



BOTHWELL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME

30TH AUGUST TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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Bothwell Art Club Exhibition

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The Bothwell Scarecrow Festival is back by popular demand and this September we will be celebrating our **13th Year!** Our Festival is the largest of its kind in Scotland and is a cornerstone event, tirelessly organised by Bothwell volunteers to strengthen community friendships, improve our environment and showcase everything Bothwell has to offer.

The Festival wouldn't be possible without the support of all our sponsors. This year, as with previous years, surplus proceeds from events will be **donated to local charities**, helping them continue their valuable work.

My team and I have been working around the clock to put together a spectacular programme with something for everyone! In our commitment to the environment, this year our digital brochure returns and offers an eco-friendly and accessible way to track the Festival schedule. Stay tuned to our **social media platforms** for the most up to date information!

Of course, our Scarecrow Festival wouldn't be complete without your fantastic scarecrow creations. Get creative and adorn your garden and free space with your imaginative designs for all to see and enjoy! Don't forget to send us your scarecrow photos via direct message through Facebook or Instagram and we will make sure they are posted on our social media pages.

Follow us online, get involved, and most importantly, come and share the joy and excitement with us. Let's make memories, strengthen our bonds and put smiles on everyone's faces. **See you at the Festival!**

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Proceeds from events go to cover cost with surplus funds invested back into our community. As in previous years we will be proudly supporting Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

All information stated is factual as at the time of publication. Where possible we will update our listings to notify of cancelled, postponed and rescheduled events. Please visit our facebook and Instagram pages for the most up to date information. All information (whether in text or photographs) should be taken in good faith but should not be relied upon as being a statement of representation or fact.

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A special thank you to Les and Virginia Hutchinson who see this as fostering a deeper community spirit.

As a direct result of sponsorship and donations the Festival has grown each year and we have watched the **community spirit grow** with it. New connections and friendships have been forged that will last a lifetime.

It is good that we can give some space to our sponsors for a little bit of recognition. Local businesses and individuals have donated to the Festival because they believe in our community.

Please support them where possible and shop local.

DIGITAL GUIDE:

This digital guide provides all the essential information you need to make the most of your Bothwell Scarecrow Festival experience. From **event schedules** to **performer bios**, **venue maps** to **booking details**, our online brochure has it all at your fingertips.

You can use **Contents** page to jump directly to each section and navigate using the buttons on the bottom of each page (may not work in some tables & mobile devices). Clicking **Links** and **Adverts** will take you to the appropriate webpage.

TIP: Command Click to open in new Tab / Window.

For real-time updates and interactive features, make sure to follow us on social media. Links to our official **Facebook** & **Instagram** accounts and **website** are below allowing you to join the conversation and share your festival experiences.

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 www.bothwellscarecrowfestival.co.uk

M&D's TRAIN:

🏠 Bothwell Primary School to Bothwell Parish Church Bus Stop, Main Street

📅 Saturday, 13 September 2025

📅 Sunday, 14 September 2025

🕒 Saturday: 11.00am - 5.00pm

🕒 Sunday: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

💷 £2.50 per person (Return)

We are excited that the **M&D's Train is BACK!**

Hop on the train for the ultimate festival experience! During the final weekend, the train will loop between our Family Outdoor Fun Days (at Bothwell Primary) and the bus stop outside Bothwell Parish Church, Main Street. The train will continue to loop around taking approximately 20 minutes, depending on traffic.

Return tickets are available from the train conductor and will have a **10% discount code** for M&D's pumpkin Festival.

Don't miss out... ride the train, soak up the festival vibes, and enjoy all the fun along the way!

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BREATHE AND BE

 **Bothwell Community Hub**

 **Saturday, 13 September 25**

 **1.00pm – 3.30pm**

 **Reserve your space now [CLICK HERE](#)**

Mindfulness, Meditation & Yoga at Bothwell Community HUB

Join us for a restorative day of relaxation, mindfulness, meditation, and yoga – the perfect chance to pause, breathe, move, and simply be present.

Whether you're completely new or have years of practice, this event offers something for everyone.

What to expect:

- Gentle guided meditation
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- Mindful breathing and movement
- A chance to connect with like-minded people

Take a break from your busy day and invest in your mind, body, and soul. Spaces are limited – book today to avoid missing out!

