



Graham was appointed Chairman of Wexford Motor Club in 2015, after holding the role of Vice-Chairman. A member of Wexford Motor Club since 1996, Graham enjoys contributing his time to maintain the Club's strong presence in the South-East and develop the Club's activities further.

Since taking on the role of Chairman of the Club, Graham has worked with the club to secure a new sponsor and base for the Wexford Stages Rally. His vision has been to develop relationships between Wexford Motor Club and local businesses, Wexford County Council, Fáilte Ireland and other organisations and State agencies, to acknowledge the broader role that the Club plays in the local Wexford community. Wexford Motor Club run four events each year, requiring huge amounts of cooperation, time and support from members. These events are great achievements for the Club, but in the wider context of the community, events contribute approximately €750,000 to the local Wexford economy.

The roll-out of the new Youth Academy in 2016 to nurture young talent has been an exciting development for the Club and its future, but it's also a great initiative for reaching out to new members who may have no family background in motorsport. The Club Championship is also a historic part of Wexford Motor Club and will be an important item on the agenda for the new year.

But one of the Club's key goals is now to develop a festival in Wexford around the yearly hosting of the 2-day Wexford Stages Rally from 2017 onwards, alongside partners at Wexford County Council and Wexford Volkswagen. This would be a family friendly event in the town with the Rally as its centrepiece. It would be a wonderful way to promote the Club and its work in the community, but also with an emphasis on promoting safe motoring and motorsport in Wexford.

There is a lot to achieve but to continue on from all the hard work to date, the Club with the cooperation of the Committee must strive to stay operating in a transparent, well-conducted and structured way. A lot can be achieved through the help, support and expertise of members in planning, development, administration, canvassing, marshalling and other supporting roles. The introduction of Sub Committees last year worked very well to get more members involved in diverse aspects of the Club and take on new roles of responsibility, so the same strategy will be followed in the coming years.

So as a final word as we look forward, please keep up the good work and get involved in the new and continuing projects to make Wexford Motor Club a bigger and better club.

*Graham Scallan*

