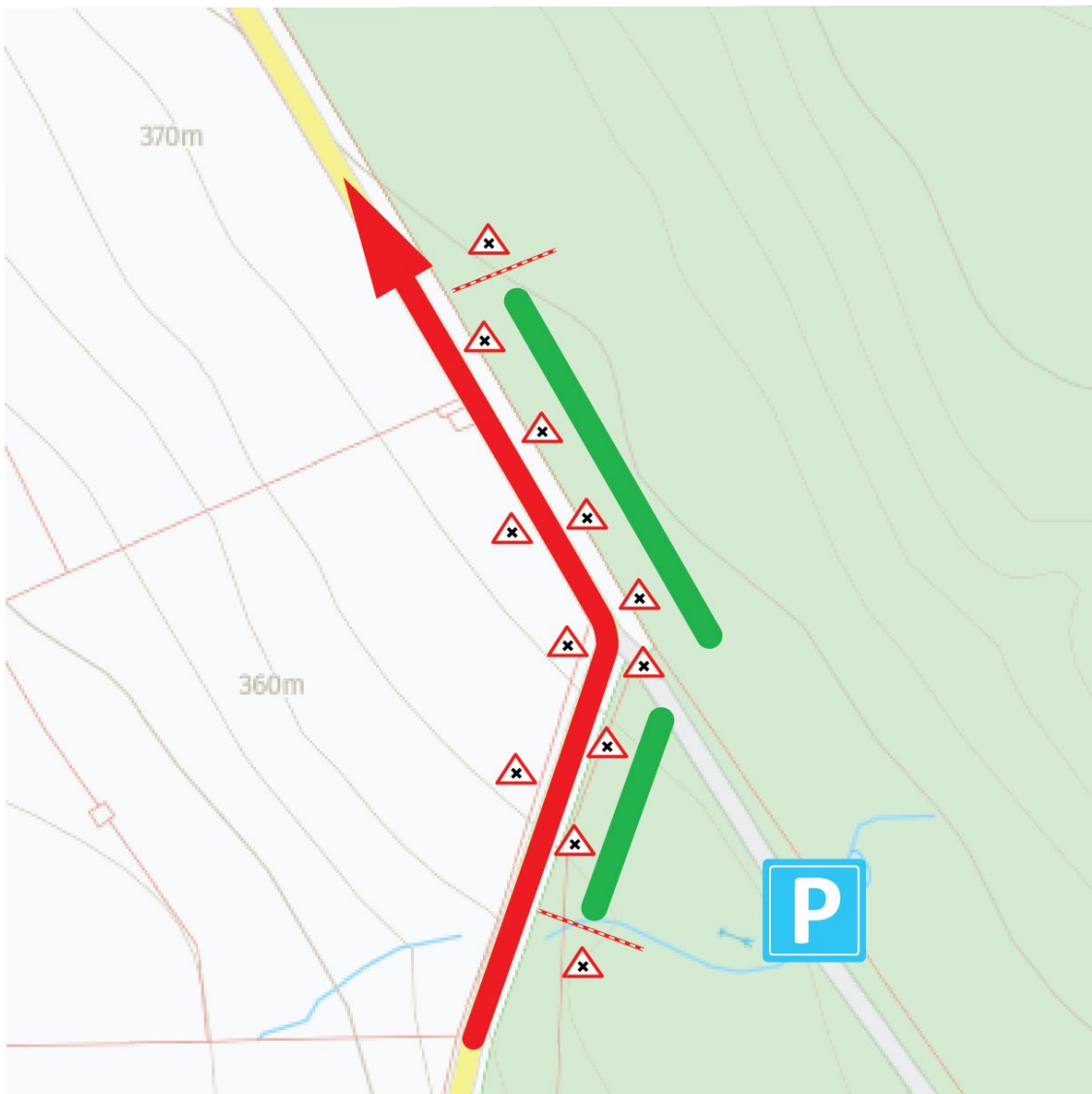
- Location: North of Redmire, Wensleydale.
- Entry: what3words **sandpaper.quantify.acquaint**
- Parking: Closed road - turn your car to face away from the stage; a short uphill walk
- Viewing: Elevated views of a narrow bridge and two 90° bends early in the stage.
- Capacity: 50 cars.





Spectator Area 1B – Stages 1 & 5

- Location: Redmire Moor.
- Entry: what3words [patching.polar.doghouse](https://www.what3words.com/patching.polar.doghouse)
- Access is via a 2.5-mile rough gravel track.
A 4x4 is recommended; in good conditions a carefully driven standard car may be suitable. However, if you are unsure, please do not attempt to reach this spectator area. We do not want anyone to damage their vehicle and the organisers cannot accept responsibility for any damage caused.
- Viewing: Fast uphill approach to a 75° left with long visibility.
- Capacity: 100 cars.





Spectator Area 2 – Stages 2 & 6

- Location: Surrender Bridge, north of Feetham/Low Row.
- Entry: what3words **trouble.finalists.nodded**
- Viewing: A natural bowl with wide views of approach, bridge crossing, cattle grid, 90° left and moorland exit.
- Parking: On roadside with at least two wheels on the verge; turn the car to face away from the stage.
- Capacity: 100 cars.





