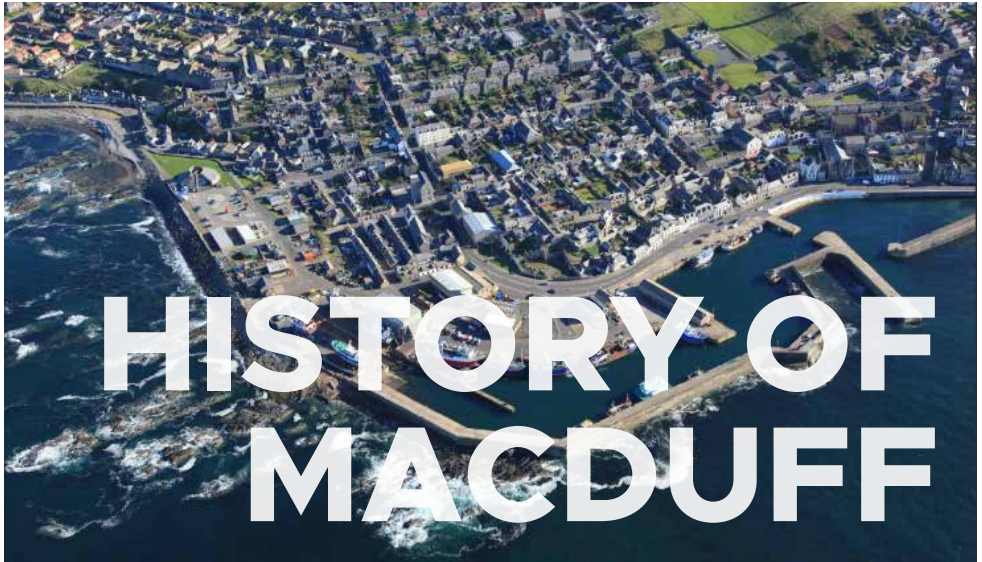


CELTIC CHALLENGE 2025



3RD AND 4TH MAY



Macduff is a historic fishing village and town situated on Scotland's northeast coast in Aberdeenshire, opposite Banff across the River Deveron. With a rich maritime heritage shaped by fishing, shipbuilding, and trade, Macduff has been inhabited since Pictish times. It emerged as a distinct settlement in the 18th century, originally named Doune, before being renamed after the Duff family. James Duff, the 2nd Earl of Fife, played a key role in the town's growth, developing its harbour to support fishing and shipbuilding industries. In 1783, Macduff achieved the status of burgh of barony, solidifying its role as a trading hub.

The 19th century saw Macduff thrive as a fishing port, particularly in herring fishing, with shipyards constructing wooden vessels for both fishing and trade. The harbour's expansion and advancements in fishing techniques attracted workers from across Scotland, making Macduff a bustling maritime community. However, the 20th century brought challenges, including the decline of the herring industry and increased competition from larger ports. Macduff adapted by diversifying its economy, focusing on tourism, seafood processing, and maintaining a small but active fishing fleet. The Macduff Marine Aquarium, showcasing Moray Firth marine life, is a modern landmark celebrating the town's maritime connection.

Today, Macduff is a picturesque coastal town with a strong community spirit and an enduring fishing industry. Boats land a variety of seafood, including crab and lobster, while the harbour remains central to the town's identity. Tourism has become a significant contributor, with visitors drawn to its stunning coastal scenery, walking trails, and local festivals that celebrate its heritage. Macduff and its close neighbour Banff continue to play an integral role in the charm and culture of Scotland's northeast coastal region.

Macduff Pétanque Club: A Growing Legacy



Macduff Pétanque Club was officially formed in 2022, but the seeds of the idea were sown in late 2021 when Malcolm discovered an unused piece of ground at Macduff Bowling Club. With no money, just two members, a shovel, and a rake, the first piste was cleared. As interest grew, more pistes were needed, leading to the conversion of additional ground. Eventually, five pistes were established with the help of a startup grant from Clubsport Aberdeenshire and a generous donation of scalping from local builder Keith Simpson—creating what is now known as the lower terrain.



