

## 1: Calendar of Annual Events and Festivals in Scotland. Whats on â€“ Scotland Info Guide

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Your local country shows coming up in the calendar include: The Show Field, SY23 3HP The Aberystwyth and Ceredigion County Show is a great annual agricultural show attracting many visitors from the surrounding areas, uniting the farming industry and local community. It provides excellent opportunities for local farmers, plant growers, and exhibitors, and is a fun day out that can be enjoyed by all the family. Alresford Show - 1st September Address: Tichborne Park, off the B, Tichborne, Hampshire SO24 0PN A great day out in the countryside that will inform, interest and entertain with free parking at the showground. The Alresford Show includes: Alrewas Show - 21st July Address: Alwinton Show - 13th October Address: Alwinton Show is one of the largest in the area and has splendid views of the Coquet valley and river. Anglesey Show - 14th to 15th August Address: The Angus Show - 9th June Address: Plus, the Light Legged Horse competition will again taking place on the same day. Armagh County Show - 9th June Address: Gosford Forest Park, Markethill, Co. Arthington Show - 1st July Address: The Ashbourne Show - 18th August Address: Other attractions include the Pet and Dog show; Handicraft and horticulture; plus trade, craft and food stands. Ashby Show - 15th July Address: Ashover Show - 8th August Address: We are proud to offer you a traditional country show with something for every member of your family. The Aylsham Show - 27th August Address: Ayr Country Show - 12th May Address: The Ballymoney Show - 1st to 2nd June Address: The show is steeped in tradition but is continually reviewed and adapted to truly reflect and celebrate the diversity which the local countryside has to offer. The Balmoral Show - 16th to 19th May Address: The th show offers its usual extravaganza of colour, competition and showmanship along with daily displays of pedigree horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, poultry, pigs and goats at the new showgrounds, Balmoral Park. Bedwellty Show - August 18th Address: As well as showing classes, there is National show jumping in the main arena, the Livestock Grand Parade and the breathtaking Hot Air Balloon flight at the end of each day. Bilsdale Show - August 25th Address: Bingley Show - July 21st Address: Bingley Show is one of the biggest one-day agricultural, horticultural, craft and horse shows in Europe. Blaston Show - June 24th Address: Borrowby Show - 25th July Address: Bowes Show - 8th September Address: Home Farm, Gilmonby Nr. Brecon County Show - 4th August Address: From clothing and jewellery to hand made cards, there is something for everyone. Combine this with vintage and modern machinery, Dog Show, rides and stalls for children, a beer tent and much more you will be sure to have a great family day out. Bucks County Show - 30th August Address: Burwarton Show - 2nd August Address: Camborne Show - 21st July Address: Cambridgeshire County Show - 3rd June Address: Wimpole Home Farm, Wimpole, Arrington, near Royston, SG8 0BW Proudly celebrating its 19th year, the Cambridgeshire County Show is a very traditional show, with its roots firmly in agriculture and the rural community and is organised by local Young Farmers and their supporters. And in the Main Ring a varied programme of displays and activities will keep everyone entertained. These include sheep dog handling, terrier racing and a variety of hilarious Young Farmer competitions. Canwell Show - 11th August Address: Chertsey Show - 11th to 12th August Address: All that plus Horse Shows, Heavy horses, craft classes, Scarecrow competition and trade stands. Cheshire County Show - 19th to 20th June Address: From live demonstrations of milking cows and feeding calves to ice-cream making and butchery demonstrations, right through to the environmental matters that are considered in food production. The Agricultural Centre is also a must see. Chipping Show - 25th August Address: You can also enter classes for cheeses, handicrafts, cakes and preserves. Plus there are over 50 trade stands, a speciality food producers marquee, vintage vehicles and main arena attractions throughout the day. Cleveland Show - 28th July Address: Clunderwen Show - 25th August Address: Clunderwen, Pembrokeshire Clunderwen Show is an annual one day agricultural and horticultural show featuring a wide range of classes open to everyone. Cockermonth Show - 4th August Address: Royal Cornwall Show - 7th to 9th June Address: And this year a new exhibition hall is being built on the Royal

Cornwall showground. Cothi Bridge Show - 26th May Address:

