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The History of Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games

Research done by the town's Our Heritage group has revealed that the history of Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games goes back more than 135 years. Records of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games before 1887 may have been lost, as according to John A.R. Macdonald's 'The History of Blairgowrie (Town, Parish, and District)' which was published in 1899, the Highland Games, which had been allowed to lapse were revived in 1887 by The Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds (Lodge Tullyveolan). Back then the event was held on Fair O' Blair Day in July and was known as the Highland Games and Military Sports. It was attended by a detachment of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons whose band played during the day and the programme included some intriguing events such as:

Sword v sword
Sword v lance
Tent pegging
Lemon cutting
Grand ride and charge (musical)
Wrestling on horseback
Balaclava melee
Fencing (sabres)
Sword exercise at a gallop



The Games were held in Cleekerinn Park, also known as West Park (which is now the location of Lidl and Home Bargains), and the Fair O' Blair was based around the Wellmeadow. On Fair O' Blair Day, thousands of visitors would descend on the town, and for generations both the Highland Games and the Fair O' Blair attracted large crowds. For Dundonians, this was the highlight of the Dundee Holiday Week and special trains ran from Dundee with cheap fares being offered by the railway company. In the 19th century terpsichorean (dancing) competitions were for men. According to tradition, kings and clan chiefs used Highland Games to select their best men at arms, and the discipline to perform the Highland dances allowed men to demonstrate their strength, stamina, and agility. The 1920s was a time of mixed fortunes for both the Fair O' Blair and the Highland Games. By 1925 the Highland Games had lapsed and the Shows at the Fair Blair were no longer allowed on the Wellmeadow. But by 1928 Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games were again held on Fair O' Blair day with advertisements proclaiming 'Grand Cavalry Display by a Detachment of the Royal Scots Greys direct from Olympia Tournaments, London, accompanied by the World Famous Band of the Regiment'. Sadly, by the mid-1930s the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games Committee, despite fundraising attempts such as whist drives and dances, were finding it hard to meet financial ends, and no games were held in 1936, the games park was sold off to the County Education Committee for use as a playing field by Blairgowrie High School. July 1951 saw an attempt by Blairgowrie Juniors Football Club to revive the games by holding a Fair O' Blair Day sports at Davie Park.

Since 1991 large crowds have been assembling at Bogle's Field, Essendy Road, Blairgowrie, for the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games each September. Competitors for some of the piping, dancing, and heavy events come from far and wide.

Find out more about Blairgowrie and Rattray's history at <https://ourheritageblairrattray.scot/>



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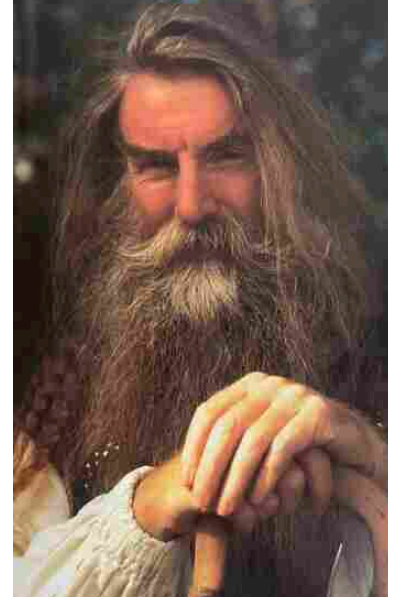
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Chieftain's Welcome

Welcome to the Games!

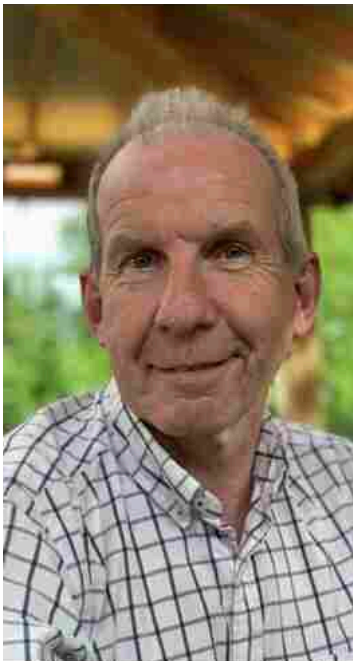
Hopefully the sun has appeared following a year of dismal weather in these parts. This afternoon you will see all the traditional events that make a Highland Games with others that are unique to Blairgowrie and Rattray. These include the Hill Race, the Ardblair Stones, and our huge Tug o' War in which everyone is encouraged to take part. Additionally today we have an appearance by The Infernal Unicorns who are joined by Glasgow Sword Breakers and the presence throughout the day of Radio Heartland FM who will be broadcasting live and conducting some interviews. My thanks go to all the trade stands here today, to the local Rotary Club for the sponsorship of the Mini Highland Games and to Castle Water who are sponsoring the Heavy Events. The Games' Main Sponsor is the Proctor Group to whom I am most grateful for its continuing support.



