

Community

NEWSLETTER

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MUSSELBURGH
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WELCOME

From Bill Farnsworth, Racecourse Director

Dear Neighbour,

It's been an exciting and eventful few months at Musselburgh Racecourse as we wrap up the summer and autumn seasons! Despite the challenges of an exceptionally dry summer, our hardworking Grounds Team rose to the occasion, maintaining the track to a high standard under considerable pressure, a huge thank-you to them for their effort and dedication. We were also delighted to welcome Iain to the team, who has quickly become a valued member of the grounds crew. You will be guaranteed to see his smiley face around the course, hail, rain or shine.

This season, Musselburgh also featured on national television in Episode 3 of Full Gallop on ITV, giving viewers a fantastic behind-the-scenes look at the passion, teamwork, and commitment that keep our racecourse thriving and gave an insight into the wonderful faces within our industry.

Alongside the racing action, we've been proud to strengthen our community partnerships, supporting the Musselburgh Pantry, East Lothian Food Bank, and Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity through a range of fundraising and brand awareness initiatives helping to give back to the community that supports us year-round. We're delighted to have some exciting community partner news lined up for 2026. Be sure to follow our social channels for more details soon!

In mid-November, we were thrilled to attend the Racecourse Association's Annual Showcase Awards and even more delighted to walk away as winners of the Exceptional Raceday Delivery (≤7,999 racegoers) category for our 90s Friday Night at the Races event.

Finally, we said a very fond farewell to Persia, our Operations Executive, who finished up her role with us. Persia's enthusiasm, professionalism, and commitment have been greatly appreciated, and we wish her every success in her next adventure.

Once again, thank you for your support. From everyone at Musselburgh Racecourse, we wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Bill Farnsworth,
Racecourse Director

OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Please note that the office will be closed on 24th December and will reopen at 9am on Monday, 29th December 2025.

ENTERTAINMENT

We are conscious that our biggest days have an impact on local residents and visitors to Musselburgh. With most of these racedays taking place between April and September, we have detailed some of the upcoming key dates and timings so you're aware.

On our Sensational Raceday's, we provide a range of entertainment dependent on the raceday and the crowd type attending.

New Year's Day in partnership with Virgin Bet – Thursday 1st January 2026

- Site build from Wednesday 17th December
- Music and entertainment from 10:30 – 17:00 across the site

Bet365 Scottish Cheltenham Trials – Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st February 2026

- Music and entertainment from 11:30 – 18:00 across the site. (Sunday only)

The Virgin Bet Queen's Cup on Easter Saturday – 4th April 2026

- Site build from Monday 30th March
- Music and entertainment from 11:30 – 19:00 on Loretto Lawn.
- Funfair and kids' activities from 11:30 – 19:30 on Linkfield Lawn.

Edinburgh Cup in partnership with Edinburgh Gin – Saturday 6th June 2026

- Site build from Wednesday 27th May
- Music and entertainment from 11:00 – 18:00 on Loretto and Linkfield Lawn.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Montgomery, Musselburgh Racecourse

Hello, I'm Sarah Montgomery, and I have had the privilege of being part of the wonderful team at Musselburgh Racecourse for over 15 years. In my role, I oversee the development and delivery of our race day events, ensuring that every detail meets our 5-star standards. There is nothing quite like seeing a raceday come together from the initial planning to the final execution, delivering memorable experiences for all our customers.

Beyond delivering exceptional racedays, I am passionate about fostering meaningful relationships, both within our teams, among our visitors and within our Industry. Whether it's developing individuals in their careers, welcoming first-time racegoers or supporting local initiatives, I believe that building connections and looking after your communities is essential if you want to deliver successful events.

Outside of the racecourse, I enjoy activities with my family, watching their sporting interests including horse riding, football and rugby and we love our holidays in Skye, all of which inspire me both personally and professionally.