Beyond competitions, the club engages with the community, collaborating with local groups and schools, even bringing pétanque to Sandend Beach. In 2024, it hosted its first national event—the Men's and Women's Triples Championship. The club is now strengthening ties with new pétanque clubs while growing relationships with Boulers O'Birse and Fochabers, fostering passion for pétanque and a vibrant community.

By 2022, the club joined the Scottish Pétanque Association (SPA) and became Macduff Pétanque Club, also known as the Macduff Boule Sharks. Facebook promotion brought in new members from Ellon, Portsoy, Cullen, and Macduff, broadening its reach. Partnering with Active Schools, led by Malcolm, the club introduced pétanque to the Banff Academy Cluster, laying the foundation for a Junior Pathway. With ambitions to become a pétanque hub in Aberdeenshire, the club secured a National Lottery grant to develop the Upper Terrain, creating 10 new pistes with the help of John Warner, and Darren Morrison.



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Alison Swiffin - President
Scottish Petanque Association



It is an honour and great pleasure to welcome you all to the Celtic Challenge 2025 in Macduff in the Scottish Petanque Association's 40 th Anniversary year. The Celtic Challenge is always a very special and unique event which embraces the spirit of competition and camaraderie along with the shared heritage of the Celtic nations and our love of pétanque.

However, these events don't just happen so I would like to say a big "Thank You" to our hosts at Macduff PC, along with SPA coordinator Shirley Legge, for all the organisation that has gone into this year's event, also to our officials for the weekend. I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend and a great competition!



Arthur Killicoat - President
Macduff Petanque Club



On behalf of Macduff Pétanque Club, I extend a warm welcome to all players, officials, and supporters from Wales, Scotland, and Ireland to the 2025 Celtic Challenge. It is an honour for us to host this prestigious event, and we look forward to a fantastic weekend of top-class pétanque, camaraderie, and sportsmanship.

This year, we are delighted to be using the excellent facilities of Macduff Bowling Club, and we encourage all teams to make the most of the hospitality and amenities that have been made available to support the competition. A heartfelt thank you to our primary sponsors, whose generous support has helped make this event possible: **Aberdeen Council Area Initiative Fund, Aberdeenshire Clubsport and The Banff Springs Hotel**

We also greatly appreciate the support from those that have placed adverts or sponsored pistes

A special thank you must go to the members of Macduff Pétanque Club who have dedicated their time and effort to ensuring the smooth running of this competition. Their hard work behind the scenes, from preparations to organising and assisting throughout the event, is truly invaluable.

We hope you enjoy your time in Macduff and wish all teams the best of luck in the competition. May the spirit of the game and friendship shine throughout the weekend!

Let the games begin!

ASSOCIATION VISITING HEADS OF DELEGATION



Tony Smith
Welsh Petanque Association



It is with great excitement that players, officials, and supporters gather to take part in the 35th Celtic Challenge, which is back in Scotland and hosted by the Macduff Pétanque Club. The Celtic Challenge is a cherished tradition in the pétanque community, bringing together teams from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales to compete in an event that celebrates not only skill and sportsmanship but also the deep cultural ties that unite these three nations.

As we gather for another thrilling edition of this prestigious competition, we reflect on the rich history of the Celtic Challenge, which has fostered a unique blend of fierce competition and unwavering camaraderie over the years.

Each team arrives with a determination to claim victory, but beyond the results, this event is a testament to the enduring friendships and shared heritage that make it truly special. Following Ireland's back-to-back triumph in Wales in 2024, Scotland and Wales are eager to reclaim the trophy, ensuring that this year's encounters will be as competitive and exciting as ever. The setting of MacDuff Pétanque Club provides the perfect backdrop for what promises to be another unforgettable tournament.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly to organise this event, including the members of Macduff Pétanque Club and their valued sponsors. Their dedication and support have made this competition possible. May the best team win, and may the spirit of unity, respect, and competition continue to thrive in the Celtic Challenge.



Randeeta Nundram
Irish Petanque Association



My name is Randeeta Nundram, and I am passionate about sports and meeting new players from around the world. I played my first Celtic Challenge in Glasgow Petanque Club in 2022, and I am thrilled to return to Scotland for the 35th Celtic Challenge at Macduff Petanque Club, where I will be representing Ireland. I am deeply grateful to the dedicated members who established the Celtic Challenge in 1989. Over the years, this event has grown into a cherished tradition for three nations, bringing players together not just as competitors but as a family. Every year, we meet new friends who become lifelong connections. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to keep this incredible tradition alive—your efforts are truly appreciated!

