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## Bickerton Škoda Hallamshire Stages - Cancelled

Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club regret that our first stage rally of 2014, the Bickerton Škoda Hallamshire Stages, has had to be cancelled.

With just three weeks to the rally, the club has received notification from the RAF that our licence to run events at RAF Barkston Heath has been revoked due to a change in operational policy.

## The communication from the RAF read:

'The RAFC Cranwell Comdt has made the decision to restrict with immediate effect the use of RAF Barkston Heath for all casual users. Please note that whilst we would ideally wish to continue this arrangement with you and through no fault on your behalf there are a number of categorically important reasons why we must rescind our agreement.'

The main reason cited is a change in operational policy at the airfield, in addition to changes in internal operations and security issues, and is known to have affected many other clubs and associations both inside and outside of the motorsport community.

Entries had been coming in at a steady rate, and it had looked likely that the main event would run with a full entry, with places in the Junior rally also filling up quickly.

Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the event, including sponsors, supporters, competitors who had already entered the event, and the marshals who had signed up to assist with the running of what was hoped to be another excellent rally at RAF Barkston Heath.

Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club would also like to thank the RAF for their past cooperation and assistance in our events at RAF Barkston Heath.

We will now put all our efforts into securing a venue for the club's other single venue rally, the Centenary Stages, due to take place on August 17th.

Bickerton Škoda Hallamshire Stages Organising Team for Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club









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