

Award Winning COMMUNITIES FUN DAY Event Guide 2025



What's on!

Find out about all the activities and attractions on offer today from page 10

Info Zone

Within Riverside Sports Arena we have lots of information stalls providing you with an opportunity to chat to a range of Council services, partner organisations and local charities. Details of our Info Zone Competition are available on page 13

Info Zone sponsored by



Find your way!

Find your way about & get to your favourite activities!
Maps on pages 6 & 8

Welcome to the Award Winning COMMUNITIES FUN DAY

Saturday 17th May 2025

Ayr Academy / Riverside Sports Arena

Welcome to our 6th Communities Fun Day and our new home for this annual award-winning event!

The event takes place over both Ayr Academy and Riverside Sports Arena. Within the Information Zone at Riverside Sports Arena, you'll find a range of information stalls from South Ayrshire Council, external agencies, partners, charities, and community groups.

We have added to our range of free activities and attractions this year. This has been achievable due to the generosity of our Event Sponsors.

We have also made some changes to the Shuttle Bus Service, Blue Badge Parking and new attractions following attendee feedback. Your feedback is important to us! (Find out more about how you can provide feedback this year on page 15).

The event is organised and run by an event team made up of officers from our Housing Services (Tenant Participation), Thriving Communities and Sports & Leisure teams. Our Event Organising Team have pulled out all the stops to hopefully make this the best one yet!

To help you find the vast array of attractions, activities, and information stalls available at today's event we have provided maps on pages 6 & 8.

We hope you have a free fun filled day out on us and our event sponsors!



*All events and exhibitor information correct at time of printing.

The Stage Line Up!

Stage hosted by **DJ BIG WOW**


Ayr Academy Car
Park (See map
page 6)

11:15am-12:00pm

Paul Scully

12:00pm-12:45pm

Just 3 Guys

12:45pm-1:30pm

Barn Jammers

1:30pm-2:00pm

The Rock Choir

2:00pm-2:15pm

Daniel Bradbury

2:15pm-3:00pm

Katie O'Neill

3:00pm-3:15pm

BIG WOW Dance Party

3:15pm-4:00pm

Angel Eyes



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Radio & Ayrshire Daily News

Free General Swim!

WITH SPORT & LEISURE SOUTH AYRSHIRE. To redeem, please present this voucher at Citadel Leisure Centre or Maybole, Prestwick or Troon Leisure Clubs for any of our General Swim sessions. Our timetable can be viewed on our website.

Terms and conditions apply. Child Admission Policy applies at all times. No advance booking required, spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Offer valid until 31st December 2025.



Sponsors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for supporting this event. Their fantastic support allows us to deliver this event & all activities for free!



Shuttle Bus Timetable

Saturday 17th May, 2025

Ayr Bus Station	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45
Burns Statue Square	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50
Communities Fun Day	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55
Communities Fun Day	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00
Burns Statue Square	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05
Ayr Bus Station	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07	12:37	13:07

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Burns Statue Square	13:35	-	15:05	15:35	16:05	16:35
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ACCESS TO: COMMUNITY SHOP PREMIER BEACH GROVE

ACCESS TO: FABULOUS FRASER, TABLE TENNIS, STAY & PLAY

ACCESS TO: RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA (MAP ON NEXT PAGE)

ACCESS TO: SHUTTLE BUS

ACCESS TO: TOILETS

ACCESS TO: SCHOOL CATERING TOILETS FIRST AID

ACCESS TO: ATTRactions AT REAR OF AYR ACADEMY

RADIO CONTROL CAR DISPLAY (REAR OF SCHOOL)

BIKE TRACK TASTER SESSIONS

MINI TRAIN RIDES (REAR OF SCHOOL)

FUN HOUSE FUNFAIR RIDE (REAR OF SCHOOL)

ASTRO SLIDE FUNFAIR RIDE (REAR OF SCHOOL)

VEHICLE DISPLAY AREAS (REAR OF SCHOOL)

KIDS FUN FAIR RIDES

BULLISH COFFEE

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THE ICE CREAM FACTORY

STEM ACTIVITIES MAIDSFAE FOUNDATION

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CLIMBING WALL FUNFAIR RIDE

WIPE OUT FUNFAIR RIDE

CANOEING & TRISHAW RIDES (DOWN THIS PATH)