THE OFFICIALS



MONTY

Umpires

Monty and Mags, known as “The Montys,” have been passionate about pétanque since 1999, when they discovered the game during a holiday in France. Their love for the sport grew quickly, and by 2008, they trained as umpires, recognising the importance of the role for ensuring smooth and friendly competitions.

Over the years, The Montys have participated in numerous Home Nations and Celtic Challenges, building strong connections within the pétanque community.



MAGS

With their extensive experience as both players and umpires, they are always eager to contribute to the vibrant atmosphere of the Celtic Challenge, looking forward to many more opportunities to measure, officiate, and enjoy the camaraderie of the game.



Dani Cassini

Competition Controller

Dani has been a member of Inverleith PC since 1995. Dani has over the years taken part in the Celtic Challenge, Home Nations and international women's competitions with the CEP and FIPJP. Currently Dani is the National Coach for Scotland and her first role last year was as team coach at the Celtic Challenge in Wales.

CELTIC CHALLENGE HISTORY

Year	Venue	Winner
2024	Wales Caerleon	Ireland
2023	Ireland Dublin	Ireland
2022	Scotland Glasgow	Wales
2021	Covid	-
2020	Covid	-
2019	Wales Pontyclun	Scotland
2018	Ireland - Dublin	Scotland
2017	Scotland - Galashiels	Scotland
2016	Wales - Caerleon	Scotland
2015	Ireland - Cork	Scotland
2014	Scotland - Fochabers	Scotland
2013	Wales - Llanhennock	Wales
2012	Ireland - Bangor	Scotland
2011	Scotland - Troon	Scotland
2010	Wales - Wenvoe	Wales
2009	Ireland - Cork	Wales
2008	Scotland - Fochabers	Wales
2007	Wales - Abergavenny	Wales
2006	Ireland - Dublin	Ireland
2005	Scotland - Inverness	Scotland
2004	Wales - Brecon	Ireland
2003	Ireland - Bangor	Scotland
2002	Scotland - Stirling	Wales
2001	Wales - Pontypool	Wales
2000	Ireland - Cahir	Ireland
1999	Scotland - Drymen	Wales
1998	Wales - Brecon	Scotland
1997	Ireland - Castletwellan	Wales
1996	Scotland - Perth	Wales
1995	Wales - Cardiff	Wales
1994	Ireland - Cork	Ireland
1993	Scotland - Troon	Scotland
1992	Wales - Brecon	Wales
1991	Ireland - Clondeboyne	Ireland
1990	Scotland - Stirling	Scotland
1989	Wales - Cardiff	Scotland

In 1989, the Scottish Pétanque Association accepted an invitation to play Wales in Cardiff, where Scotland emerged victorious. A return match was held in Stirling in 1990, and following a request from Northern Ireland to participate, the Celtic Challenge was officially formed. In 1991, the Irish Pétanque Association was established, and the 3rd Celtic Challenge took place in Clondeboyne, Northern Ireland.

The Celtic Challenge is a two-day event in which each nation fields four teams of three or four players. The host nation also supplies an additional 'B' squad. The winner is determined by the team that secures the most victories across 12 rounds, ensuring every team competes against all opponents. On the opening day, the host nation's A and B squads face off in the first four rounds. With its blend of strong competition and a friendly, social atmosphere, the Celtic Challenge remains one of the most anticipated events in the pétanque calendar.

WINS SUMMERY



Scotland 14 Wins



Wales 13 Wins



Ireland 7 Wins



Celtic Challenge - Section 1

Round 1	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Scotland-B		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Ireland-A	
	1		1		SCO-A1		SCO-B4		5		7		WAL-A1		IRE-A4	
	2		2		SCO-A2		SCO-B3		6		8		WAL-A2		IRE-A3	
	3		3		SCO-A3		SCO-B2		7		5		WAL-A3		IRE-A2	
	4		4		SCO-A4		SCO-B1		8		6		WAL-A4		IRE-A1	