**DON'T
WALK
ON THE STAGE**



WARNING!
YOU ARE APPROACHING A
MOTOR RALLY SPECIAL STAGE

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Your safety - your life

Don't sit when watching or waiting.

Respect the tape and signage.

Keep children and pets under control.

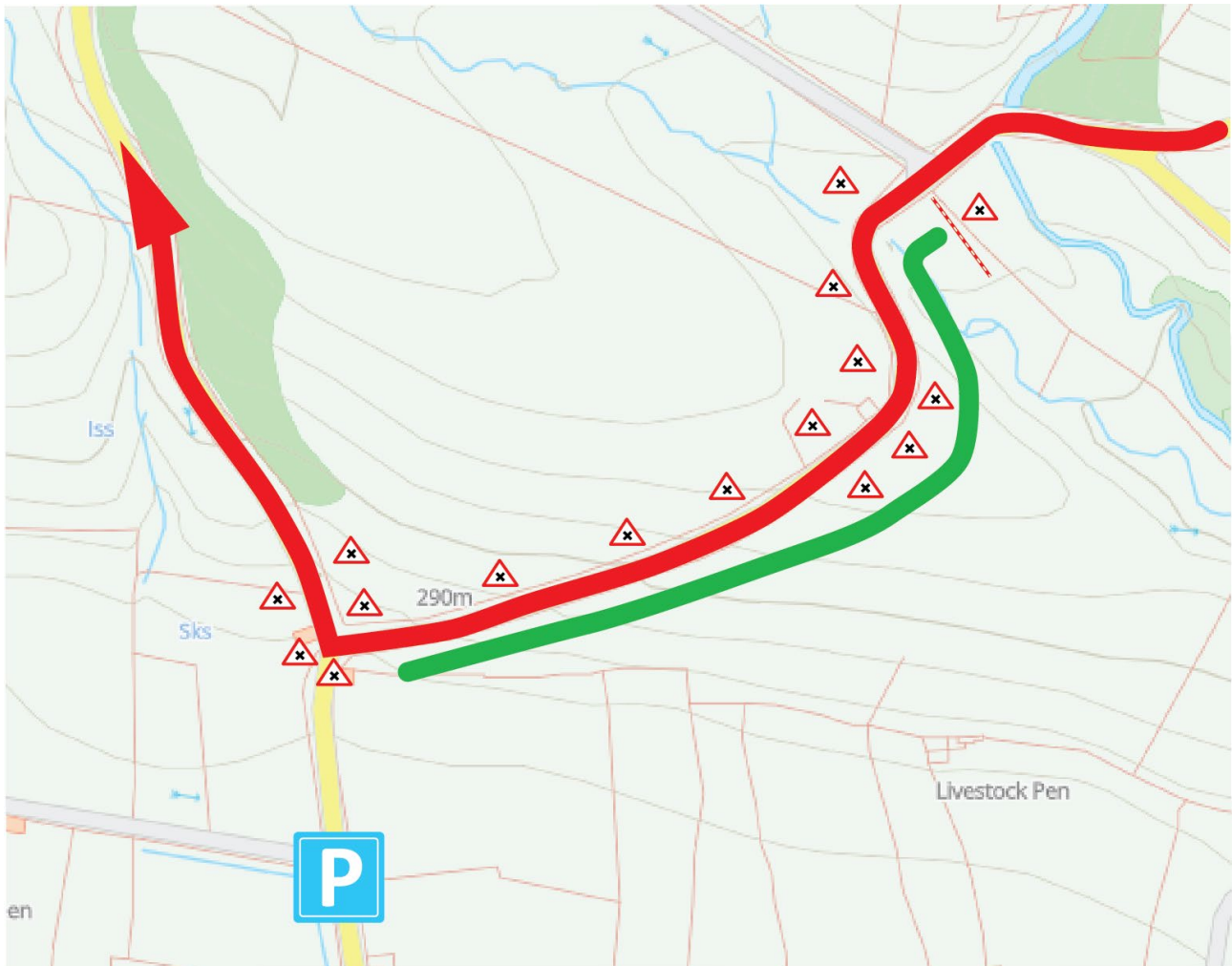
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Spectator Area 3 – Stages 3 & 7