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CRAFT FAIR

🏠 Grace Church Bothwell

📅 Saturday, 13 September 25

🕒 10.00am – 3.00pm

👉 Free Entry: Enjoy tea and coffee for a small donation

Save the Date for Bothwell Scarecrow Festival's much-loved Craft Fair at Grace Church!

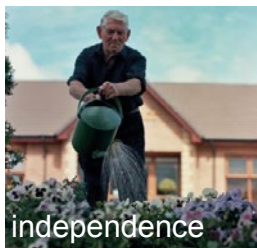
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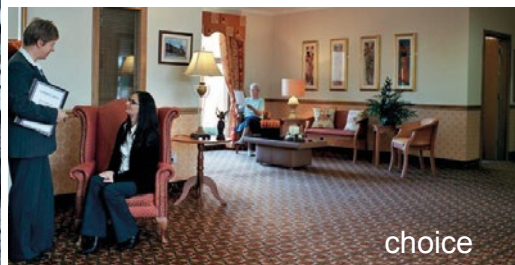
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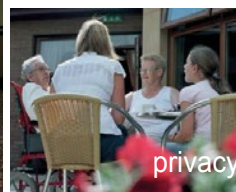
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BOTHWELL ART CLUB EXHIBITION

🏠 Bothwell Parish Church Centre

📅 Saturday, 13 September 2025

📅 Sunday, 14 September 2025

🕒 Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

🕒 Sunday: 11.30am - 5.00pm

👉 Free entry

For over 50 years, Bothwell Art Club has nurtured local amateur artists in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. They're getting ready to dazzle you once again with their annual showcase. From delicate watercolours and intricate pencil drawings to bold pastels, vibrant oils, and striking acrylics - there's something to captivate every art lover!

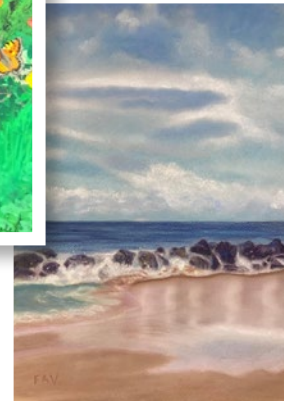
DON'T MISS this special two-day event! Not only can you admire these incredible works, but you can take a piece home with you – **All artworks are for sale!**

We have no doubt that Bothwell Art Club's Exhibition will be another standout event at this year's Bothwell Scarecrow Festival!

SAVE THE DATES - We can't wait to see you there!

Give Bothwell Art Club a follow on Facebook for more sneak peeks, exclusive previews, and a front-row seat to some truly incredible local art!

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📅 **Sunday, 14 September 2025**

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🕒 **Sunday: 11.30am - 5.00pm**

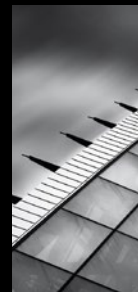
🆓 **Free entry**

Immerse yourself in a **stunning showcase** of prints by talented local photographers at Hamilton Camera Club's Print Exhibition. Whether you're a photography enthusiast, an aspiring photographer, or simply someone who appreciates beautiful imagery, this is an event not to be missed!

Weekly Meetings:

Join Hamilton Camera Club every Thursday at 7.30pm (September to April) at Hamilton Old Parish Church Halls. Enjoy inspiring guest speakers, competitions, and workshops - all are welcome!

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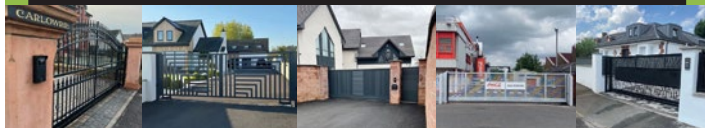
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🏠 Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church

📅 Saturday, 13 September 2025

🕒 10.00am - 4.00pm

🆓 Free

Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church are delighted to welcome visitors to see, admire and appreciate our impressive and **historic church** during its Scarecrow Festival Open Day. Whether you stay for a little while or the whole afternoon, you are free to explore this remarkable place in our community.

At 3.00pm, join us for our much loved Graveyard Tour (approximately 1hr 15mins). Discover stories of the past as you walk amongst the headstones. Please meet 5 mins before the tour time at the **Joanna Baillie Monument**. For all TOURS a donation (min £8.00 pp) is requested - all donations will go to charity.