From wherever you may have travelled to be here today I bid you the warmest of welcomes. I very much hope that you will enjoy the day and I hope to meet as many of you as possible.

Laurence Blair Oliphant of Ardblair and Gask
Chieftain of the Games

Chair's Welcome



I would like to offer everyone a very warm welcome to the Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games.

For those who have been previously, welcome back. For those who are here for their very first time we trust you have a wonderful day with us - the first of many more to come!

The Highland Games Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to put on a day, which we believe will appeal to all age ranges, from cheering on the participants to taking part in the some of the less strenuous ones! – We have something for all to enjoy!

The committee are once again extremely grateful for the continued support of The Proctor Group, who, over generations have been so supportive and continue to play a vital role by enabling us, as our principal sponsor, to put on the Highland Games – Long may this continue. This year Castle Water, another local company, are sponsoring the Heavy events, which again is greatly appreciated. My personal thanks to our committee members, who have all work so hard to bring the day together. Also, to our community groups assisting at various roles throughout today.

This is a great day for bringing our community together. With this, we welcome our Citizen of the Year, Ally Donald, Community Group of the Year, BRAN & our Young Citizen of the Year, Iona Stephens – We have invited them to raise the flags at our opening ceremony. As we are now a registered Charity, we will be making contributions to our local community groups who are helping us today. This develops and strengthens our community spirit!

I hope you have a wonderful day today!

Pete Richardson, Chairman

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Our Compere

By the time we reach Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games I'll be well into the 20's of the number of Highland Games I've attended in 2024, either as a track official, commentator or in my position as Chairman of the Perthshire Highland Games Association, as well as just a few as a spectator.



There's something special about all Highland Games, particularly those throughout Perthshire, but I have to say if I wasn't 'working' here today I'd definitely still be here as a spectator as there's something I really like about Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games. Maybe it's the sheer enjoyment and camaraderie of all those involved in this event, from the committee, volunteers, athletes, dancers, pipers and traders right through to you the spectators, but whatever it is I hope it continues to draw me back to Bogles Field each Sunday after the first Saturday in September for many years to come.

On my role today, I am delighted to be asked back as commentator, hopefully this proves I'm doing something right (or perhaps no one else was available! I'll let you decide) and I'm looking forward to keeping you all up to date with all the action throughout the day.

I know I'll enjoy my day, I hope you enjoy yours just as much!

Ian Stewart, Compere

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Our 2024 Judges

Dog Show



It was both a surprise and an honour to have been asked to judge the Highland Games dog show last year. When asked if I would like to judge the event again this year there was only one answer – yes please!

It's fair to say that everyone, including all the four-legged competitors, had a wonderful time. I'm sure that this year will be the same, hopefully the sun will be shining just as it was in '23.

As an outright amateur at judging, I would like to thank the Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games Committee for organising and managing the event and for providing me with the essential guidance on the day both last year and this.

Hopefully there will be at least as many pooches taking part this year and I look forward to meeting both them and of course their handlers.

Wishing all the competitors the very best of luck for the 2024 show.