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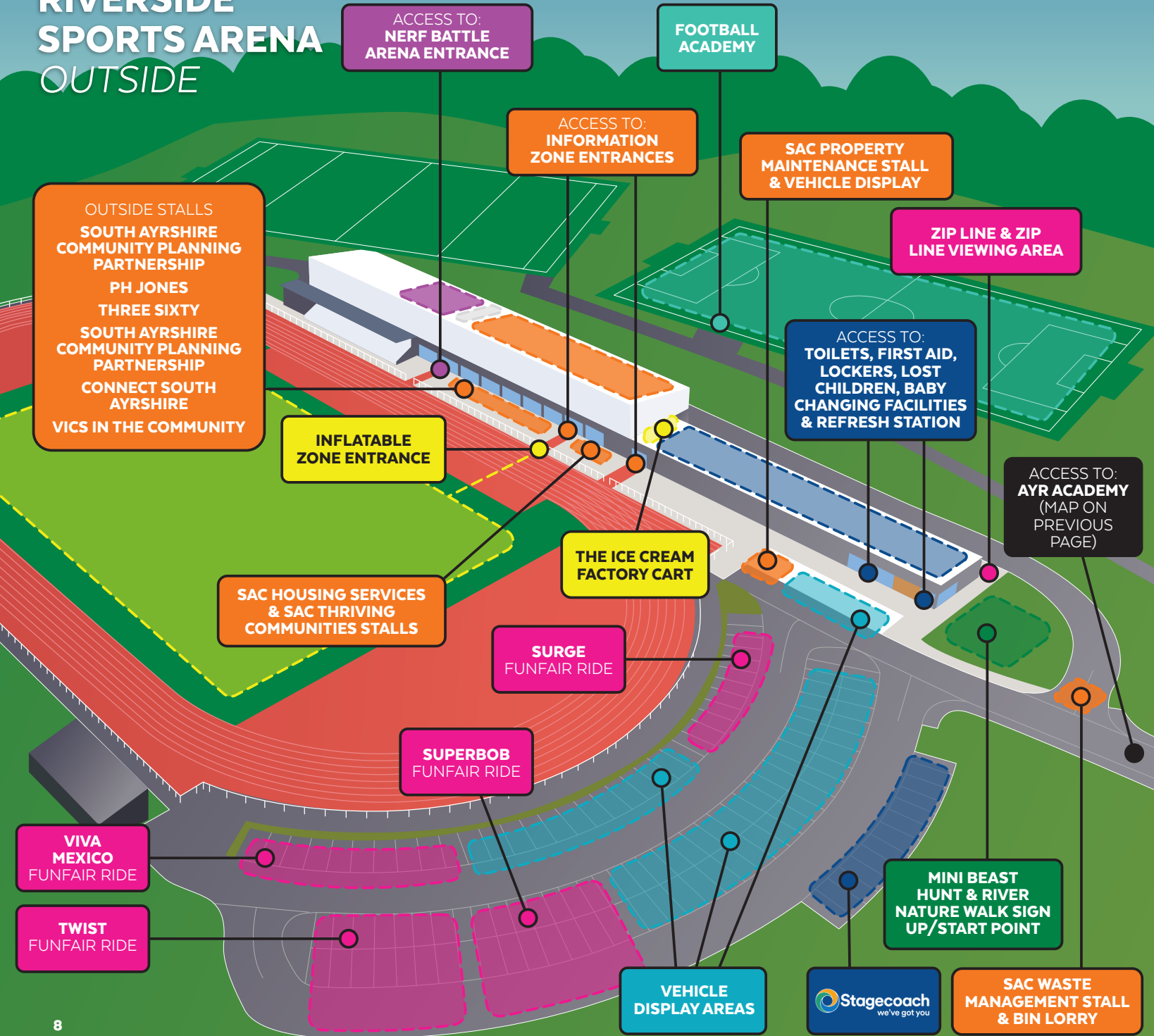
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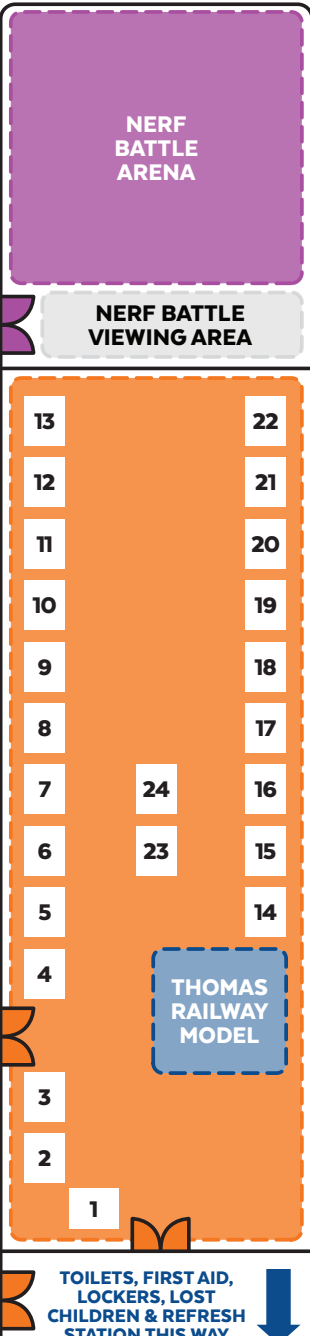
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RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA OUTSIDE



RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA INSIDE

- Gaiety Theatre
- James Frew
- Quarriers
- SAC Customer Services
- SAC Info & Advice Hub
- Ayrshire Hospice
- Girvan & District Attractions
- Ayrshire Housing
- Ayr Housing aid centre
- SAC Museum & Galleries
- We Are With You
- Seascope
- Carers Gateway South Ayrshire
- Baby to Teen
- SAC Tenant Participation
- PDSA
- SAC Champions Board
- Ayrshire Independent Living Network
- Quit Your Way, NHS
- South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership
- SAC Telecare
- Home Energy Scotland
- SAMH
- SAC Sports & Leisure



What's on!

Stay & Play Sessions

11:00am - 4:00pm

Sensory Room & Mocket
Messy Play (*drop in for babies and toddlers*)

12:00pm - 12:30pm

Beat Music Class*

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wee Illustrators draw class**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Glow Bambino Glow in the Dark
sensory babies and toddler

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Beat Music Class*

*These sessions will be capped at 10 babies/toddlers. Suitable for 0-5-year-olds. **This session will be capped at 10 attendees and is geared towards Primary School Children.

Table Tennis Sessions

For anyone interested in trying out or showing off your Table Tennis skills. South Ayrshire Table Tennis club will provide the sessions and are drop in when you can.



Ayr Academy Gym Hall (See map page 6)

Mini Beast Hunt & River Nature Walks

Led by South Ayrshire Council Ranger Service you can join in on one of our Mini Beast Hunts and explore the greenspace around the Sports Arena to discover what minibeasts can be found.

Or join the Rangers on a River Nature Walk down to the river to look at the wildlife that lives in and around the water.

Mini Beast Hunt

11:30am - 12:00pm

1:45pm - 2:15pm

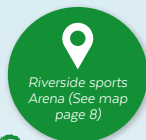
River Nature Walk

12:30pm - 1:30pm

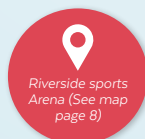
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Football Academy

Join members of Vic's in the Community and Ayr United for some football fun! Located on the sports pitch behind Riverside Sports Arena.



Riverside sports Arena (See map page 8)



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Mindfully Present Bell Tent

Join the Mindfully Present team in the Bell Tent for Mindful Movement Sessions and Qi Gong for Beginners.

Mindful Movement is a moving meditation that aims to bring our full attention to the present moment to experience the here and now. We bring our awareness to our movement and focus on our breath or the way our body feels as it moves. When our mind wanders, we bring our attention back to the practice, to our breath, to our body.

Mindful Movement Session Times

11:30am - 12:00pm

12:30 - 1:00pm

Qi Gong is an ancient Chinese practice that combines mindful movements, breathing techniques, and meditation to optimize energy (qi) within the body and aims to improve and maintain health and well-being by connecting the mind, body, and spirit.