ARIETTA RETURN - MUSIC @ CONCERT

🏠 Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church

📅 Sunday, 14 September 2025

🕒 3.00pm

🆓 Free - with a voluntary donation in support of church funds

The next Music @ Concert on the 14th September see's the fantastic **Arietta** return to Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church for an afternoon of delightful music.

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🏠 **Bothwell Community Garden,
30 Blantyre Road**

📅 **Saturday, 13 September 2025**

📅 **Sunday, 14 September 2025**

🕒 **Saturday: 11.00am - 4.00pm**

🕒 **Sunday: 1.30pm - 4.00pm**

🆓 **Free entry**

Reconnect with Nature... the Organic Growers of Bothwell Garden Open Days are back at this year's Bothwell Scarecrow Festival!

There will be plants, garden sundries and other items for sale!

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📍 **Bothwell Primary School, Blantyre Road**

📅 **Saturday, 13 September 2025**

📅 **Sunday, 14 September 2025**

🕒 **Saturday: 11.00am - 6.00pm**

🕒 **Sunday: 12.00pm - 5.00pm**

🆓 **Free entry**

The final weekend of Bothwell Scarecrow Festival is not to be missed! Read on to find out why;

FAIRGROUND - Have fun in the fairground with great rides and excitement to be had for all ages!

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT - We'll have a cracking selection of the best live bands and community groups performing on our Bothwell Futures Community Stage, in the MUGA.

INFLATABLE ZONE - let your little ones play at our dedicated Inflatable Zone, buy a £5.00 wrist band and play all day long!



FOOD AND DRINK - There's something for every tastebud! Vendors include: Churros Baby; Cupcakes by Toni; Cut Loaded Fries; Dumpling Mama; Mario & Dino Pizza; Potato Spirals; Salt and Chilli Chicken; and Truck Sri.

Bars include: Bubbles Baby, M&D's Bar & Cut Bar.

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MARKETPLACE - A special selection of stalls from local vendors include: Bali Direct; Chunky Chunks Bakes; Ellemar; Football Shirt Emporium; Gorgeous Gifts By Ell; Hair Accessories; LumieScents Scotland; Mint Bleu Designs; Nel & Co; New Moon Sky; Quirky Crochet; Perfect Pup Pals; Pour Your HeArt Out; Saturday Hero; Simba's Sweets; Sweet Sensations; and The Crafty Cow.

PLUS... All the favourites: Face Painting, Coconut Shy, Tombola and lots of exciting stalls.

M&D'S TRAIN - Hop on the train for the ultimate festival experience! The train will loop between Bothwell Primary & Bothwell Parish Church bus stop on Main Street. Return tickets are available from the conductor for £2.50 per person.

PARK AND STRIDE - Park and Stride is recommended on both Saturday and Sunday from Kirklands Hospital Car Park or Daluciano's Car Park due to there being limited public parking within the village. Great fun to be had for all the family.

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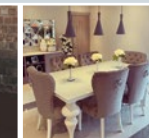
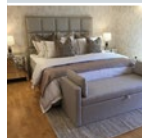
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Saturday, 6 September 2025		
Musicfest Mainstage	1.00pm – 9.30pm	Uddingston Cricket Club
Graveyard Tour	3.00pm – 4.15pm	Meet at Joanna Baillie Monument, Bothwell Parish Church
Sunday, 7 September 2025		
Bothwell Tennis Club Championships, Open Day	12.00pm – 4.00pm	Bothwell Lawn Tennis Club
Tuesday, 9 September 2025		
Graveyard Tour	7.00pm – 8.15pm	Meet at Joanna Baillie Monument, Bothwell Parish Church
Saturday, 13 September 2025		
Craft Fair	10.00am – 3.00pm	Grace Church
Bothwell Art Club Exhibition	10.00am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Parish Church Centre
Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church Open Day	10.00am – 4.00pm	Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church
Hamilton Camera Club Print Exhibition	10.30am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Parish Church Centre
M&Ds Train	11.00am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Primary School to Bothwell Parish Church Bus Stop, Main Street
Organic Growers of Bothwell Open Day	11.00am – 4.00pm	Bothwell Community Gardens
Bothwell Futures Community Stage	11.00am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Primary School