Ian Richards

Tug 'O' War

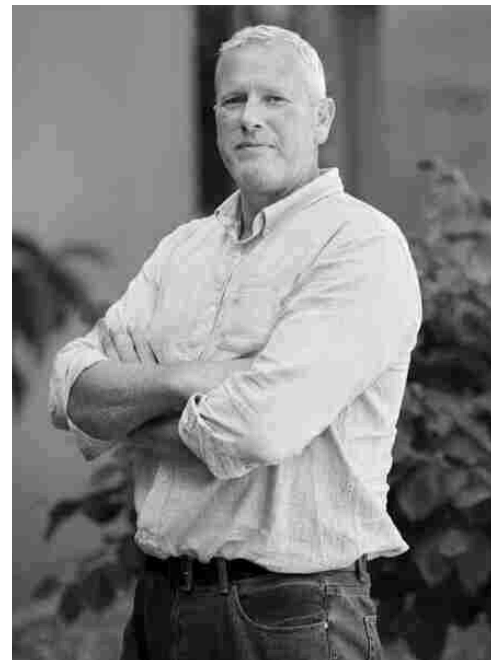
I have been involved in tug of war since a young lad of 15 years old and pulled competitively for over 25 years.

I started off my Tug of War journey with Blairgowrie young farmers, that team then morphed into Mountblair who competed all over Scotland through various highland games and shows.

During that time, I was lucky enough to represent my country through competition and coaching, taking me as far a field as Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, Wales and England.

Although retired from the sport physically now, I still have a keen interest, and coach the Isla primary school children every year to prepare them for their summer inter school competitions.

Scott Cameron



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Alyth & Blairgowrie Camera Club

The Alyth and Blairgowrie Camera Club, established in 2010, are proud to provide official photographic services to Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games. Originally known as Alyth Photographic Club, members come from various districts, including Kilry, Glenisla, and Blairgowrie. Meetings through the years have had varied venues, and Covid-19 struck in 2020, unfortunately disrupting the club's 10 year anniversary celebration.



The Alyth and Blairgowrie Camera Club renamed itself in 2021 to better reflect its historical membership. The club now holds fortnightly meetings from September to May at St Catharine's Centre on George Street in Blairgowrie on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm, with a lift being accesible for those with mobility issues. The club is not limited to those with expensive cameras, as many smartphones now have in-built cameras that can capture interesting images.

The Camera Club is focusing on developing its members' photographic skills through a series of evening meetings. These meetings include slideshows, practical sessions, guest speakers, competitions, and internal photo projects. The club plans to use the funds raised from the first Bingo Tea to upgrade its projection equipment and fund a wider range of quality speakers for the upcoming 2024-25 meetings. Dougie Cunningham, a landscape photographer, will be speaking on "Photographing Scotland" at the meeting on September 17th. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Peter, the Club Secretary, at petermesser47@gmail.com. Further information about the Club, our programme of activities and images taken by Club members can also be found on our website at www.abccameraclub.com (currently being updated).



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Piping

The Great Highland Bagpipe is perhaps the best-known of Scotland's musical instruments and an ambassador for Scotland throughout the world.

Evidence of the existence of bagpipes goes back centuries, with the earliest clear references to Scottish bagpipes found in a French historical report that mentions their use in a battle in 1547 when it is thought the pipes first replaced trumpets on the battlefield. Many now traditional battle tunes, marches, gatherings, salutes, and laments were composed around this time.

While the military tradition of the bagpipes remains strong, particularly on formal or ceremonial occasions, today the bagpipes are enjoying a resurgence in popular Scottish culture with young musicians and bands fusing traditional tunes and techniques with contemporary and modern musical styles.

The competition tradition of the Great Highland bagpipe is long-standing, with the first piping competition on record being held at The Falkirk Tryst in 1781. The format of the piping competition centres around three main disciplines - the Piobaireachd, the March, the Strathspey, and the Reel. All of these categories can be heard here today.

Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games are also delighted that our solo piping competition is recognised and supported by The Competing Pipers Association, which draws many pipers to compete at our event, attracting a strong field of international, national, and local competitors each year.

The solo piping judges will be looking in each performance for all the features which make for good playing. The three main elements within this are, musical expression and phrasing, good technique in relation to the competitor's grade and a well set up instrument to deliver the performance.

Amongst the trophies presented on the day at Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games are the Angus Hotel Challenge Shield for the most points in the Open Senior event, the Region Centre France Cup for the Open under 18 years old, the Piob Mhor Cup for the best Open Local Senior Piper and the Jimmie McGregor Memorial Quaich for the C Grade Aggregate competition.

The distinctive sound of the pipes stirs the soul of Scots wherever they are played, and we are proud to have them here at Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games

Stuart Samson MBE Piping Convenor, Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games



Highland Dancing

Highland Dancing is an essential highlight of any Highland Games, drawing competitors from all over Scotland, the UK, and beyond. This vibrant and colorful spectacle captivates spectators, showcasing a tradition that dates back hundreds of years, with early forms of sword dancing recorded as far back as 1285.