It is a genuine privilege to work as part of the team at Musselburgh and contribute to the ongoing success of the racecourse, and I am delighted to be part of a team that delivers world-class race days that bring our community together.

FIXTURES

	Date	Fixture
January	Thu 1	New Year's Day Raceday 2026 in partnership with Virgin Bet
	Tue 6	The Virgin Bet January Jumps Raceday
	Sat 31	The bet365 Scottish Cheltenham Trials Raceday
February	Sun 1	The bet365 Scottish Cheltenham Trials Raceday
	Sun 15	The Afternoon Jumps Raceday
March	Fri 20	Go North Raceday, supported by The Racing Post
April	Sat 4	The Virgin Bet Queen's Cup on Easter Saturday
	Sun 12	The Sky Bet Sunday Series Raceday
	Wed 29	Afternoon Raceday
May	Thu 21	Afternoon Raceday
June	Fri 5	Afternoon Raceday
	Sat 6	The Edinburgh Cup Raceday in partnership with Edinburgh Gin
	Mon 22	Afternoon Raceday
	Tue 30	Afternoon Raceday
July	Tue 21	Luca's Ice Cream Family Raceday
	Fri 31	The 90's Friday Night at the Races
August	Fri 7	Ladies Day 2026
	Mon 24	Afternoon Raceday
	Tue 25	The Portobello Cup Raceday
September	Sat 12	Oktoberfest Raceday featuring the Musselburgh Gold Cup
	Wed 30	Afternoon Raceday
October	Mon 12	The Racing TV Raceday
November	Wed 4	Scottish Flat Season Finale Raceday
	Fri 27	The Start of the Jumps Raceday
December	Mon 7	The Festive Jumps Raceday
	Mon 21	Christmas Jumper Raceday

 **Sensational Racedays** (the biggest and best of Musselburgh Racecourse)

THE HORSE COMES FIRST

Horse welfare has always been of paramount importance to everyone at Musselburgh Racecourse, and now, more than ever, we want to highlight this to the general public by reaching out and welcoming you behind the scenes. Our team have put together an informative video to give you some insight into how loved & looked after every horse is on a raceday. This has been endorsed by the RCA and is available to watch by scanning the QR code. Our team of experienced and dedicated ground staff ensures that horsemen, stable staff, jockeys, owners and trainers can be confident in running their horses at Musselburgh, knowing that every effort has been made to provide the best possible racing surface for their horses.



SECURITY & SAFETY

We pride ourselves on providing a safe environment for racegoers. We work with the East Lothian Council Safety Advisory Group, who sign off our annual plans in November with a further meeting in June specifically for Ladies Day. On our Sensational Raceday's we enhance our security numbers and have a Police presence in and around the course. On these days, we have increased bag searches and sniffer dogs to reduce anti-social behaviour. Our security footprint extends to the surrounding areas where we have a stewarding presence in the streets around the racecourse while our racegoers arrive and leave.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

To allow access of emergency vehicles, we implement parking restrictions around the racecourse on racedays. This area is increased on our Sensational 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 (when trains are running). 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.



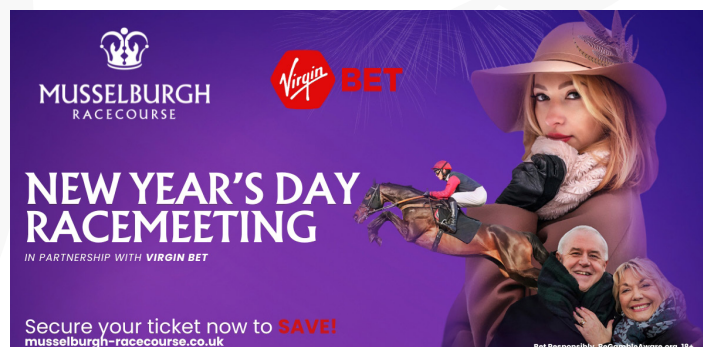
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We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful but if you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

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