**Saturday, 13 September 2025**

Family Outdoor Fun Day	11.00am – 6.00pm	Bothwell Primary School
Breathe & Be	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Bothwell Community Hub

Sunday, 14 September 2025

Bothwell Art Club Exhibition	11.30am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Parish Church Centre
Hamilton Camera Club Print Exhibition	11.30am – 5.00pm	Bothwell Parish Church Centre
M&Ds Train	12.00pm – 4.00pm	Bothwell Primary School to Bothwell Parish Church Bus Stop, Main Street
Best Dressed Scarecrow	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Bothwell Primary School
Family Outdoor Fun Day	12.00pm – 5.00pm	Bothwell Primary School
Bothwell Futures Community Stage	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Bothwell Primary School
Organic Growers of Bothwell Open Day	1.30pm – 4.00pm	Bothwell Community Gardens
Graveyard Tour	3.00pm – 4.15pm	Meet at Joanna Baillie Monument, Bothwell Parish Church

Saturday, 20 September 2025

Chess Tournament: Scarecrow Allegro - Adult	10.00am – 4.30pm	Hamilton Bowling Club
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Throughout Festival

Bothwell Community Larder
Super Scarecrow Street
Bothwell Futures
Bothwell – Jouy-en-Josas – Twinning

BOTHWELL FUTURES COMMUNITY STAGE

🏠 **Bothwell Primary School - MUGA pitch**

📅 **Saturday, 13 September 2025**

📅 **Sunday, 14 September 2025**

🕒 **Saturday: 11.00am - 5.00pm**

🕒 **Sunday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

For the first time, the Bothwell Futures' Community Stage will be in the MUGA at Bothwell Primary School! Sponsored by Bothwell Futures, the stage will bring an amazing weekend of **local talent** to life at our Family Outdoor Fun Days!

Join us for **live music, dance groups, theatre performances, a DJ**, and even a **face painter**. Relax with food and drinks while enjoying an energetic, fun-packed atmosphere for all ages.



Bring your family and friends, and come celebrate **local creativity** and **community talent**! This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Bothwell Scarecrow Festival 2025



TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN DAY

🏠 **Bothwell Lawn Tennis Club,**
18 Mill Road, Bothwell, G71 8DJ

📅 **Sunday, 7 September 2025**

🕒 **12.00pm - 4.00pm**

🔌 **Free - Spectators Welcome**

The Bothwell Lawn Tennis Club invites spectators to their Tennis Championships & Open Day.

Come down and watch some top-level competitive tennis and enjoy a fantastic afternoon. Spectators are welcome, with seating provided, and the clubhouse will be open with drinks and nibbles!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to see some **thrilling matches** and experience the friendly atmosphere at Bothwell Lawn Tennis Club. Whether you're a tennis fan or just looking for a fun way to spend your Sunday, this is the place to be!

Join us for a tour of this lovely club which boasts an all-weather floodlit court, ball cannon, practice wall and table tennis. Ball games are hugely popular!

We're '**serving**' up the fun - **Come have an 'Ace' time**. For more information on the club please visit their website:

🌐 clubspark.lta.org.uk/BothwellLTC



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event, please contact us on:
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GOLF TASTER

🏠 **Bothwell Castle Golf Club**

📅 **Friday, 5 September 2025**

🕒 **3.00pm - 4.00pm**

🕒 **4.00pm - 5.00pm**

🔌 **Free**

(Will have a donation bucket for Charity)

Assistant golf professional David at Bothwell Castle Golf Club will be providing a golf taster session.

All golf balls and equipment will be provided. Open to all ages.

Entrance is at:
Castle Practice Area, 4 Imperial Way, Bothwell G71 8NZ

First come first served basis. Email the address below to book.



✉ davidboothgolf@gmail.com

MUSICFEST MAINSTAGE

📍 Uddingston Cricket & Sports Club

📅 Saturday, 6 September 2025

🕒 1.00pm - 9.30pm

MUSICFEST MAINSTAGE 2025

The Ultimate Family Festival!

Musicfest Mainstage is turning up the volume with a high-energy lineup featuring a powerhouse of iconic bands, homegrown talent, and rising stars!

