

Community

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME From Bill Farnsworth, General Manager

Dear Neighbour,
Summer has arrived and the flat season is well underway.

May and June have been very busy months for the team! However, we did take some time to have some community fun, as part of the British Racing Community Day. We decided to divide and conquer, to make as big a difference as we could to our local community. Our first team, comprised of Aisling, Jane, Jill, and Persia who met up with the local park ranger Cameron Wynne – they took on the task of litter picking around the lagoons and surrounding streets. By lunchtime, they were all very hungry but fortunately, the second team were taking care of that! Philip, Sarah, Hollie, and Anne had been cooking up a storm in our Bistro kitchen. One of our Charity partners this year is the East Lothian Foodbank. One of their objectives is to be able to provide Recipe Bags, made up of all the ingredients for a hearty meal with the cooking instructions provided. We offered to be the guinea pigs for a few of their latest concoctions. We wanted to test out the instructions and see how far each meal really stretched. To keep costs as low as possible, very basic ingredients were used; the sort you would receive from a foodbank, so we were hoping they would pass the taste test too! Hopefully by continuing to support the foodbank and by promoting their great work, we can help the most vulnerable in our community. We have also been exploring opportunities with Musselburgh's new pantry, located in the MECA Community Centre on Haddington Road.

As for our racing over the past few months, the sun was splitting the sky for one of the highlights of our fixture list, The Edinburgh Cup Day. We really couldn't have asked for better weather, or ground conditions. The marquees were up, hospitality was sold out, and Edinburgh Gin was the drink of



choice. Rory and his team really had the grounds and course looking superb as ever, even after some of our stubborn home-grown flowers decided it was still too cold for them to make an appearance. We welcomed along our sponsors, Edinburgh Gin, and the Scottish Rugby World Cup squad which we were thrilled about!

Once again, we want to thank you for your continued support over the past few months and for the busy few months ahead. As always, if you haven't popped in to see us, please do come into the office to say hello, and meet the team. We are always happy to help and would love to hear your community suggestions.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

Scan the QR code below to sign-up to our Musselburgh Neighbourhood mailing list which will provide the latest information regarding events at Musselburgh Racecourse.

GET IN TOUCH

We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful but if you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

Please email:
community@musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk



STUDENT PLACEMENT

In May, we had an extra set of hands, Sam, a student from Earlston High School in the Scottish Borders. He asked to spend a week shadowing our Grounds Team for his work experience module. Sam showed he has a great work ethic, with a keen willingness to help others with any job. He was busy painting, planting, and weeding. Being a keen and competent rider, and an active part of his local Pony Club, we have no doubt we'll be seeing more of Sam in the future!



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Ahead of our busy season, we wanted to make you aware of the plans we have between July and September 2023.

LUCA'S ICE CREAM FAMILY DAY



Tuesday 25th July Luca's Ice Cream Family Day 'Celebrating Musselburgh'

We are thrilled to say that we have partnered with several local businesses for our Luca's Ice Cream Family Day on the 25th of July. This includes Musselburgh Athletic and Musselburgh Windsor Football Clubs, East Coast, Luca's Ice Cream and East Lothian Foodbank. We will also welcome the Musselburgh Festival Honest Lad and Lass. They will all play a role in the day and celebrate all things Musselburgh during Musselburgh Festival Week!

RACEDAY ENTERTAINMENT:

On our Sensational racedays, we provide a range of entertainment depending on the raceday and the crowd attending. Below you can see a breakdown of the schedule.

Lucas Ice Cream Family Day - Tuesday 25th July

- Funfair build on Sunday 23rd July
- Funfair and kids activities from 12:00 – 18:30

Friday Night At The Races – Friday 4th August

- Marquee build from Monday 31st July
- Music and entertainment from 16:30 until 22:00

Stobo Castle Ladies Day – Friday 11th August

- Site build from Saturday 5th August
- Music and entertainment from 11:30am throughout the day until 19:00

Summer Finale Raceday – Saturday 16th September

- Music and entertainment from 13:00 throughout the day until 20:30

The Musselburgh Gold Cup Family Raceday - Sunday 17th September

- Funfair, Childrens Rides and DJ from Noon until 18:30

	Date	Fixture
JUL	Tue 25	Lucas Ice Cream Family Day
AUG	Fri 4	Thistle Timber Friday Night at the Races
	Fri 11	Stobo Castle Ladies Day
	Tue 29	Evening Meeting
	Wed 30	Afternoon Meeting
SEP	Sat 16	The Summer Finale Raceday
	Sun 17	Musselburgh Gold Cup Family Raceday
OCT	Mon 16	Scottish Flat Season Finale
NOV	Wed 8	Start of the Jumps featuring the Prince Philip Challenge Trophy
	Thu 30	The Saltire Raceday
DEC	Fri 1	The Festive Jumps Meeting
	Mon 18	Christmas Jumper Raceday
JAN	Mon 1	New Year's Day Meeting 2024

■ Sensational 6 Racedays

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

To allow access of emergency vehicles, we implement parking restrictions around the racecourse on racedays. This area is increased on our Sensational 6 racedays to include sections of Linkfield Road.

To help reduce the traffic within Musselburgh we provide a free courtesy bus service from Wallyford and Newcraighall Park and Rides. This service is available for all train and car users. Our Temporary Traffic Regulation Order can be found on our website www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk, on the Find Us page www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk/find-us



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Rory Innes,

Musselburgh Racecourse Clerk of the Course and Track Manager

Rory has been at Musselburgh Racecourse for four years, coming from an experienced agricultural background. He is responsible for track management including maintenance and enhancement of the racing surface; organisation of all Raceday officials, medical and veterinary requirements; ground/garden maintenance and raceday preparation. A typical day for Rory involves starting at sunrise, sometimes before sunrise and ensuring all the above is in hand!

Rory takes on an active role within the local community and works closely with Musselburgh Golf Club to ensure the Golf Course and Racecourse work seamlessly together. Rory also knows the importance of keeping the track in 5-star condition and his team provides complimentary disposal of dog bin waste surrounding the racecourse. He also sweeps the local roads pre and post raceday to ensure they are kept clean. If you spot him out on the track, be sure to stop him and say hello!

Rory's favourite part of the job is a "A successful raceday. Happy owners, trainers, horses, and jockeys. And providing the best racing surface we could have."