Over time, Highland Dancing has evolved into a highly technical competitive sport, recognized by SportScotland. The Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, the world governing body, has played a crucial role in standardizing the intricate steps required for competition. This technical precision is evident in the various dance styles performed, such as the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, and Reels. Additionally, Scottish National Dances like the Scottish Lilt and Flora MacDonald's Fancy, along with character dances like the Sailors' Hornpipe and the Scottish version of the Irish Jig, add to the rich diversity of the performances.

Competitors are judged on timing, deportment, and technique, with buoyancy and rhythm also being key factors. Highland Dancing is not only a competitive pursuit but also a popular and excellent form of exercise for all ages. Classes are available throughout the UK and globally, promoting fitness, social skills, and preserving this vibrant Scottish tradition for future generations.

As a dedicated Highland Dance instructor in Blairgowrie for over 30 years, I am continually inspired by the enthusiasm of the younger generation. It is wonderful to witness and be a part of this enduring tradition.

Dance classes are held every Monday at Blairgowrie Community Campus starting at 5:30 PM. A specially structured Nursery Class for children from 2.5 years old covers various dance styles, with Highland Dance instruction beginning at age 5.

For further information, please email lindatoshdancers@outlook.com or call 07889 301915. Come and be a part of this lively and historical tradition!

Linda Tosh, Highland Dancing Convenor







Heavyweights

One of the most anticipated attractions at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games remains the heavyweight competitions, drawing significant attention.

Throughout the event, participants engage in a variety of strength-focused disciplines, such as the Shot Putt, the Hammer Throw, the Weight Over the Bar, and the iconic Tossing the Caber.

The origin of these heavyweight contests dates back centuries when clan leaders selected their most robust and agile warriors for combat by testing their mettle in various strength challenges.

The Shot Putt, a straightforward competition where athletes hurl large stones, has evolved to standardized weights of 16lbs and 22lbs, utilizing regulation steel balls for consistency.

In the Weight for Distance event, competitors use a handled steel ball on a chain, spinning thrice to generate momentum before releasing the weight. The games feature competitions for both the 28lb and 56lb categories.

Hammer competitions feature light and heavy variants, with participants swinging the hammer above their heads before launching it backward.

The Weight Over the Bar contest maintains its traditional format, involving participants throwing weights over an escalating bar height. The victor is determined by successfully clearing the bar without causing it to fall.

Tossing the caber, a quintessential Highland Games event, is rooted in historical tasks like constructing makeshift bridges and moving logs. Contestants aim to fling the pole straight ahead, with judges scoring based on accuracy. The cabers at Blairgowrie and Rattray Games typically measure around 22 feet long and weigh approximately 80 kilograms.

Noteworthy is the introduction of a women's heavyweight competition at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games in 2018, along with a thriving junior division.

Dedicated efforts have been invested in training a group of nearly a dozen young athletes, focusing on technique, core fitness, and nutrition. The unwavering commitment displayed by local junior participants, even amid the challenges posed by the pandemic, shows a promising future for the sport.

Pete Hart, Heavyweights Convenor



Heavyweight Records for Our Highland Games

Event	Open	Local
Shot putt to 16 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1980 58 feet 9 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 41 feet 9 inches
Shot putt to 22 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1980 49 feet 5 inches	Pete Hart, 2009 35 feet 1 inch
Weight for Distance 28 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1979 88 feet 9 inches	Pete Hart, 2011 67 feet 9 inches
Weight for Distance 56 lbs	Lorne Colthart, 2016 44 feet 10 inches	Pete Hart, 2011 36 feet 4 inches
Hammer 16 lbs	Bruce Aitken, 2000 150 feet 3 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 119 feet
Hammer 22 lbs	Stephen King, 1998 124 feet 8 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 100 feet 2 inches
Weight over the bar	Bruce Robb, 2009 16 feet 6 inches	Pete Hart, 2010 14 feet

The Ardblair Stones

The Ardblair Stones, named after Ardblair Castle, home of the Blair Oliphant family, are a unique and challenging feature of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games, held on the Ardblair Estate. This estate has a rich history and provides a picturesque setting for these traditional games.