THE MAINSTAGE LINEUP:

Headlining the MainStage: Britpop legends *The Bluetones* are gearing up to deliver an electrifying performance of timeless anthems and fresh tracks.

Our unmissable Mainstage lineup also includes: *The Supernaturals*; *Republica*; *Jumbo Gibson*; *Kevin McGuire*; *Brielle*; and *Richie & Mark*.

And that's just the Mainstage...

FAMILY FUN GALORE:

The Little Big Top & Little Top Tents are where the magic of Kids



Entertainment comes to life this year, featuring performances from *The Signing Kettle* and *Astral Circus* that will delight children and adults alike. And the best part? These kids' entertainment shows are included with your Musicfest Mainstage ticket!





LIVE ACOUSTIC TENT:

Step inside The Live Acoustic Tent, run by *The Uddingston Music Club*, for an evening of soul-stirring sounds and heartfelt lyrics, featuring 10 amazing local singer-songwriters.

EVENING DANCE TENT:

As day turns to night, the Little Big Top will transform into a high-energy dance haven! The ALL HANDS ON DECK resident DJ's will take you on 'A Journey Through Dance Music.'

PLUS THERE'S MORE...

- Activities including: Inflatable Zone (Wristbands available for 'All Day Play'); Funfair Rides; Bungee Trampolines; Face Painters & Festival glitter; and more!
- Unique market stalls for you to shop and explore!
- Delicious eats & drinks in our buzzing Food Village!
- Card-only bars where staff will keep the queues moving and the thirst away!
- And MUCH MORE!

Tag your crew, round up the kids, leash the dog, and make **Saturday 6th September** the highlight of your 2025! Musicfest Mainstage is a full-blown celebration of music, fun, and shared moments. Let's make memories together!

Musicfest Mainstage is proudly sponsored by **Homegrown Garden Centre** - supporting local community, creativity, and a blooming good time.

BEST DRESSED SCARECROW

🏠 **Bothwell Primary School**

📅 **Sunday, 14 September 2025**

🕒 **12.00pm - 3.00pm**

Just because there's no parade doesn't mean the fun has to stop! Come along to our **Family Outdoor Fun Day** on Sunday 14th September 2025 dressed in your very best scarecrow outfit.

There will be a **PRIZE** for the **Best Dressed Scarecrow** – with awards for both **Best Child** and **Best Adult**. So dig out your most creative scarecrow glad rags and join the fun! Archie can't wait to see your costumes and will be there to judge who takes home the prize.



Previous Best Dressed Scarecrow in Parade throughout the years

SUPER SCARECROW STREET CHALLENGE

 Throughout Festival

 Saturday, 13 September 25 (Winners Announced)

 Sunday, 14 September 25 (Presentation)

Take up the Super Scarecrow Street Challenge

This is your chance to team up with your **NEIGHBOURS, COLLEAGUES** or **COMMUNITY GROUP/CLUB** and dive into the thrill of planning something truly extraordinary and construct your very own Super Scarecrow Street.

Each year we are blown away by the creativity and spirit of our participants as Bothwell's streets are transformed into a spectacular Scarecrow showcase.

Bothwell Scarecrow Festival

is a roaring success thanks to the amazing scarecrows created and displayed by talented residents and businesses! These scarecrows draw crowds of all ages to our village, eager to see the **creative displays** and join in the exciting events. To keep the spirit alive and honour the true meaning of our Festival, we need lots of scarecrows!

Join the fun, **build a scarecrow**, and help us make this years festival the best one yet!

So, build and display a Scarecrow

- Visit the Scarecrow building page on our website
- Involve children and adults who like to have fun and make it a laugh
- Find a character that is in the news or well known
- Hunt for old vibrant clothes from your cupboards or charity shops to suit your scarecrow
- Prepare a sturdy and strong framework with wood or strong sticks
- Get some straw or other filling materials to fill up your scarecrow
- Give your scarecrow an expressive face using paint, markers etc
- Assemble your scarecrow on its frame and stuff, dress and display it
- Display your scarecrow outside your house for everyone to enjoy
- Share your creation with us and others by messaging us on social media.

To help start the building process of your scarecrow, straw will be available to you at the corner of **Laighlands Road & Langside Road**.

