

Community

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME From Bill Farnsworth, Racecourse Director

Dear Neighbour,

As Racecourse Director at Musselburgh Racecourse, I wanted to personally thank you for the continued support and understanding shown by our local community throughout the year. Being part of Musselburgh means a great deal to all of us at the racecourse, and our relationship with you as neighbours and residents is very important to us.

It has already been a memorable year at the racecourse, with over 20,000 visitors joining us for racedays since the start of the year. From our New Year's Day celebrations and feature fixtures to the hugely popular Corgi Derby on Easter Saturday, which brought plenty of smiles and well-deserved attention to the racecourse. These events not only create a vibrant atmosphere on racedays but also help showcase the town to visitors from across Scotland and further afield. It has been fantastic to see so many people enjoying everything Musselburgh has to offer. These events not only create a vibrant atmosphere on racedays but also help showcase the town to visitors from across Scotland and further afield.

We opened our 2026 Flat season with a real bang! Despite spring having hardly sprung by April this year, our Easter Saturday still had a super turn out, with the racing on the track as good as I can recall at Musselburgh. We had high quality action, great variety and some fiercely competitive races which kept the crowd on the edge of their seats, and we were proud to be able to debut our newest Class 1 Listed race, the Goliath Cup. The race transferred to Musselburgh following its previous incarnation as the Further Flight Stakes at Nottingham and we boosted the prize money to £80,000 which attracted some of the best horses in running. In form trainer Karl Burke's Al Qareem took the spoils, with heroic jockey Clifford Lee steering him gamely past the line in only his second ride back after recovering from a broken neck in a shocking motorbike crash back in October! We also attracted strong fields in our Virgin Bet Queen's Cup and Scottish Sprint Cup, the fastest 5 furlong horses in the North. My eyecatcher of the day though has to be Adonius, the Rebecca Menzies juvenile, who won on his debut. He has since followed up with two more wins, both here at Musselburgh again and in a high-quality race at Chester. He could be one to watch this summer, and he certainly seems to like our tight track so hopefully we will see a lot more of him!

While racedays bring excitement, visitors and investment into the area, we also recognise that they can bring additional activity to the surrounding areas. We remain committed to working closely with the local community to ensure we are considerate neighbours and to keep residents informed about our busiest events.

Community is very important to us, and we are proud to continue supporting the East Lothian Foodbank and the vital work they do for local families and individuals across our area. We are also delighted to be working closely with The Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity for



our Family Day on Tuesday 21st July, helping to bring families together for a fun-filled raceday while highlighting the incredible work they do for children and families across Scotland during some of the most difficult times in their lives. In addition, we are pleased to be developing a partnership with The Royal Regiment of Scotland, and we look forward to working together on initiatives that honour their heritage and strengthen our shared connection with the wider community. You can read about this partnership in more detail, later in our letter.

As a small thank you, we are pleased to include a complimentary pair of tickets per household for our raceday on Monday 24th August. We hope you'll take the opportunity to join us for an enjoyable day out and experience the atmosphere of racing here at Musselburgh. Whether you are a regular visitor or have never attended before, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Musselburgh Racecourse. We are proud to be part of this community and look forward to seeing many of you during the season ahead.

Bill Farnsworth,
Racecourse Director

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet Carina Ewens, Operational Executive at Musselburgh Racecourse.

Carina is one of the friendly faces behind the scenes making sure every raceday and event at Musselburgh Racecourse comes together. From early planning through to the final race, she's there helping keep everything on track so guests can simply enjoy their day.

No two days are ever the same and that's exactly what keeps things exciting. She's right at the centre of the action whether that's helping set up for a major event, coordinating behind the scenes during a busy raceday, or dealing with the unexpected (which always pops up!). It's fast-paced, hands-on, and full of variety, exactly how she likes it.

For Carina, it's the buzz of a raceday that makes it all worthwhile. She loves being part of the team that brings that atmosphere to life and takes real pride in knowing her work helps create a great experience for every guest.

Always approachable, organised and ready to get stuck in, Carina along with the Musselburgh Racecourse team, helps to make each raceday run smoothly.

ENTERTAINMENT

During our Sensational Racedays, we offer a variety of entertainment, tailored to the specific raceday and the type of crowd attending.

Edinburgh Cup in partnership with Edinburgh Gin

Saturday 6th June 2026

Site build from Wednesday 27th May

Music and entertainment from 11:30 – 19:00 on Loretto and Linkfield Lawn

The 90's Friday Night at the Races ft. Belfast Brunch & co.

Friday 31st July 2026

Music and entertainment from 15:45 – 22:00 on Loretto Lawn

Ladies Day in partnership with Champagne Pommery

Friday 7th August 2026

Site build from Monday 27th July

Music and entertainment from 11:30 – 19:00 on Loretto and Linkfield Lawn

Oktoberfest Raceday in partnership with The Royal Regiment of Scotland

Saturday 12th September 2026

Music and entertainment from 14:00 – 21:00 on Loretto and Linkfield Lawn

Events hosted at Musselburgh Racecourse by other organisations:

Harness Racing (run by the British Harness Racing Club)

Saturday 13th June

Honest Toun Family Day (run by the Honest Toun Association)

Saturday 25th July

Scottish Half Marathon and 10K (www.scottishhalfmarathon.com/half)

Sunday 16th August

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Royal Regiment of Scotland



Musselburgh Racecourse is delighted to welcome The Royal Regiment of Scotland as its Official Community Partner for 2026.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland said:

"The Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS) is proud to be Musselburgh Racecourse's Official Community Partner for 2026. Building on a relationship spanning more than 25 years, the partnership coincides with significant milestones for both organisations, with SCOTS marking 20 years of service since its formation and Musselburgh celebrating 20 years as one of Scotland's leading racecourses.

Throughout 2026, the partnership will champion community-focused initiatives and the hosting of regimental events at the racecourse. Racegoers can expect appearances from the regimental mascot Corporal Cruachan IV and a performance by the SCOTS Pipes and Drums at September's Oktoberfest Raceday."

The partnership also supports The Royal Regiment of Scotland Heritage Appeal, helping to honour serving soldiers, veterans and their families, while continuing Musselburgh Racecourse's wider commitment to supporting community organisations and local initiatives.

FIXTURES

	Date	Fixture
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	The Superhero Family Raceday in partnership with the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
	Fri 31	The 90's Friday Night at the Races
August	Fri 7	Ladies Day 2026 in partnership with Champagne Pommery
	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
January	Fri 1	New Year's Day Raceday 2027 in partnership with Virgin Bet

Sensational Racedays (the biggest and best of Musselburgh Racecourse)

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