### 2: The Rural Crafts Centre - Herefordshire and Ludlow College

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Here the official ceremony ends in a spectacular blaze as flaming torches are thrown into the galley. The Festival runs each year for 10 days in March. This is the biggest festival ever with over 60 events. Look out for species such as geese, badgers, salmon and of course red kites! Guided walks, poetry, music and whole range of family activities are also on the programme. With an extensive range of wildlife talks, workshops and activities such as bird ringing and pond dipping this annual festival has something for everyone, from keen birders to family adventurers. Nice balanced programme with readings, talks, workshops. The Orkney Folk Festival is held annually for four days during the end of May. All ages and levels are welcome and with a full social calendar you are sure to have an outstanding time [www](#). Held over a weekend, the festival programmes a variety of food and drink based events and opportunities for producers and public alike. Highlights of the show include displays of over 5, animals, food and drink exhibitions, a flower show and craft goods. Come and see some of the most entertaining, challenging and inspirational new movies around and meet the artists involved in movie-making. Each year over 50 thousand fans brave the unpredictable Scottish summer to take in a host of top rock artists in an open air concert held in Balado, by Kinross in July. The music encompasses Celtic cultures tinged with contemporary traditional, rock, indie-folk and world influences. It is designed to have a fantastic community atmosphere and to attract and draw back both locals and tourists alike in the future. EDF is about a lot more than just the music. These products will be available direct from the local craft producers and will show the best of what is available here in the Hebrides. It is usually held at the start of August. Founded in , the festival has rapidly grown in popularity. Although crowded, the city is a great place to visit during these weeks. From the very first event in , the Cowal Gathering has become a world famous institution and has gone from strength to strength. Cowal attracts more than competitors. Throughout the year they run a number of programmes at home and abroad, culminating in August with the Beyond Borders International Festival of Literature and Thought. For more information, visit [www](#). Browse stalls, chat with local food producers, enjoy the samples and stock up on some of the fantastic food and drink Shetland has to offer. The Festival is a two day celebration of food, drink and music that shines a light on Argyll as a prominent and world-class dining, drinking and travel destination. It has supported the teaching, learning and use of the Gaelic language and the study and cultivation of Gaelic literature, history, music and art for over years. The annual national competitions are held in changing locations throughout the west of Scotland. The festival features over bands in more than 10 different venues in Leith and is designed so that people travel throughout the whole of Leith stopping at various business throughout the whole weekend and seeing the best of Leith. Some big changes are in the air in For the first time ever Samhuinn Fire Festival marks the turn of the seasons at the top of Calton Hill. The Samhuinn Fire Festival will be totally immersive as you wander between hundreds of otherworldly creatures battling it out all over the Hill. Get up close to this spectacular struggle between the seasons, brought to life by wild drumming, fire-dancing, acrobatics, and vibrant costumes. With expert advice on hand and the chance to learn about whisky basics, Whisky Live Glasgow offers the ultimate whisky experience with varied tastings, masterclasses, live music and regular nose-off competitions. For more info visit [www](#). The links below give access to the most important Event Calendars in Scotland with listings of all the current events taking place today and those planned in the next weeks and months.

### 3: Find Rural crafts courses near Scotland - Creative, craft and artisan courses and workshops

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Danielle works as a school teacher and in her spare time enjoys running and blogging about her expat experience. Where are you originally from? Where are you living now? Close to Laurencekirk, Aberdeenshire, Scotland Q: How long have you lived in Scotland? Three and half years Q: I moved by myself Q: Why did you move to the UK; what do you do? My boyfriend, and now husband, is Scottish, and I moved to Scotland to be with him while he attended college. I live in rural Scotland, the closest town is five miles away. The quality of life is good, although we deal with the quirks of harvest every now and then. What do you miss most about home? I guess weather could be a negative: Aside from missing my family, I miss the true Canadian summers and winters, and most of all, I miss the snow. I also miss the way of life in Canada, and how differences in people and cultures are accepted and non-issues. Are there any areas expats should avoid? I would say Scotland is for the most part a safe place. Edinburgh is a fantastic city, and Glasgow is known for being a very friendly city, I would just avoid its more deprived areas as Glasgow is also known for violence unfortunately. Like many other places in the world, people should stick to well known, safe areas in both cities. Rural Scotland, the highlands and the islands, are very safe. I would also avoid football matches as well, as football fans have a reputation for drunken hooliganism, and many people here refuse to take their children to matches because of this. How would you rate the public transport in Scotland? What are the different options? Do you need to own a car? I think the answer to this question depends on where you live in Scotland. If you live in rural Scotland, like myself, you definitely need a car, but there are buses between towns and into the large cities. We often use Scot Rail trains for trips down to Edinburgh and its airport, but have recently been using our car instead. There are also many ferries between mainland Scotland and the Inner and Outer Hebridean Islands, making travel and island-hopping easy and affordable. How would you rate the healthcare in Scotland? About living in Scotland Q: How do you rate the standard of housing in Scotland? Housing depends on what kind of house you have. Older houses are better built and larger, while the newer ones are smaller and seem of poorer quality. Heating is different here: What is cheap or expensive in particular? The cost of living in the countryside can be affordable, but I think that depends on where you live. My husband and I lucked out with our current house, which is in a beautiful setting, close to Aberdeen, along the rail line, and all for a very affordable monthly rent. In Canada, natural gas is predominantly used to heat houses, so having to fill an oil tank is new to me. It can also get quite expensive if your tank is empty; we had to fill ours just before Christmas last year and it cost about GBP ! I think the cost of living is about the same if you were to convert pounds into Canadian dollars, as I find everything seems more expensive in Canada because the prices are higher, but the Canadian dollar is worth less than the pound. Some food at the grocery store is more expensive, like meat and oranges, and you can only get it in smaller quantities. A lot of food, however, is cheaper, like olive oil, dried herbs, flour, sugar and milk. What are the locals like; do you mix mainly with other expats? Was it easy meeting people and making friends? I have some friends, but have found it difficult to make friends as I find there are many differences in culture and philosophies on life here in comparison to Canada. About working in Scotland Q: No, I got a work visa while still living in Canada; once that expired, I went down to the UK Border Agency offices in Glasgow to apply for my current visa, which I received on the spot. I plan on submitting my application for natural citizenship very soon. I think this depends on what your job is. As a teacher, I applied for 20 or more teaching jobs in four different local councils, and have only ever been called for one interview, which is the job I currently have. My husband is a landscape gardener, and was unemployed for around six months; he finally resorted to starting his own business as he was also finding it difficult to get full time, permanent work. How does the work culture in Scotland differ from home? In Canada, much of my job success has come down to my experience in life, and not so much based on my qualifications. Here in Scotland, everything is qualification-based, and regardless of how much experience you may have in life, in your current job, or a trade, you will not be considered for the job unless

