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Gleave & Coombes edge it

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By Neil Johnson »

AFTER 140 miles of navigation through the lanes of Lancashire and Cumbria, Myles Gleave and Steve Coombes took the honours on the Hayhursts of Longridge Clitheroonian Road Rally.

The pair, from Garstang and Preston Motor Club, edged out Tony Harrison and Martyn Taylor (Rover 200) with Evans/Morris, from Dovey Valley MC third in a Proton Compact.

Accrington garage owner Simon Boardman, who recently returned to the sport after a long lay-off, enjoyed an excellent run to 10th place in his Proton Compact, partnered by Rossendale's Mark Blunt.

Colne shop owner Pete Jagger, with Chris Williams on the maps, claimed 14th overall in his Peugeot 205 Rallye.

Burnley's Neil Bye guided Steve Jennings to victory in the clubsport event.

But the tough route, which included Barbondale, Lythe Fell and Kingsdale, claimed many victims including hot favourites James Tyson and Neil Harrison, SD34 front runners Terry Martin and Jerry Hettrick and Mini men Chris Day and Simon Bentley.

Organised jointly by the CSMA North West and Clitheroe and district motor club, the event drew wide praise from all the crews.

Event secretary Steve Butler said: "We're delighted everyone enjoyed it. Paul Buckel and myself compete as a crew and we tried to put on an event that we would want to do ourselves.

"A big thank you to the rest of the team from Clitheroe and CSMA for all their efforts, especially with CDMC running the Hall Trophy the week before.

"Thanks also to Steve Johnson, who was driving the course car, who together with the chief marshal held the event together when a couple of marshals didn't make it to their controls "Lastly, a big thank you to all the marshals, without whom the event wouldn't run. Now the challenge is to find an even better route for next year!"

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