Round 2	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Scotland-B		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Ireland-A	
	9		5		SCO-A1		SCO-B3		13		4		WAL-A1		IRE-A3	
	10		6		SCO-A2		SCO-B4		14		3		WAL-A2		IRE-A4	
	11		7		SCO-A3		SCO-B1		15		2		WAL-A3		IRE-A1	
	12		8		SCO-A4		SCO-B2		16		1		WAL-A4		IRE-A2	

Round 3	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Scotland-B		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Ireland-A	
	17		2		SCO-A1		SCO-B2		21		8		WAL-A1		IRE-A2	
	18		1		SCO-A2		SCO-B1		22		7		WAL-A2		IRE-A1	
	19		4		SCO-A3		SCO-B4		23		6		WAL-A3		IRE-A4	
	20		3		SCO-A4		SCO-B3		24		5		WAL-A4		IRE-A3	

Round 4	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Scotland-B		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Ireland-A	
	25		6		SCO-A1		SCO-B1		29		3		WAL-A1		IRE-A1	
	26		5		SCO-A2		SCO-B2		30		4		WAL-A2		IRE-A2	
	27		8		SCO-A3		SCO-B3		31		1		WAL-A3		IRE-A3	
	28		7		SCO-A4		SCO-B4		32		2		WAL-A4		IRE-A4	

Round 5	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Ireland-A		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Scotland-B	
	33		4		SCO-A1		IRE-A4		37		5		WAL-A1		SCO-B4	
	34		3		SCO-A2		IRE-A3		38		6		WAL-A2		SCO-B3	
	35		2		SCO-A3		IRE-A2		39		7		WAL-A3		SCO-B2	
	36		1		SCO-A4		IRE-A1		40		8		WAL-A4		SCO-B1	

Round 6	Game		Lane		Scotland-A		Ireland-A		Game		Lane		Wales-A		Scotland-B	
	41		7		SCO-A1		IRE-A3		45		1		WAL-A1		SCO-B3	
	42		8		SCO-A2		IRE-A4		46		2		WAL-A2		SCO-B4	
	43		5		SCO-A3		IRE-A1		47		3		WAL-A3		SCO-B1	
	44		6		SCO-A4		IRE-A2		48		4		WAL-A4		SCO-B2	

Celtic Challenge - Section 2

Round 7	Scotland-A		V	Ireland-A		Game	Lane	Wales-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1	IRE-A2			WAL-A1	SCO-B2		Game	Lane
	49	3		SCO-A1	IRE-A2		6	WAL-A1	SCO-B2		53	6
	50	4		SCO-A2	IRE-A1		5	WAL-A2	SCO-B1		54	5
	51	1		SCO-A3	IRE-A4		8	WAL-A3	SCO-B4		55	8
	52	2		SCO-A4	IRE-A3		7	WAL-A4	SCO-B3		56	7

Round 8	Scotland-A		V	Ireland-A		Game	Lane	Wales-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1	IRE-A1			WAL-A1			Game	Lane
	57	8		SCO-A1	IRE-A1		2	WAL-A1	SCO-B1		61	2
	58	7		SCO-A2	IRE-A2		1	WAL-A2	SCO-B2		62	1
	59	6		SCO-A3	IRE-A3		4	WAL-A3	SCO-B3		63	4
	60	5		SCO-A4	IRE-A4		3	WAL-A4	SCO-B4		64	3

Round 9	Scotland-A		V	Wales-A		Game	Lane	Ireland-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1							Game	Lane
	65	1		SCO-A1	WAL-A4		6	IRE-A1	SCO-B4		69	6
	66	2		SCO-A2	WAL-A3		5	IRE-A2	SCO-B3		70	5
	67	3		SCO-A3	WAL-A2		8	IRE-A3	SCO-B2		71	8
	68	4		SCO-A4	WAL-A1		7	IRE-A4	SCO-B1		72	7

Round 10	Scotland-A		V	Wales-A		Game	Lane	Ireland-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1							Game	Lane
	73	6		SCO-A1	WAL-A3		2	IRE-A1	SCO-B3		77	2
	74	5		SCO-A2	WAL-A4		1	IRE-A2	SCO-B4		78	1
	75	8		SCO-A3	WAL-A1		4	IRE-A3	SCO-B1		79	4
	76	7		SCO-A4	WAL-A2		3	IRE-A4	SCO-B2		80	3