you have the proper qualifications on paper. I find this really restricts people, and also creates a bit of a mess in terms of levels of education because there are many different higher education diplomas and certificates one can have without ever having to attend university, not for teachers, but other professions. I was also surprised to find a culture of unemployment and reliance upon the government to provide for the unemployed. There have now been three generations of unemployment in Britain, and this culture seems to get passed down to every new generation. I never knew unemployment to be so mainstream until I moved to Scotland, and how unmotivated some people are to get a job because the government is giving them enough money to live well, depending on how many children they have and their health. Is there any other advice you would like to offer new expat arrivals to the UK? Whenever you move to another country, be prepared to take a while to settle and for things to feel like home. Seek out others from your country if you can, and try to see the many positives about living abroad. I would love to live in Canada again, but I know if we were to move back, I would miss the many things I love about living in Scotland and Europe.

### 4: Rural area - Wikipedia

*Welcome to the Rural Crafts Association website we organise and present prestigious craft shows and is a major feature at the premier country shows within the United Kingdom. The Rural Crafts Association was established in to promote the work of British craftsmen and women and has an enviable reputation for presenting a wide variety of craft products and specialist foods in a professional and enjoyable manner.*

In Canada, the census division has been used to represent "regions" and census consolidated sub-divisions have been used to represent "communities". Intermediate regions have 15 to 49 percent of their population living in a rural community. Predominantly urban regions have less than 15 percent of their population living in a rural community. Predominantly rural regions are classified as rural metro-adjacent, rural non-metro-adjacent and rural northern, following Ehrensaft and Beeman Rural metro-adjacent regions are predominantly rural census divisions which are adjacent to metropolitan centres while rural non-metro-adjacent regions are those predominantly rural census divisions which are not adjacent to metropolitan centres. Rural northern regions are predominantly rural census divisions that are found either entirely or mostly above the following lines of parallel in each province: As well, rural northern regions encompass all of the Yukon , Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Statistics Canada defines rural for their population counts. This definition has changed over time see Appendix A in du Plessis et al. Typically, it has referred to the population living outside settlements of 1, or fewer inhabitants. The current definition states that census rural is the population outside settlements with fewer than 1, inhabitants and a population density below people per square kilometre Statistics Canada, Rural areas villages occupy the remaining 90 percent. United States Census Bureau: The Census Bureau definitions new to the census , which are based on population density, defines rural areas as all territory outside Census Bureau-defined urbanized areas and urban clusters. An urbanized area consists of a central surrounding areas whose population "urban nucleus" is greater than 50, They may or may not contain individual cities with 50, or more; rather, they must have a core with a population density generally exceeding 1, persons per square mile; and may contain adjoining territory with at least persons per square mile other towns outside an urbanized area whose population exceeds 2, Thus, rural areas comprise open country and settlements with fewer than 2, residents; areas designated as rural can have population densities as high as per square mile or as low as 1 person per square mile. The farm bill P. Non-metro counties are outside the boundaries of metro areas and are further subdivided into Micropolitan Statistical Areas centered on urban clusters of 10,â€”50, residents, and all remaining non-core counties. Rural health[ edit ] Rural health definitions can be different for establishing under-served areas or health care accessibility in rural areas of the United States. According to the handbook, Definitions of Rural: However, some metropolitan counties are so large that they contain small towns and rural, sparsely populated areas that are isolated from these central clusters and their corresponding health services by physical barriers. From , the rate of potentially preventable hospitalizations for acute conditions was highest in rural areas as compared to large metropolitan, small metropolitan, or micropolitan areas. Germany[ edit ] The country is divided into administrative districts: Germany is among the largest agricultural producers in the European Union. The implication is that, unlike in some other European countries, where rural areas are known for being backward when compared to urban areas, in Germany, the trend is changing. Rural areas receive nearly equivalent attention as the urban areas do. Also, through a special approach to rural development, usually referred to as Village Renewal, the challenges of rural Germany are taken care of. A number of measures are in place to protect the British countryside, including green belts. In Scotland a different definition of rural is used. This is important for defining whether the patient is expected to collect their own medicines. India[ edit ] A rural school in Kannur , India. It has a very low population density. In rural areas, agriculture is the chief source of livelihood along with fishing [11] , cottage industries , pottery etc. The quest to discover the real rural India still continues in great earnest. Almost every economic agency today has a definition of rural India. Here are a few definitions: According to the Planning Commission, a town with a maximum population of 15, is considered rural in nature. In these areas the panchayat makes all the decisions. There are five persons in the

