



DORNOCH BID NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN HIGHLAND FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT (23 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER)



History tours and talks, star-gazing workshops, historical re-enactments, supper clubs, traditional skills workshops, seasonal menus, whisky tasting, and family events are some of the very many exciting experiences to enjoy during the Autumn Highland Festival! All the details and how to book can be found [HERE](#)

Please consider promoting your accommodation business during this time. Remember, not only will there be lots of exciting events for visitors to enjoy, **Royal Dornoch Golf Club are also offering 25% off Visitor Rounds!**

MEMBERS' NETWORKING EVENT (16 OCTOBER)

Join us at the Royal Dornoch Golf Club on Wednesday **16th October, 6.30pm - 8pm** for our Autumn Members' Networking Meeting. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow BID members and share ideas.

Neil Hampton, General Manager at RDGC, will make a short presentation on the **Royal Dornoch Golf Club Masterplan** and share insights into the exciting future developments at the Club. Invitations will be landing in your inbox next week. We hope you'll be able to join us for an informative and sociable evening.

BID MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY (19 DECEMBER)



We're delighted to invite you to this year's Dornoch Businesses' Christmas Party taking place at the stunning **brand-new Royal Dornoch Golf Club!** This will be an exciting opportunity for BID Members to explore the stunning new Clubhouse, just 4 days after it officially opens! We hope that you and your guests will be able to join us for a night to remember.

Tickets are limited and will be on a first come basis and are available [HERE](#). We hope you will be able to join us for a sparkling night of food, fun, and Christmas cheer.

TOWN TIDIES – NEW AUTUMN TIMES (4 OCTOBER / 1 NOVEMBER)



With the nights drawing in the Town Tidies will now take place on **the first Saturday** of the month, **2:00–3:30pm** (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome to help keep our town looking its very best on **Saturday 4th October and 1st November!** Thanks again to the volunteers and to **Ewan (Hi Safe Ltd)** for the high-vis vests and gloves.

NON-DOMESTIC RATES REDUCTION SUCCESS!

The Castle Hotel recently worked with **Preston Tait** to **secure a significant reduction in their ND rates** from £90k to £70k, backdated 3 years! Fees were just a third of one year's savings. Colin highly recommends Preston Tait, and believes other **businesses in Dornoch** could benefit too. Members interested in exploring this opportunity can email the BID for Mr Preston's contact details.

DORNOCH GATHERINGS



Dornoch Gatherings have been a huge hit, showing a real appetite for cultural experiences in Dornoch and there's plenty more to come! World-renowned folk singer **Kate Rusby** takes the stage on **3rd October** and **The Art of Musick** on **29th**.

Please reshare the events on your social channels. If accommodation members would like to offer special rates to encourage people to stay, or if restaurants would like to offer **'pre-event'** meals, we will promote offers on the BID's website/social channels.

YOUR GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



Friends of Dornoch Heritage Society – Musical Quiz

Friday 26th September 2025



Philip Paris: A Fire In Their Hearts

Saturday 11th October 2025
10am, Dornoch Social Club

Don't Miss Out! Check out **'What's On'** in an around Dornoch. Whether it's Music, Culture and Arts, Family Friendly, Food and Drink or Charity and Community related events, they can be found [HERE](#).

Make sure to share your **2025/2026** events so they can be listed on the Events page. If you have a **Special Offer**, let us know and we will share it via our social channels and website. (Accommodation Offers - [HERE](#) / Non-Accommodation offers - [HERE](#)).

POTENTIAL NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE - HAVE YOUR SAY!

Exciting plans are underway for a **modern, energy-efficient community centre** at Dornoch South! With designs in progress, and 10 years of planning coming to fruition, this is your chance to help shape a centre that will host events, clubs, arts, and more, benefiting both the community and local businesses.

To ensure the new facility reflects local needs, including those of businesses, Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA) has launched a survey, open until **30th September**. Please take a **few minutes** to share your views and help shape this important community project - [HERE](#)

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

First Aid Training - First Aid training online is being done by 2 BID directors and two additional places are available. We'd love to offer them to any members who are interested in gaining these valuable skills. Please contact the BID for more details.

Stay up to date - The Minutes of the monthly BID Board meetings are saved at the base of the website homepage in the Business Section.

WhatsApp Groups - There are Retail, Accommodation, Restaurant and Professional Services WhatsApp groups. Please text the BID on 07471 200103 to have your number added to the relevant group.

Dornoch BID FB Page - This is the FB page for Industry Updates. Please give it a like and follow/comment or tag us to re-share your updates.

Get in touch - Email DornochBID@thisisdornoch.com to discuss any membership matter and/or to arrange a call/meeting with Sharon, Dornoch BID Manager.



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