The Ardblair Stones consist of nine reinforced concrete spheres, each varying in weight from 18 to 152 kilograms (40 to 335 pounds). Competitors must load these stones sequentially, starting with the lightest and progressing to the heaviest, onto whisky butts. This demanding event tests the strength, endurance, and technique of the participants. The competition is judged based on the time taken to complete the task and the number of stones successfully loaded.

This event not only adds to the excitement of the Highland Games but also pays homage to the region's rich cultural heritage, providing a thrilling spectacle for all attendees.

The reigning, and two-time World's Strongest Man, Tom Stoltman, currently holds the World Record for loading all nine stones in the fastest time with an incredible 21.81 seconds at the 2019 Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games.



The women's World Record currently stands at seven stones, loaded in a remarkable time of 37.14 seconds, also obtained at the 2019 Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games is held by three-time World's Strongest Woman Donna Moore from North Yorkshire.

Are you ready for the challenge?

Here are our top nine tips for lifting the Ardblair Stones:

- 1- Stand directly over the stone with your feet on either side
- 2 - Use your legs, not your back, to squat down; don't bend over the stone
- 3 - Put your arms around each side of the stone as far as they will go.
- 4 - You can rock the stone to get your fingers as far beneath it as possible
- 5 - Squeeze Your arms into the stone, as though you are trying to crush it using your hands, arms, shoulders and chest
- 6 - Using your legs, pushing down through your heels and keeping your back straight, pull yourself and the stone up
- 7 - For heavier stones, you can lift them into your lap for a moment while in the squatting position to adjust your grip or to catch your breath
- 8 - Try rolling the stone up your chest rather than pushing it up the barrel
- 9 - Don't rush, concentrate on the stone you are lifting and ensuring your technique is the best it can be.

And if you fancy training for the Ardblair Stones challenge, all you need is a smooth stone to practice with.

Charlie Blair Oliphant, Ardblair Stones




Copywrite The Ardblair Stones 2019

REGISTRATION TIMES FOR ENTERING EVENTS

11.00	Highland Dancing	Register at Highland Dancing Area
11.00	Dog Show	Register at Dog Show Area
12.30	The Hill Race	Register at Secretary's Tent

MAIN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS (Located at Centre of Running Track)

10.00	OPEN EVENT - Junior Heavyweights Sponsored by Forthroad 	Light Shot Scots Hammer Throw Weights for Distance Tossing the Caber
11.00	LOCAL EVENT - Heavyweights PHGA League	16lb Shot 16lb Hammer Throw 28lb Weight for Distance Tossing the Caber Light Shot Light Hammer Throw Weights for Distance Tossing the Caber
12.00	<u>GRAND PARADE & OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES</u>	
12.30	Chieftain of the Games - Laurence Blair Oliphant of Ardblair & Gask Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band & Ardblair Highlanders Community Tug O War (OPEN TO EVERYONE)	
13:00	Dog Show	
13.00 - 13.15	Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band - Display	
13.10	OPEN EVENT - Hill Race	
13.15	OPEN EVENT - Heavyweights	16lb Shot 16lb Hammer Throw 22lb Shot 22lb Hammer Throw 28lb Weight for Distance
14.15	OPEN EVENT - Tug O War - Heats	
15.00	Massed Pipe Bands - Blairgowrie, Alyth, Coupar Angus and the Marching Drum Corps	
15.15	OPEN EVENT - Tug O War - Ladies Teams LOCAL EVENT - Tug O War	
15.45	OPEN EVENT - Heavyweights 56lb Weight Over Bar Tossing the Caber Team Tug O War	
17.00	<u>CLOSING OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES</u> - LOWERING OF THE FLAGS WITH PIPES & DRUMS	

MAIN AREA RUNNING TRACK

13.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	90m Sprint - Heats & Final 800m Run - Heats & Final Best Junior Heavy of the Games
	OPEN EVENTS	90m Sprint - Heats & Final 800m Run - Heats & Final 1600m Run - Heats & Final 600m Cycle Race
14.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	200m Sprint - Heats 1600m Cycle Race
	OPEN EVENTS	200m Sprint - Heats 3200m Cycle Race
15.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	200m Sprint - Final 1600m Run
	OPEN EVENTS	200m Sprint - Final 400m Run 3200m Run De'il Tak the Hindmost Cycle Race