Round 11	Scotland-A		V	Wales-A		Game	Lane	Ireland-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1							Game	Lane
	81	4		SCO-A1	WAL-A2		7	IRE-A1	SCO-B2		85	7
	82	3		SCO-A2	WAL-A1		8	IRE-A2	SCO-B1		86	8
	83	2		SCO-A3	WAL-A4		5	IRE-A3	SCO-B4		87	5
	84	1		SCO-A4	WAL-A3		6	IRE-A4	SCO-B3		88	6

Round 12	Scotland-A		V	Wales-A		Game	Lane	Ireland-A		V	Scotland-B	
	Game	Lane		SCO-A1							Game	Lane
	89	5		SCO-A1	WAL-A1		1	IRE-A1	SCO-B1		93	1
	90	6		SCO-A2	WAL-A2		2	IRE-A2	SCO-B2		94	2
	91	7		SCO-A3	WAL-A3		3	IRE-A3	SCO-B3		95	3
	92	8		SCO-A4	WAL-A4		4	IRE-A4	SCO-B4		96	4

SCOTLAND A



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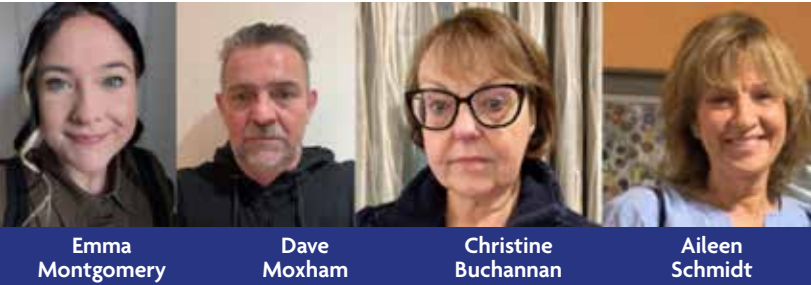
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SCOTLAND 2



SCOTLAND 3



SCOTLAND 4



SCOTLAND B



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Crombie

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Crombie

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Agab



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Colin
Rowan

IRELAND



IRELAND 1



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Voino

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Ramkalahun

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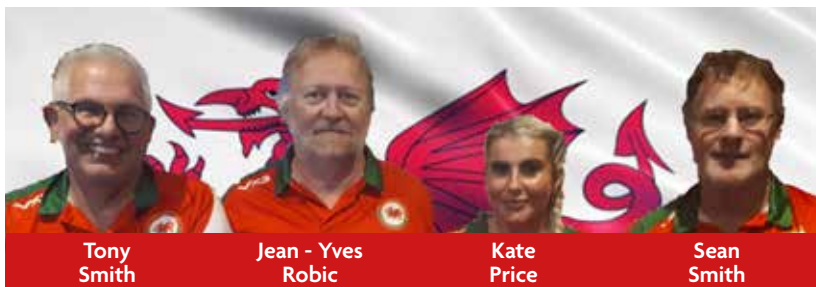
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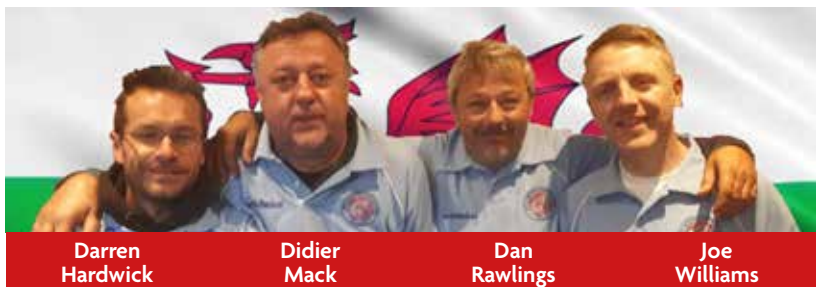
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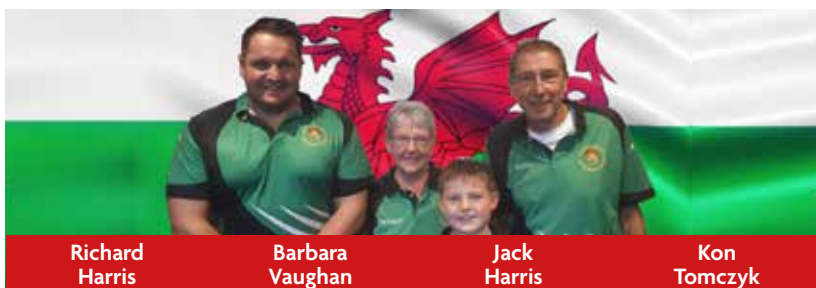
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**Good luck to all the players and organisers at the
Celtic Challenge 2025**



