

# Stirling Highland Games is More Than Just a Highland Games

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Stirling's leading culture sporting event is set to return later this year on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> with some exciting new additions to the schedule.

Even though a physical event, usually attended by thousands, hasn't happened over the last 2 years because of the pandemic, Stirling successfully managed to fly the flag for highland games and promote visiting Stirling through virtual programmes which attracted viewers from around the world.

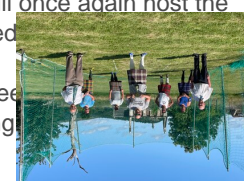
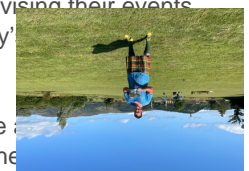
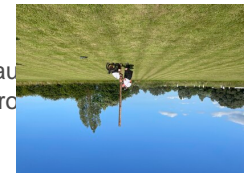
It has been a hard couple of years for highland games committees around Scotland with some already advising that they will not return this year however Stirling is aiming to not only return but will be adding attractions to the day for locals and visitors to enjoy.

President of Stirling Highland Games Matt McGrandles advises, "we had a few ideas back in 2020 that we will include in the schedule this year. Tug o War is a crowd favourite, and I can't wait to see this in action on the water. We will also be looking for a local team to enter and challenge the other 2 teams we have already lined up. We will once again host the Adaptive Heavyweights and I really hope the crowds get behind these amazing Vet athletes from Wounded Warriors."

It looks like the organisers have managed to pack a lot into the schedule this year, but advised they still need sponsorship to help with this year's event recovery plans. As the offering has grown year on year at Stirling, you can see why the committee say it's more than a highland games now.

As well as watching the highland games competitions, visitors can enjoy browsing the many arts and crafts stalls, sample some of Scotland's award-winning food and drink produce; listen to some live performances; take part in some visitor races or let the kids loose on some activities challenges; you can even get an on-site heritage tour and hear more about the history of the area. All in all, it seems visitors will be well looked after from 10:30 until 17:00.

With more announcements coming over the next few months, including who is the 2022 Games Chieftain, the organisers are asking that if you are planning on attending the event then buying your tickets in advance will not only help them plan but also cut down on contact at the gates. Tickets are available to purchase at [www.stirlinghighlandgames.com](http://www.stirlinghighlandgames.com)



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