

# Community

## NEWSLETTER

April 2025



**MUSSELBURGH**  
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## WELCOME

From Bill Farnsworth, Racecourse Director

### Dear Neighbour,

Although spring appears to be arriving a bit later than usual this year, now that the clocks have changed, we are optimistic that warmer temperatures will follow.

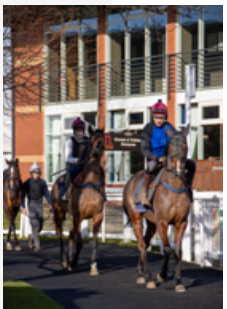
We are currently in the midst of preparations for our Sky Bet Sunday Series, scheduled for April 13th, as well as our Easter Saturday Raceday, which will feature the prestigious £100,000 Queen's Cup. In total, we have 25 fixtures for 2025. These will include our highly anticipated Sensational 6 events—our most sought-after racedays—including Easter Saturday, the Edinburgh Cup, Ladies Day, and The September Weekend, alongside a range of quieter mid-week fixtures. A complete list of these events is included in this newsletter.

This newsletter also provides details on the event schedule, the areas of the racecourse in use, planned entertainment, and the timing of the day's activities.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and are committed to being a responsible and considerate neighbour. We will continue to listen to your feedback, address any concerns, and provide memorable racedays for everyone's enjoyment. Please email enquiries@musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk if you wish to get in touch.

Warm regards,  
Bill Farnsworth,  
Racecourse Director

## SCHOOLING DAY



On Thursday 20th February, we were thrilled to be one of the first racecourses in the UK to take part in an industry schooling trials pilot scheme. Co-ordinated by The Horse Welfare Board, the schooling trials provided a training opportunity to prepare horses for the racecourse, at all stages of their career. An excellent initiative to educate horses over fences, hurdles, and on the flat.

Thank you to all our neighbours, enjoyleisure and the Golf Course for the support towards these very important trials.

See Pip Kirkby from the Horse Welfare Board about the initiatives and its benefits



Watch Lucinda Russell's interview about the schooling day



## ENTERTAINMENT

As always, we want to make you aware of our biggest up and coming racedays. Many of these days take place between April and September and include additional entertainment, chosen to reflect the audience that will be attending. Temporary structures are often built a few days before to help provide suitable facilities for the larger crowds and we increase our stewarding and work with local police to ensure a safe arrival and exit experience for our customers. We are very mindful that these days have a greater impact on our neighbours, and we will continue to build on the actions to address any negative impact in 2025.

### Easter Saturday – Saturday 19th April

- Gates open: 11.30
- DJ set throughout the day on Loretto Lawn, near the grandstand
- Family entertainment on Linkfield Lawn, near the 2 furlong marker
- All entertainment will be finished by 18:30

### Edinburgh Cup Raceday – Saturday 7th June

- Gates open: 11.30
- DJ Set before racing, band playing throughout racing on Loretto Lawn
- DJ playing throughout racing on Linkfield Lawn
- All entertainment finished by 18:30

### 90's Friday Night – Friday 1st August

- Gates open: 16.00
- DJ Set throughout the evening on Loretto Lawn
- All entertainment finished by 22:00

### Ladies Day – Friday 8th August

- Gates open: 11.30
- DJ Set throughout the day on Loretto & Linkfield Lawn
- All entertainment finished by 19:00

### Oktoberfest Saturday 13th September

- Gates open: 14.
- Bands playing throughout the day on Loretto Lawn
- All entertainment finished by 20:30

### Student Raceday – Sunday 14th September

- Gates open: 12pm
- Bands playing throughout the day on Loretto Lawn
- All entertainment finished by 19.00

### 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](mailto:community@musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk)





## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I'm Sarah Cowan, and I'm the newest member of the team, having joined as the Corporate Hospitality Manager at Musselburgh Racecourse in January 2025.

My journey in the events and hospitality industry has taken me all over the UK, working with incredible companies like Jaguar Land Rover and Radisson Hotel Group. But what really excites me now is being back in Musselburgh, the place I grew up. It feels special to be home, creating memorable events in such a dynamic, fast-paced environment with an amazing team.

I've been coming to Musselburgh Racecourse since I was a child, so it's a full-circle moment to return and contribute to the place I've always loved. I'm passionate about delivering top-tier service and ensuring that every event we host is unforgettable.

It's been an exciting start to my role, and I'm looking forward to all that's ahead!

## 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](http://www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk), on the Find Us page.



## FIXTURES

	Date	Fixture
<b>April</b>	Wed 2	Start of the Flat Season Raceday in partnership with Virgin Bet
	Sun 13	The Sky Bet Sunday Series Raceday
	Sat 19	The Virgin Bet Easter Saturday Raceday featuring The Queen's Cup
<b>May</b>	Fri 2	Afternoon Racing
<b>June</b>	<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>The Edinburgh Cup Raceday in partnership with Edinburgh Gin</b>
<b>July</b>	Tue 1	The Alan Steel Asset Management Raceday
	Tue 22	Luca's Ice Cream Family Raceday
<b>August</b>	Fri 1	The 90's Friday Night at the Races
	<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>Ladies Day 2025</b>
	Tue 26	The Racing TV Raceday
	Wed 27	The Portobello Cup Raceday
<b>September</b>	<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>Oktoberfest Raceday featuring the Musselburgh Gold Cup</b>
	Sun 14	The Student Raceday
<b>October</b>	Wed 1	The Racing TV Raceday
	Mon 13	Afternoon Racing
<b>November</b>	Wed 5	Scottish Flat Season Finale Raceday
	Fri 28	The Start of the Jumps Raceday
<b>December</b>	Mon 8	The Festive Jumps Raceday
	Mon 22	Christmas Jumper Raceday

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

## 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 6 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.

