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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEFTAIN



I am honoured to accept the invitation to serve as Chieftain of the 43rd Carrick Lowland Gathering in 2026. This Gathering has become one of South Ayrshire's most cherished annual events, bringing together local families, friends and visitors from across Ayrshire and far beyond. It's enduring success reflects the pride we take in our heritage and the strength of the communities that make up this remarkable part of Scotland.

The Gathering's reputation has been built over many years by a dedicated and hardworking committee whose commitment ensures that each celebration is memorable, welcoming and true to the spirit of Carrick. Their planning, energy, and passion are the reason this event continues to flourish and remains a highlight of the South Ayrshire calendar.

Thank you for joining us and for supporting this important community tradition. I hope you enjoy the day's event and take home happy memories of your time in Girvan.

Councillor Iain Campbell
Provost of South Ayrshire

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of Girvan and District Attractions it gives me great pleasure to welcome you today, to this year's Carrick Lowland Gathering.

This year's Chieftain is South Ayrshire Provost Iain Campbell who will officiate at the various events which take place throughout the day culminating in the march past by the pipe bands at the end of the day.

I hope all those who attend enjoy all the different stalls, competitions and games. Thanks also to all the committee and volunteers who work together to make today possible and keep our traditions alive as the main event in our summer calendar.



Sconaid Clark
Chairperson of Girvan
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boost economic growth of the town.

We would like to thank South Ayrshire Council (Destination South Ayrshire Grant), Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch Community Fund and The Hugh Fraser Foundation who financially supported this year's Carrick Lowland Gathering. We



would also like to acknowledge the various organisations

and persons that contribute towards this event: Ayrshire Dumfries & Galloway Pipe Band Association, Aileen Robertson School of Highland Dance, Girvan Harriers, Jan Dearie, Rhona Walker, Girvan Walking Football Club, Girvan Youth Football Club and our numerous event helpers.

We organise and deliver community events such as the annual Carrick Lowland Gathering, Civic Week and the opening of Stumpy Jail for historical and educational visits for schools, tourists and local people. We also organise the annual Spooky Stumpy and Girvan & South Carrick Community Firework Display. Committee Members are: Sconaid Clark – Chair Person, Jimmy Lindsay – Vice Chair Person, Jackie Bryden – Secretary, David Girvan – Treasurer, Sandra Davidson, Jane Willis, Fiona Ingram.

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Our meetings are held in the Duff St. Kitchen on the second Tuesday of every month at 18:30.

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HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION

The Highland Dancing Competition is organised by
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The highland dancing competition attracts over one hundred dancers from all over the world to the Carrick Lowland Gathering. The contest is run under Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD) rules.

THE CONTEST COMMENCES AT 10:30

SECTIONS

- Primary, Beginners, Novice, Intermediate, Premier

EVENTS

- Fling
- Swords
- Seann Truibhas
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- Special Fling
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The Juvenile Solo Piping Competition
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THE CONTEST COMMENCES AT 12:00

EVENTS

- 13 years and under March only
- 15 years and under March, Strathspey and reel
- 18 years and under March, Strathspey and reel

HEAVY WEIGHTS COMPETITION

The Heavy Weights Competition is organised by Jan Dearie.

THE CONTEST COMMENCES AT 13:00

EVENTS

- Putting the 16lb Shot Putt
- Throwing the 28lb weight for distance
- Stone Putt (Standing)
- 56lb weight for Height
- Tossing the Caber

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PIPE BAND COMPETITION

The Pipe Band Competition is organised by the Ayrshire Dumfries and Galloway branch of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.

The contest is run under Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) and Local Rules in conjunction with the RSPBA Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway Branch.

THE CONTEST COMMENCES AT 13:00
BANDS MARCH PAST AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES 16:30

SECTIONS:

- Grade 2/Open, Grade 3, Grade 4

EVENTS:

- Best juvenile band
- Best novice band
- Adult marching and discipline
- Juvenile marching and discipline

To find out which pipe bands are playing on the day visit [Girvan Attractions website](http://GirvanAttractions.co.uk).



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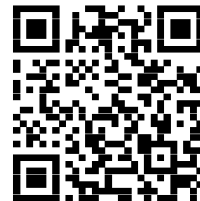


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The Saughill Race is organised by the committee of Girvan Harriers and is an official Scottish Athletics Race.

The Saughill is 4.5km and is a climb of 265m.
The race is open to any runners, there is no requirement to be a member of a club.

THE RACE COMMENCES AT 14:00

ENTRY

Entries for the race are taken on the day at a cost of £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors. The registration takes place on Victory Park near to the play park and Queens Drive.

RACE RECORDS

Female	Katie Rourke	2019	26 minutes 31 seconds
Male	Iain MacCorquodale	2017	20 minutes 38 seconds