Qi Gong Session Time

1:15pm - 2:00pm



Ayr Academy (See map page 6)

Canoeing Taster Sessions

Join our Canoeing taster sessions down at the River Ayr Access Steps located to the rear of the University of the West of Scotland. You must have your event wristband on to book and take part in the sessions.

Each Session will last 45 minutes and up to 10 people will be able to join in per session. No need for any specialist equipment, buoyance aids will be provided, delivered by our outdoor Instructors from Dolphin House.

Check out the Ayr Academy Map on Page 6 to locate the path to follow our signs to the River Ayr Access Steps. Please note there are no Toilet facilities at the University building this year. (Age restrictions apply)

Bike Track Taster Sessions

Try out your bike skills on our bike track located on the grass area to the side of Ayr Academy (See Ayr Academy Map on page 6 for location. (bikes and helmets are provided). Delivered by our Outdoor Instructors from Dolphin House.



Ayr Academy (See map page 6)



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Trishaw Rides

Enjoy a Trishaw ride along the River Ayr Path on the route to our Canoeing Sessions with pick up/drop off points at the River Ayr Bridge and at the River Ayr Access Steps.



Ayrshire Radio Controlled Car Club

Enjoy watching the live track display of Radio-Controlled Cars with the opportunity to have a go on the training track and chat to group members about becoming a club member.



Maidsafe Foundation

Join in some STEM activities at the Maidsafe Foundation Event Van.



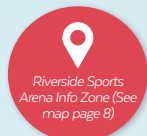
Owl Magic

Get up close and enjoy holding an Owl with the Owl Magic Team.



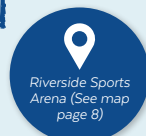
Thomas the Tank Interactive Model Railway

Kids and the big kids can enjoy taking control of Thomas and his friends on the interactive Model Railway provided by Kilmarnock & District Model Railway Club. It's located within the Information Zone inside Riverside Sports Arena.



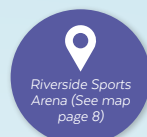
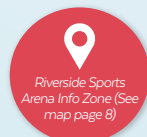
Stagecoach Display

Visit the Stagecoach stand to chat with the Stagecoach team, to view the vehicles on display and take part in their colouring competition.



Maybole Pipe Band

The Maybole Pipe Band will be performing throughout the day with a **special performance at 12 noon on the Open Top Bus at the Stagecoach Display.**



NERF Battle Arena by EPIC FUNHOUSE

Join in the Nerf Battle Arena located inside Riverside Sports Arena. See Riverside Sports Arena map for access to this attraction. Look out for the EPIC Funhouse Nerf Gazebo outside the main sports hall. The length of each session will vary due to waiting times for this attraction. Minimum age for this attraction is 6 years old.

Info Zone

We have a lots of Information stalls from Council services, local organisations, service providers, sponsors, external agencies and local charities. Be sure to check out all the stalls within our Information Zone for the chance to win an Air Fryer, £50 love to shop local voucher or a box of sweets!

Info Zone Competition:

Pick up your Information Stall Competition Passport at the Housing Services or Thriving Communities Gazebos located at the Information Zone entry points and collect a stamp from each stall.

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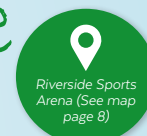
Vehicle Display

We have various areas with vehicle's on display this year within Ayr Academy Car Parks and Riverside Sports Arena from Car Clubs, Motorbike Clubs, Vintage Vehicle Groups, individual vehicle owners, South Ayrshire Council vehicles, and Emergency Services.



Inflatable Zone

Enjoy free access and fun within our Inflatable Zone with your event wristband. Please use the Inflatable Zone Access Point detailed on the Riverside Sports Arena Map to access this attraction. Please do not access via any other routes. Session times will vary due to the popularity of this area.



Fabulous Fraser

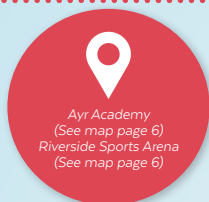
11:30am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 1:30pm
2:30pm - 3:00pm

Also look out for Fabulous Fraser out and about creating some balloon models for attendees.