PIPING

(Area behind the main catering marquee)

10.30	OPEN EVENT - SOLO PIPING	CPA - Piobaireachd Senior Piobaireachd Senior Light Music Senior Open Piping Junior Under 18 Light Music
11.30	OPEN EVENT - JUNIOR SOLO PIPING	Solo Piping
13.30	LOCAL EVENT - SOLO PIPING	Solo Piping - Junior Solo Piping - Senior

HIGHLAND DANCING

11.00	OPEN EVENTS	Beginners Novice
14.00	OPEN EVENTS	Intermediate Premier Adults

The Ardblair Stones - At the end of the Main Arena

All Day

Open to everyone- a personal challenge of strength in lifting the stones

The Dog Show - at the end of the Main Arena

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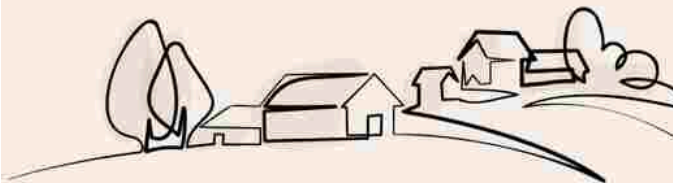
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First runner home wearing a kilt- a bottle of Champagne						
HEAVY EVENTS:						
OPEN:						
THROW LIGHT SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW LIGHT WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW LIGHT HAMMER	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY HAMMER	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
CABER TOSS	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW WEIGHT OVER BAR	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
TUG O' WAR	£100	£80	£60	£30		
SCOTTISH OPEN						
THROW LIGHT SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
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CABER TOSS	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW WEIGHT OVER BAR	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
LOCAL						
THROW SHOT	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
THROW HAMMER	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
THROW WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
CABER TOSS	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
TUG OF WAR	£60	£40	£30	£20		
PERTSHIRE LOCAL						
LOCAL CABER	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
LIGHT HAMMER	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
LIGHT SHOT	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
JUNIOR HEAVY EVENTS						
LIGHT SHOT	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
SCOTS HAMMER	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
CABER	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
RUNNING OPEN						
90M SPRINT	£100	£50	£30	£20	£10	
200M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
400M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
800M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
1600M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
3200M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
90M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
200M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
800M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
1600M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	

PIPING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
OPEN					
CPA-B GRADE	£70	£50	£40	£30	£20
CPA-C GRADE	£40	£30	£25	£20	£15
SENIOR PIOBAIREACHD	£100	£60	£40	£30	
SENIOR MARCH	£40	£30	£25	£20	
SENIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£40	£30	£25	£20	
JUNIOR MARCH (Under 18's)	£20	£15	£10	£5	
JUNIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL (Under 18's)	£20	£15	£10	£5	
C GRADE OPEN MARCH	£30	£25	£20	£10	
C GRADE OPEN STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£30	£25	£20	£10	
LOCAL					
SENIOR MARCH	£25	£15	£10	£5	
SENIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£25	£15	£10	£5	
JUNIOR MARCH (Under 18's)	£15	£10	£5		
JUNIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL (Under 18's)	£15	£10	£5		
CYCLING					
800m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
1600m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
3200m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
De'il tak the hindmost	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
800m Youth Cycle	£18	£14	£10		
1600m Youth Cycle	£18	£14	£10		

HIGHLAND DANCING	
PRIMARY (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Pas de Basques & High Cut Medals
Beginners (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Flora, Lilt Medals
Novices (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Flora, Lilt Medals
Intermediate (9 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Intermediate (12 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Intermediate (15 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Premier (9 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
Premier (12 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
Premier (15 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
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Volunteer Community BRAN



Group of the Year:



Credit: Derek Balloch

Blairgowrie & Rattray Access Network, are the volunteer group who tidy, lop, mow, strim and litter pick all the local core walking paths around our beautiful countryside. Very recently they were awarded Volunteer Community Group of the Year 2024. This has been a year to remember for the bunch of volunteers, as they were also awarded a grant from Perth Kinross Council, allowing them to build an extra big shed, in which they can store their larger equipment. This was with the support of both Tayside Contracts and E G Edmundson, Electrical Contractors. The group have been growing throughout the year, with six new members signing up to assist with the path clearing on the days they can. The group, Chaired by Keith Reid and led on a weekly basis by Brian Campbell on their work parties, usually get out to work on a Friday morning for a couple of hours, occasionally on a Saturday.