To **ENTER & REGISTER** for the competition either:

Phone/text: **07748 802915**

Email: **superscarecrowstreet@gmail.com**, or

Contact us on: **Facebook** or **Instagram**.

When you register a street, part of a street, business or community group/club you will receive a **SCARECROW STARTER PACK** to set you off!

Starter Pack Includes:

- Super Scarecrow Street competitor banner
- A bottle of Bubbly
(or a non-alcoholic alternative if preferred)
- Straw, stakes and slats for your first three scarecrows
- An information leaflet providing help and guidance for scarecrow design and build.

You be the Judge...

The Bothwell community will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite entries in our Super Scarecrow Street categories via an online poll. Keep an eye on our social media pages for more information during the Scarecrow Festival. So watch out on the Bothwell Scarecrow Festival Facebook page for information nearer the time.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE BEST ENTRIES

There will be various categories to vote for, with the **winners** being announced on **Saturday 13th** and the **presentation** taking place on **Sunday 14th September** at Family Outdoor Fun Day.

 www.facebook.com/BothwellScarecrowFestival

Best Community Group 2024 Bothwell Castle Care Home - The Wizard of Oz Theme



Best Residential Street Award 2024 Bothwellbank (Barrie Avenue & Mason Gardens) - Olympics Theme



Committee Community Award 2024 Fife Court Residential Housing - Stephen King - IT Theme



GRAVEYARD TOURS

🏠 Bothwell Parish Church Graveyard (meet at Joanna Baillie Monument)

📅 Saturday, 6 & 13 September 2025

📅 Tuesday, 9 September 2025

🕒 Saturday 6 & 13 Sept: 3.00pm - 4.15pm

🕒 Tuesday 9 Sept: 7.00pm - 8.15pm

⚡ Donations requested: Min £8.00 per person

Even More Tales of Bothwell's Historic Graveyard Returning again by popular demand, Guided Tours of the graveyard will take place at the times listed.

Each tour will last about an hour and fifteen minutes (1hr 15mins). Please meet 5 minutes before each tour time at the **Joanna Baillie Monument** at Bothwell Parish Church entrance.