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Funfair Rides



Large Funfair Rides are located within Riverside Sports Arena

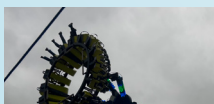
- **Surge**
- **Viva Mexico**
- **Twister**
- **Superbob**

Small Funfair Rides are located within Ayr Academy Car Parks

- **Teacups**
- **Carousel**
- **Taxis**
- **Chairoplane's**

Other attractions

- **Zip Line** (Back of Riverside Sports Arena)
- **Climbing Wall** (Ayr Academy Front Car Park)
- **Wipeout** (Ayr Academy Front Car Park)
- **Astro Slides** (Ayr Academy Rear Car Park)
- **Funhouse** (Ayr Academy Rear)
- **Mini Train Rides** (Ayr Academy Rear)
- **Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos** (Inside Ayr Academy)



Communities Fun Day Catering



This year we have a special Communities Fun Day Meal Deal for £3 per person.

Located inside Ayr Academy at the School Catering Area. (While stocks last). With a choice of:

£3

Rollover Hot Dog & Chips

Chicken Nuggets & Chips

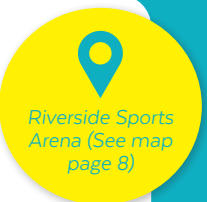
Quorn Nuggets & Chips

Hamburger/Cheeseburger & Chips

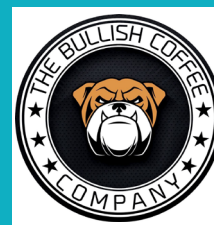
Vegetarian Burger & Chips

All meal deals come with the choice of a bottle of water or flavoured juice. (Cash and Card Payments).

Refresh Station



Located at the Riverside Sports Arena Reception Area we will have bottles of water available or cups of water when stocks run out.



Also onsite we have The Ice Cream Factory Ice Cream Van & Cart, Country Refreshments Burger Van and Bullish Coffee Van selling some tasty treats. (Cash and Card Payments)

The Community Shop (Premier Beech Grove) situated at our ticket entry point on Beech Grove will also be selling cold filled rolls, hot filled rolls, pakora and the usual shop items such as cold drinks and sweets. (Cash and Card Payments).



Feedback

Your chance to win £50!

Your opinion is very important to us and our team read every response. We'd love to know what you thought of our Communities Fun Day.

You can complete the survey online at <https://forms.office.com/e/pzV5t95vyj> or scan the QR Code.

The changes we made to the event this year were a direct result of feedback received from last year's event. The survey will close on 17th June 2025 and a winner will be chosen at random and contacted.



All completed feedback forms will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £50 Love to shop local voucher.

Thanks!

A massive thank you to all our exhibitors, partners and friends who have kindly donated their time, services, vehicles, attractions and much more. Without their support this event would not be possible. We are continuously grateful for all the support our communities show us for this event.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY!

Health & Safety Information



FIRE ALARM: There is no fire alarm test planned for the day, so if an alarm sounds, please leave the venue in a reasonable and calm manner. Staff will be on hand to direct you to the nearest exits within the Riverside Sports Arena and Ayr Academy.



FIRST AID: If you require First Aid, please speak to one of our members of staff, easily identifiable by their blue t-shirts. The First Aid point is detailed on the map on page 6 & 8.



ASSISTANCE: If at any point during the day you require general assistance or information, speak to one of our members of Staff or Volunteers, easily identifiable by their blue t-shirts who will be happy to help you.



CHILDREN: All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. To report a lost child please go to the Lost Child detailed on both maps or find a member of staff with the blue t-shirts.



PHOTOGRAPHS/FILMING: Please note an official photographer and film crew will be on hand throughout the day to capture some memories and to allow us to use this material for future advertising. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff at the ticketing desk.



NO SMOKING ZONE: This is a gentle reminder that this event operates under a no smoking zone, this includes vaping.



TOILETS: We have toilets located within both the Riverside Sports Arena and Ayr Academy buildings. Details are on the maps on pages 6 & 8.



BABY CHANGING FACILITIES: Dedicated Baby change facilities are available at Riverside Sports Arena.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CAN TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY THEFT, LOSS OR DAMAGE OF BELONGINGS AT THE EVENT.

Next Years Event

Look out for details of our 7th annual Communities Fun Day planned to take place in May 2026.



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