However, during the lighter evenings, two of the team, Ally and Grahame venture out mowing some of our local path network. During the year, BRAN have also been fortunate to be gifted the monies needed to purchase a new trailer. This was from Landsdown Trust here in Blairgowrie and recently the local shoppers using Tesco, voted us through the blue tokens scheme, to be awarded £1500, to be used to upgrade the Ardblair Trail. This is hoped to be worked on during October and November. BRAN are very grateful to all those who have supported them in various ways, during this year. As noted elsewhere, Ally Donald, a BRAN volunteer has been selected as Citizen of the Year for Blairgowrie & Rattray.



You can follow BRAN on Facebook, or contact them via keithreid0@gmx.com

Citizen of the Year: Ally Donald

Hi, I am Ally Donald, I am 57 years old and have lived in Blairgowrie most of my life. Over the last 20 years I have been involved in many local community committees in Blairgowrie & Rattray including Community Council, Illuminations, Christmas Lights and being the past chairman of the Highland Games, as well as being a founder & active member of BRAN. Near the end of July I received a phone call from the Community Council to make me aware that I had been nominated, and awarded Citizen of the Year 2024. I was a bit shocked and surprised however it is a great honour to receive this award, and to be part of the BRAN group to be awarded community group of the year. In my spare time I enjoy taking my dog Milo out for good walks obviously around the paths that BRAN team maintain, looking after our garden, checking in on my ageing parents and being on granddad duty looking after our beautiful granddaughter and a wee dram on a Friday night.



Young Citizen of the Year:

Iona Stephens



I am Iona and I go to Blairgowrie High School. I have been volunteering with the Rainbows for 5 years. I enjoy helping the girls with their activities. I have attended a few camps with the girls too and they always enjoy these. Lisa and Gill at the Rainbows gave me lots of experiences when I was younger and it's nice to be able to help give other girls these fun memories too.

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If you are interested in learning more about Rotary in general, or Blairgowrie & District Rotary in particular, please contact our Secretary:
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Children's Entertainment

Infernal Unicorns

Axe Throwing

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Fire Truck

Seating Area

ARENA

Dancing Platform

Heavies Section



Seafood

Trades Red 1—17

Trades Green 1—16

Dance Tents

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Dog Show

Pizza

Food x 3

TRADES

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T - Toilet
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SP - Scottish Piping

Yellow Section Trades

1. Zoe Hamilton
2. CHAS
3. Kath's Cakes
4. Rebel GD
5. Isles Arts
6. Smelleez
7. Woofylicious
8. Tweed Valley Distillery
9. Home Energy Scotland
10. Daughter of the Stag

Blue Section Trades

1. Flour
2. The Gael Spirits
3. Wee Scottish Shop
4. Visobelle Displays
5. South Beach
6. Yolla Studio
7. Tayside Bat Group
8. Wild Beavers
9. Real by Russ
10. Scally Wags
11. Caledonia Arts
12. Angus Alchemy
13. Angus Cat
14. Blossom Braids

Community Groups Section

1. BRAN
2. BaRi
3. Blair Parish Church
4. Strathmore Schools
5. Blair in Bloom
6. Mary's Meals
7. Alyth & Blairgowrie Camera Club
8. Women's Walk & Talk
9. PKAVS
10. Strathmore Men's Shed
11. SCYD

Red Section Trades

1. Kirsty Doig
2. Moira Gibson Gems
3. Shona Designs
4. Blairgowrie Guides
5. Samaritans
6. Carnoustie Distillery
7. Lisa's Rainbow
8. Elf Jewels
9. Broughty Blends
10. The Lone Stag
11. Danis Bees
12. Scotia Homes
13. Teeny Tartans
14. North Star Quilting
15. RSPB
16. Caringorm Gifts
17. Helbelz Candle

Green Section Trades

1. JH Creations
2. Urban Pirate
3. Vals Tablet
4. Andrew McGavin Designs
5. CJ Cob
6. Scotlands Cask 4m x 3m
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