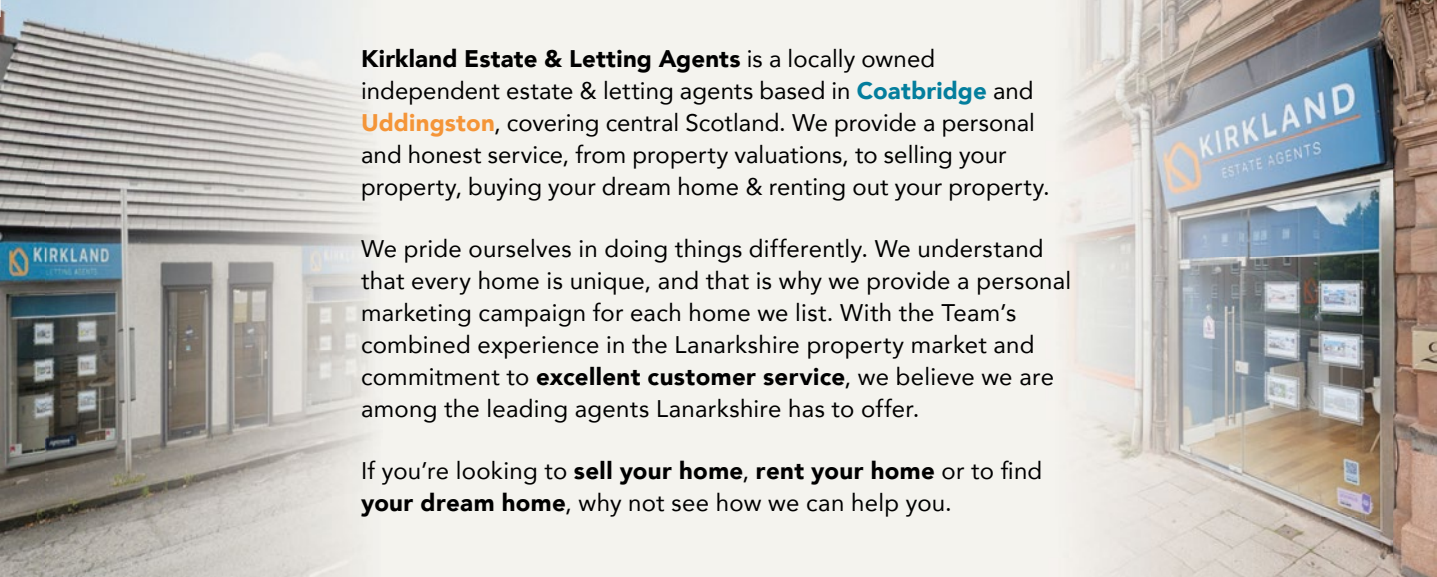




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BOTHWELL – JOUY-EN-JOSAS – TWINNING

Throughout Festival

Bothwell Twinning Association: Bothwell has been twinned with Jouy-en-Josas, near Versailles, Yvelines, France, for more than 40 years.

Bothwell Twinning Association, in collaboration with Bothwell Community Council, Bothwell Futures and the Jouy Twinning Committee, is keen to make contact with, and support groups and individuals in Bothwell interested in engaging in twinning activities with Jouy.

Groups in Jouy are keen to promote shared activities in, for example:

- Gardening/Horticulture
- Jouy Choir/Bothwell Philharmonic Choir
- Cycling
- Historical Research
- School links online
- Family exchange visits – more than 20 Jouy families are ready to accommodate or to exchange with Scottish families
- Church Groups engaging actively with groups from St Martin's Catholic Church and the Protestant Temple in Jouy.

If you are interested in twinning and would like to know more about visiting Jouy as an individual or group please contact us at:

 twinning@bothwellfutures.org



BOTHWELL COMMUNITY LARDER

Bothwell Parish Church Centre

Throughout Festival

Working together with Bothwell Futures and the community we are pleased to be able to open up and offer a community larder for everyone. All are welcome Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.00pm - 14.00pm to come without judgement or referral to browse the shelves of the larder and take the food and toiletry items that they require. The Larder is located in the Church Centre. When the larder is in use the middle doors are closed in the hallway allowing for a private space to be created, just ring the bell on the door to come in.

Donations

Donations are always welcome and required. If you are able to help, please bring these to the Church on the last Sunday of each month, or bring them to the Church Centre Monday to Saturday between 9 and 5pm. Leave your donation in the trolley outside the Chapterhouse Cafe.

Volunteers

Finally we also need more volunteers to man the larder. Each of our volunteers helps on average once a month. Thanks so much to all those who have already helped in any way.

 www.thebothwellhub.co.uk



ABOUT BOTHWELL FUTURES

Throughout Festival

Bothwell Futures is the community trust for Bothwell. Working alongside the community of Bothwell we helped to develop the village's Strategic Community Action Plan. We now aim to support progress towards the key themes within the plan - **working together to make Bothwell a better place to live, work and visit**. We do this by:

- Improving and sustaining community spaces and places
- Building capacity of local individuals and groups with a range of specialist support and expert advice
- Offering inclusive, engagement activities that support wellbeing, education, employment and the arts
- Protecting and promoting Bothwell's historical and cultural heritage.

Together we're building a stronger, more connected Bothwell, for **ALL**

Key Highlights 2024-25

Bothwell Futures is proud to be shaping more inclusive, supportive and connected community activities, ensuring that everyone, regardless of background, has opportunities to thrive. More than **18,500 visits** were made to our range of community activities, in the past year. This equates to direct support for approximately 2,100 individuals - **nearly 30% of Bothwell's population!**



Dance For All



Bothwell Community Hall



Employability DYW Programme

- Maintained Bothwell's Community Hub as a vibrant, inclusive space with diverse activities
- Secured and upgraded the Community Hall as a key local asset - upgraded interior
- Scoped optimal use of two spaces to provide sports activities
- Delivered Dance For All with local schools, culminating in a 600-person show
- Ran inclusive Music For All tuition for primary pupils
- Launched a pilot employability programme for 16-year-olds
- Expanded community Health and Wellbeing support.

We Need Your Help - Be Part of Bothwell's Future

Bothwell Futures has achieved incredible, long-lasting outcomes for our community—thanks to the generosity of our community, funders and supporters. Your support makes a real difference, and we're truly grateful! But our journey is far from over. To continue making a meaningful impact, we must not only do more—we must also sustain the progress we've made for our community, so it continues to thrive. If you can support us in any way, we'd love to hear from you.