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

PM Traveller Pickups (Inverness / Aberdeen) - 2xMinibus

5.00 pm Clubhouse open and pistes available for practice

7.00 pm Bar open as required

Once Pick-ups are complete there will be 1 Minibus Shuttle Club / Banff Springs Hotel Until 10.00 pm

SATURDAY

7.30 am Minibus shuttle commences Banff Springs Hotel / Terrain

8.00 am Breakfast available at club

8.40 am Players Assemble at Lower Terrain

8.45 am Opening Ceremony.

9.00 am Team photos

9.10 am Start of Play

1.30 pm Lunch

2.15 pm Play recommences

4.00pm Afternoon Bite Available

6.30pm End of play (approx.)

Minibus Shuttle Club / Banff Springs Hotel Until 10.00 pm



SUNDAY

- 8.00 am** Minibus shuttle commences Banff Springs Hotel / Terrain
- 8.30 am** Breakfast available at club
- 9.00 am** Start of play
- 1.00 pm** Lunch
- 1.45 pm** Play recommences
- 4.00pm** Afternoon Bite Available
- 6.30 pm** End of play (approx.)

Minibus Shuttle Terrain / Banff Springs Hotel

- 8.00 pm** Arrival for Gala dinner at Banff Springs Hotel
- 8.30 pm** Meal Served

Speeches and Presentation on Completion of Meal

- 1.00 am** Close of event

MONDAY

Traveller drop-offs (Inverness / Aberdeen)



A collage of various objects including colorful balloons, a green t-shirt, a clock, a light bulb, a purple t-shirt, a soccer ball, a basketball, a baseball, and a football.



Banff Springs



EVENTS

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Accessible Routes

These routes have rest points and have taken distance and accessibility into consideration to suit a wide range of needs.



Sensory Walks

Make the most of our peaceful and tranquil outdoors, to help you relax and enjoy some time to yourself.



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A selection of routes created with horse riders in mind, which will take you along our beautiful coast.



Local Businesses

Browse our independent shops offering gifts and homeware, handmade crafts and art, and retro vintage and antique goods. Visit our many restaurants and cafes to sample our local produce from the best of Scotland's larder. Find our local businesses listed on our A-Z business directory.

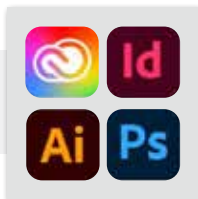


Clubs & Activities

Whether you are a sports enthusiast, a creative crafter, or a musical maestro, there are a variety of groups, clubs and associations locally which cater for all interests and ages. Browse our A-Z directory to find out more.



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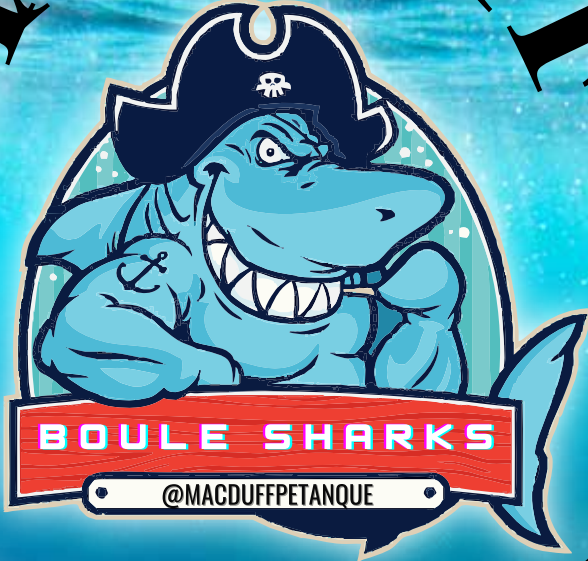


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