KIDS RACE

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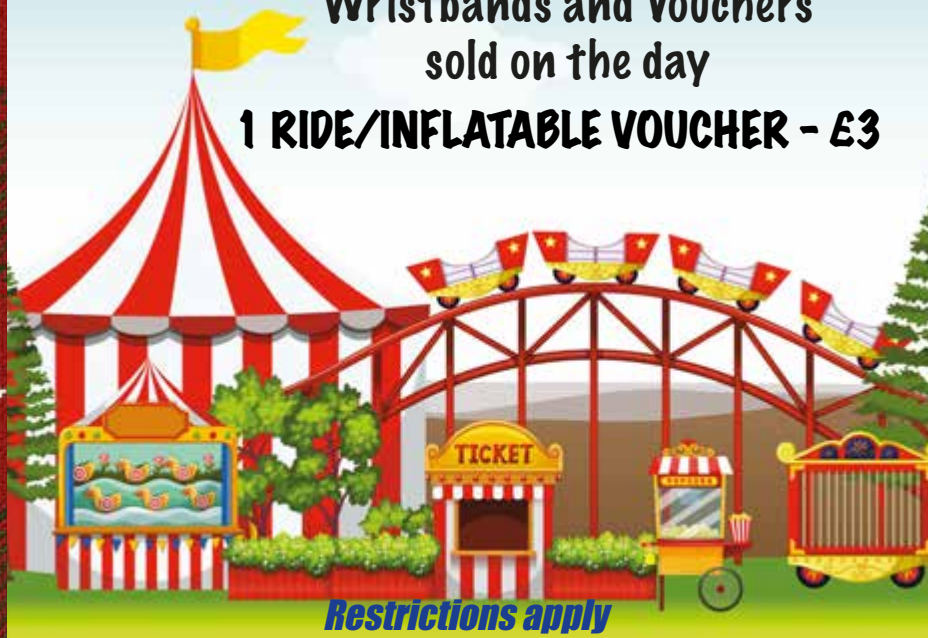
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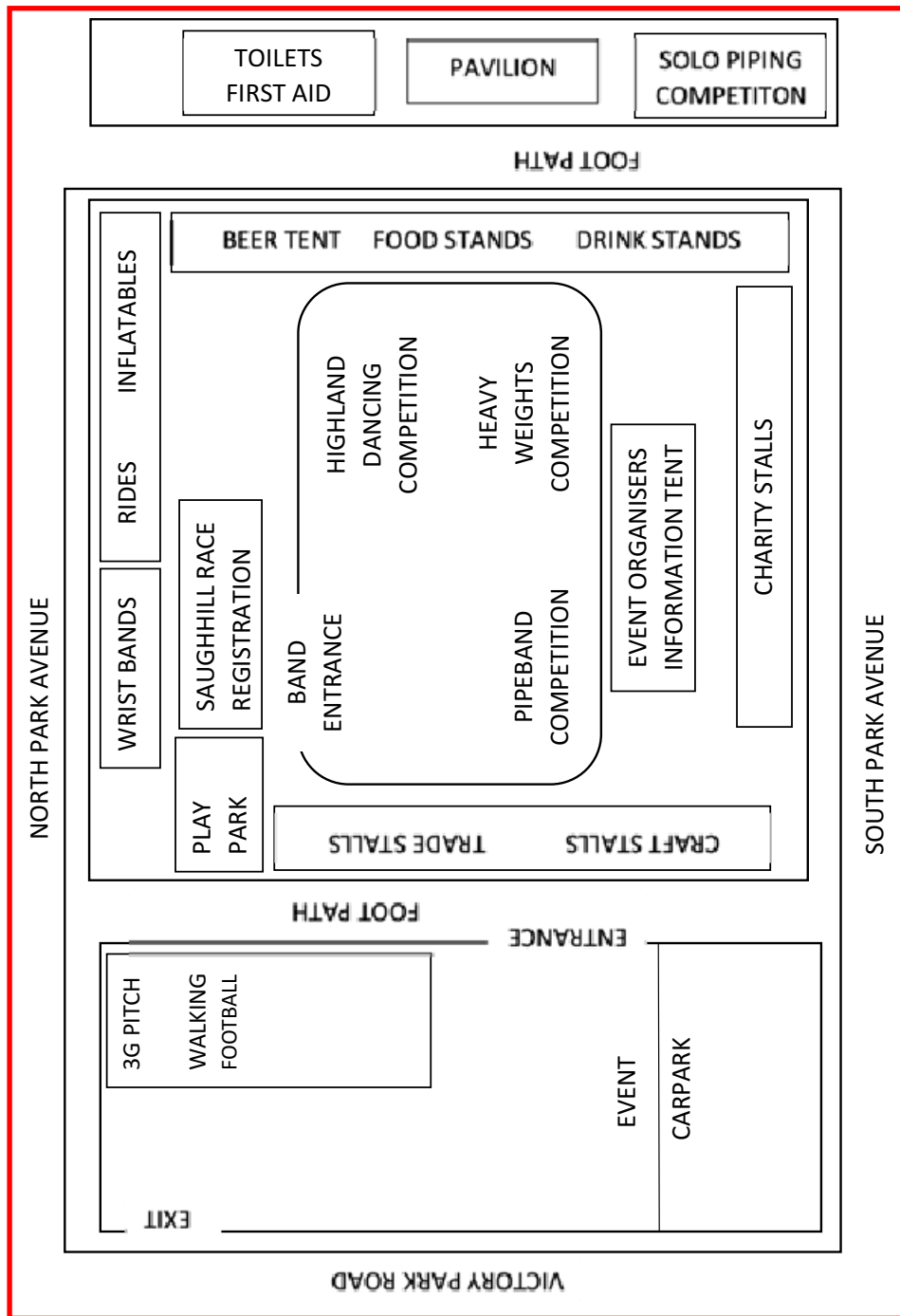
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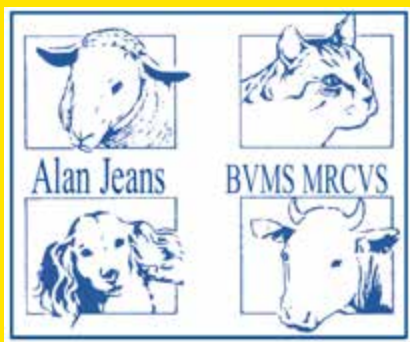
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