

# Craig Breen's rise to top of rally world continues

challenge and the Fiesta Sport Trophy events provide good challenges each time." After Donegal it's the over to the forests for the Scottish International before the flat out Manx tarmac for the Rally Isle of Man.

With more WRC outings also planned, it's a serious season for the teenage rally hopeful.

a string of excellent results and Craig who learnt his motorsport skills firstly as a top European Kart racer, is trying his utmost to climb the rallying ladder. "I have always loved rallying, and it's always been my aim to rally, I really want to do it, and I would love to go as far as my abilities will take me. Every event presents a new

Despite the weather there was a great atmosphere at Chatsworth and then when we won the shootout it was brilliant firstly to get a passenger run with Mikko Hirvonen in the Focus WRC. That was fantastic but to get the chance then to drive the new Fiesta R2 was even better." The young driver has had



Craig Breen in action in the new Ford Fiesta in England.

RISING local rally star, 19 year old Craig Breen, once again produced a winning performance, driving his Fiesta ST to victory in the at the Chatsworth Rally Show recently.

The Kel-Tech Engineering team, with Kirsty Riddick in the co-driver's seat, performed in front of thousands of spectators over the two days of this rally show spectacular, and for Craig the Sunday stages provided an opportunity of a dream drive, debuting the new M-

fastest time on the first run, by a full two seconds over just 1.5 miles, and Craig was really enjoying himself.

"It was really good fun, the stage was such that you were able to slide the car around, and the car felt good.

I was very happy with my first run on the stage and things just improved from there" commented Craig. Indeed he did improve as Fiesta runners Kris Hall, Barry Greer and Mark Donnelly were knocked out

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