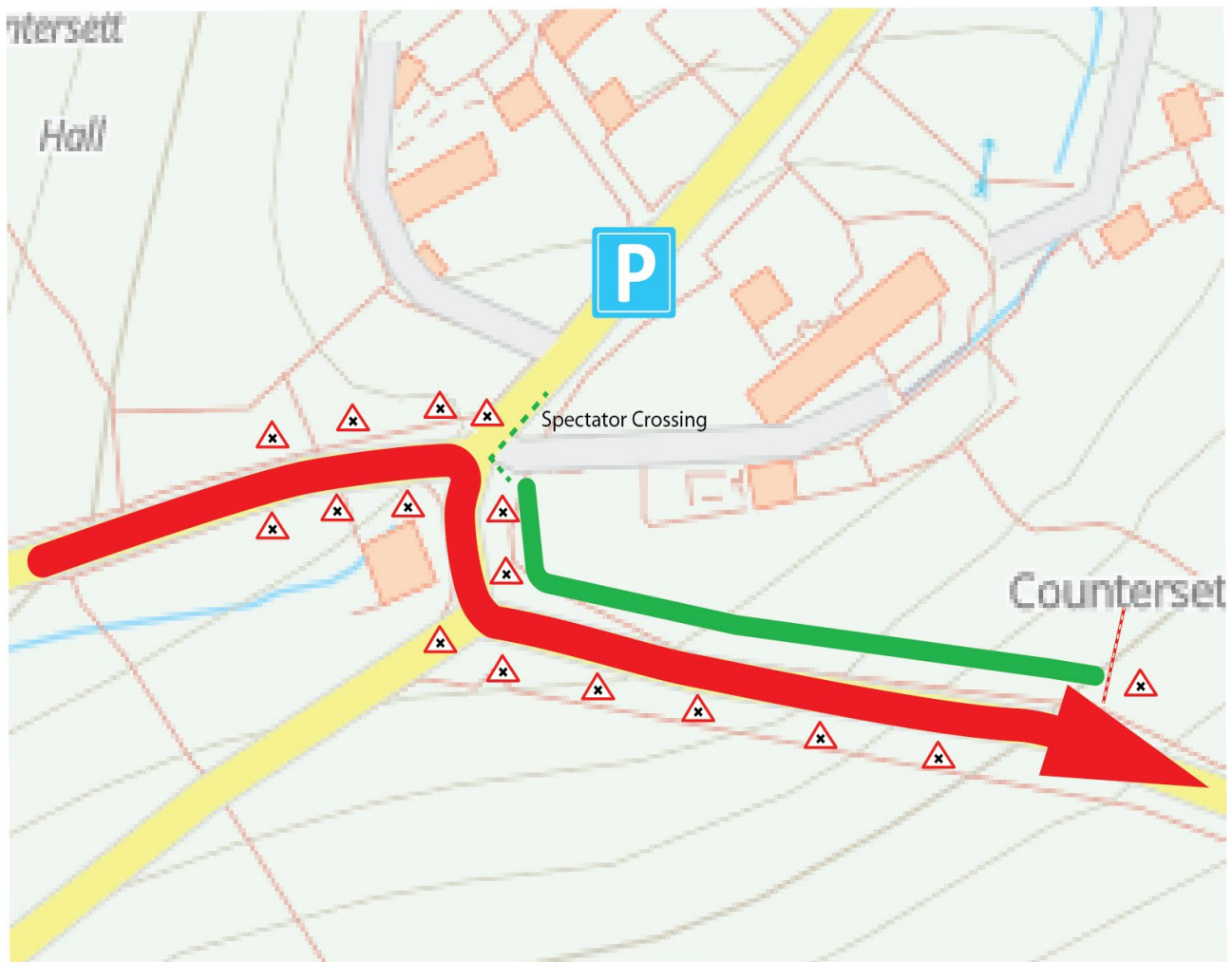
- Location: North of Askrigg.
- Entry: what3words **shook.avoid.grudging**
- Parking: Grass field; short walk across fields.
- Viewing: Elevated view of cars descending into a junction and sweeping left.
- Capacity: 150 cars.





Spectator Area 4 – Stages 4 & 8

- Location: Countersett near Bainbridge.
- Entry: what3words [freshen.tomorrow.stickler](https://www.what3words.com/freshen.tomorrow.stickler)
- Access: Closed-road parking; turn the car to face away from the stage; walk on road then via a high A-frame stile which requires good mobility. **It is very important that when parking you leave enough width to the road to allow Emergency Services such as Fire Engines and milk tankers to have access along the road that you park on.**
- Viewing: Tightened junction, chicane, bridge, Semer Water, uphill 90° left and exit.
- Capacity: 250 cars.





DAMAGE, LITTER & LOCAL RELATIONS

The organising team works hard to maintain good relationships with residents.

Please:

- Avoid damaging anything, you are invited on to people's private property (Yes, fields and moorland belong to real people who have given us permission to allow you to spectate from your viewing point).
- Do not park in private driveways without permission.
- Take all litter home (we prefer this option as it costs us to remove and dispose of) or use the large dumpy bags provided.
- Help leave the area the way you found it.

Above all, the organisers want every spectator to have a safe and enjoyable day. Well-behaved, considerate spectators make the difference between a successful event and one that cannot continue. Poor behaviour, ignoring instructions, or causing disruption can prevent this rally from running in future years.

We are only permitted to run a rally within the Yorkshire Dales National Park if everyone behaves responsibly and respects the area. Any complaints made to local councils, the National Park Authority, Natural England, the Police or other bodies could put the future of this event at serious risk.

The event depends on continued community support.

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FUTURE**

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DRONE
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