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Teenage driver is setting the pace

By George Topp

BOTHWELL teenage rally driver Alick Kerr travelled to Wales for the Swansea Bay Clubman's Rally, and picked up another finish in the ultra-competitive Fiesta Sporting Trophy.

Kerr and co-driver Drew Sturrock (both 19), set some impressive stage times in the Leaker Direct Rangemaster Fiesta ST before a puncture on the final stage sent them down the final standings.

Nevertheless, after four of six rounds in the one-make Fiesta season, Alick and Drew find themselves in a very respectable position.

Up against many more experienced rivals in the Fiesta series, the Lanarkshire foundry engineer received a further

boost when he discovered he was faster through the second stage than championship front-runner James Everard.

Unfortunately, things took a turn for the worse

"We were waiting to go into stage three when the stage was stopped four cars in front of us and then cancelled, knocking 15 miles off the rally," explained Kerr. "So going into the last stage we didn't know where we were in the standings.

"Maybe five miles into that last stage, there was a patch under some trees where it was all shadow and we hit a big rock, puncturing the front right tyre," continued Alick, who managed to get the Fiesta to the end and add more points to his total.

"We drove on for a bit before we stopped to change it and it cost us more than five minutes.

"We lost even more time when the jack broke so it was a complete disaster for us. It wasn't the best end to the day."



ACTION MAN: Bothwell teenager Alick Kerr in action in Wales.