

Dumfries and Galloway Council Press Release

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A Fabulous Programme of 2022 Festivals and Events is Supported with £100,000 of funding by the Council

A fabulous programme of festivals and events is set to take place in Dumfries and Galloway this year.

The Council's Communities Committee on Tuesday 22 March approved funding of over £99,000 for a total of 31 major festivals and community events projects. The local authority will also provide marketing assistance and support for many of the events, which takes total Council investment in the projects to well over £100,000.

The funding comes from the Council's Major Festivals and Events Strategy 2018-2021, which has been extended for one final year, to cover financial year 2022/23. A new events strategy will be prepared by the Council in partnership with other regional agencies and community organisations by the Autumn of this year. Seven projects are to receive £60,000 in total from the Major Events Strategic Fund. These are;

- The Galloway Off Road Motorsports Festival, Drumlanrig, 18-19 June
- Two traditional music festivals in Newton Stewart and Minnigaff, organised by the Trad Music Trust (festivals take place July 8-10 and October 21-23)
- The Scottish National Sheepdog Trials, Thornhill, 17-20 August
- Stranraer Oyster Festival, 2-4 September
- Music at the Multiverse, September 3-4
- The Galloway Hills Rally, 9 – 10 September
- The Wild Goose Festival, Dumfries, 22-29 October

To help promote social and economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council has continued for a second year the Community Events Fund. The Fund is designed to encourage communities to come together through smaller scale festivals and events, to promote community wellbeing. This Fund has made twenty four grants totalling £39,990 to projects across Dumfries and Galloway, from the Mull of Galloway to Moffat.

A Council spokesperson said, "There is deep-rooted, high quality, events management skills across Dumfries and Galloway, within our community and voluntary organisations, and this is leading to a strong recovery in our events programme. With our region being a standout destination for staycations; local people and holidaymakers will have lots of great entertainment and fabulous events available to visit in 2022. The Council is genuinely thrilled at the response we have

had over the past two years, to the introduction of the Community Events Fund. The Council's announcement of grant support for thirty one great projects is additional to the confirmed support we will provide to our Signature Events such as the Wigtown Book Festival and the upcoming Arts Festival and Spring Fling. Expect further major events announcements soon."

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Notes to Editors

The full funding programme of the Council's Major Festivals and Events Strategy 2022/23 is outlined below.

Area of Spending	Amount
Signature Events	£168,000
Major Events Strategic Fund	£60,000
Community Events Fund	£40,000
Marketing	£7,000
Total	£275,000

Signature Events	2022/23 award
Big Burns Supper	£30,000
D&G Arts Festival	£25,000
Scottish Rally	£18,000
Spring Fling	£25,000
Tour of Britain Tour Series	£40,000
Wigtown Book Festival	£30,000
TOTAL	£168,000