Email us or pop into the Hub – come in for a chat and find out how you can get involved.

 community@bothwellfutures.org

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HAMILTON CHESS CLUB

 **Hamilton Bowling Club, Strathmore Road**

 **Saturday, 20 September 2025**

 **10.00am - 4.30pm**

 **Entry fee applies (See price below)**

Hamilton Chess Club is delighted to bring you their **6 Round Allegro Chess Tournament!**

See round details below...

Cost:

Adults: £17.00 (£2.00 discount for Chess Scotland Members)

How to Enter:

Adult Event - Email: chessclubhamilton@gmail.com

Entry spaces are limited to 68 entries - **DO NOT delay & ENTER today!**

Tournament Details:

Group A Open and Group B U1600

All moves within 25 minutes. All games CS and FIDE graded.

First round starts at 10.00am, thereafter
11.00am; 12.00pm; 2.00pm; 3.00pm; and 4.00pm.
(Arrival Before 10.00am On Day For Registration & Payments)

Live CS grading used for entry. All players must have a FIDE ID.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and G-prize, for both sections.

 chessclubhamilton@gmail.com

TOILET FACILITIES



Are available at most of our venues.

DOGS



Please note no dogs are allowed within Bothwell Primary School grounds as standard on any South Lanarkshire Council school grounds.

PARKING

Leave the car - it's **FUN to WALK** or **CYCLE** to view the SCARECROWS. Residents of Bothwell are strongly advised to **GO GREEN** and leave their cars at home.



Visitors and residents who need to travel by car should please use the car parks shown on the map wherever possible. If unable to do so, please park legally and do not contravene the Highway Code.



Park and Stride: We encourage visitors to Park & Stride on both Saturday and Sunday, as there is limited public parking. Parking is available at Kirklands Hospital and Daluciano's Car Parks. Please Park Responsibly!

A **HUGE thank you** to NHS Lanarkshire for their continued support and for the use of their facilities.

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME



Volunteers from Brighter Bothwell work hard to maintain the good looks of our village for residents and visitors alike. We want everyone to see Bothwell at its best - with litter-free streets and public spaces.



Thank you for keeping Bothwell beautiful by taking your litter home and cleaning up after your dog.

Booking is available using the website/email addresses below.

PN = Page Number **O** = Online **SW** = See Website

Event	PN	Address	O
Breathe and Be	6	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breathe-and-be-tickets-1559112209589	✓
Golf Taster	25	davidboothgolf@gmail.com	x





A Huge Scarecrow-Sized Thank You to our amazing committee members (and the wonderfully patient families who share them with us) - you are the lifeblood of our Festival. Your energy, creativity, and hard work weave the magic that keeps Bothwell buzzing long after the last event. To our new recruits who've jumped in with both feet... wow, what a start! You've made a huge difference already.

And now... a little honesty with a smile: some events couldn't take flight this year simply because we didn't have enough helping hands. So, if you've ever thought, "I could do that!"... you're exactly who we need! Volunteering is the secret ingredient that turns a good festival into an unforgettable one. Plus, we promise laughter, fun, and new friendships.

A huge thank you to Scribble Design for creating our fantastic Online Brochure! By going digital, we're not only sharing all the festival details in style, but we're also taking another step towards a greener, more eco-friendly Festival - and still

packing in all the sparkle you know and love!

And not forgetting the fabulous scarecrow creators from Bothwell and beyond! You bring the real WOW factor. Your wild ideas, colourful characters, and quirky details transform our streets into a scarecrow wonderland. You're the reason people stop, smile, and snap photos. So please, keep those scarecrows coming! Tall, small, silly, spooky, whatever your imagination can dream up - you make our Festival truly unique, and we can't wait to see your amazing creations this year!

Our Festival isn't just a weekend of events - it's a celebration of community, creativity, and moments we remember for years. Thank you to everyone, past and present committee members, tireless volunteers, and the wonderful people of Bothwell - you make it all possible.

Here's to another year bursting with fun, friendship, and of course SCARECROWS! We look forward to celebrating with you all!

On behalf of the Scarecrow Team
Sue & Ashley