panchayat. Most rural areas in Pakistan tend to be near cities, and are peri-urban areas, This is due to the definition of a rural area in Pakistan being an area that does not come within an urban boundary. Socioeconomic status among rural Pakistani villagers is often based upon the ownership of agricultural land , which also may provide social prestige in village cultures. Human fertility[ edit ] Rural residence is a fertility factor , with total fertility rates and pregnancy being higher among women in rural areas than among women in urban areas and the rural population is much younger than urban areas.

### 5: Maker Community - Craft Scotland

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You could consider opening a non-agricultural business on your farm, such as: Your local council can advise you on regulatory issues relevant to your new business. Develop your ideas When developing a farm diversification strategy, you will need to: If the idea involves an invention or a new process, you may also need to protect your intellectual property. Once you have established a new business, you will need a growth strategy. Planning permission and diversification You will need to seek planning permission for any new development - such as a building - or material change of use of your land from the planning department in your local council. If you plan to use agricultural land or buildings for agricultural purposes, you do not need planning permission. The rural planning system is run by local and national park authorities, who decide on applications based on their impact on the local economy and potential impact on the environment. The type of land you farm will also influence what sort of development is permitted. For example, the Agricultural Land Classification system is used to assess the agricultural quality of land, while Environmental Impact Assessments look at the potential impact of any development on your land. Planning policy guidance Planning permission decisions will take into account government planning policy statements, which set out priorities for local areas and regions. The type of diversification you choose may also be influenced by your local parish or community plan - these are documents in which local communities set out their priorities for social and business development. This can help you see which planning permissions are likely to be successful. Find out about parish and community plans on the Action with Communities in Rural England website. However, a lack of collateral is often a barrier to tenant farmers, as it means less access to capital. Some tenancy agreements rule out diversification. This is often because of inheritance implications for landowners arising from a change of use. Code of good practice for tenant diversification The Defra has published a code of good practice to encourage agri-environment schemes and diversification activities on tenant farms. This code recommends that for tenant diversification, there should always be: If landlord and tenant cannot agree on the appointment of an arbitrator, either can apply to the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors [ RICS ] to make an appointment. For more information, see the page on arbitration procedures in the guide on agricultural tenancies. Find model tenancy contract clauses on the NFU website membership required. As well as funding from the Rural Development Programme for England RDPE and commercial banks, capital and revenue funds are available from a range of public sector, charitable and private sources. This is particularly important for tenant farmers, who may face problems obtaining credit from commercial institutions. The RDPE also includes environmental management schemes, for example: Search our business support finder for grants, loans, expertise and advice for which your business may be eligible. Commercial loans and overdrafts Private investment provided by banks and other financial institutions remains an important source of funding for business diversification. To get commercial funding, you will normally need a detailed and well-researched business plan. Technological funding There are funding schemes specifically designed to help you develop new technologies for a diversified business. Funding for climate change adaptation or mitigation Funding and advice are available to help farmers diversify their businesses in response to climate change, eg by growing biofuels, deploying commercial tidal energy farms or setting up anaerobic digestion facilities. Farming Futures Farming Futures is a co-operative venture between the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs Defra and other agricultural organisations that provide advice for farmers looking to adapt to changing climates and markets. The Carbon Trust The Carbon Trust can provide advice and, in some cases, venture capital funding to help you adapt your farming business to climate change. The Entrepreneurs Fast Track offers commercial advice, networking opportunities and grant funding to small enterprises that are developing low carbon technologies in the UK. The Carbon Trust can also give you free advice about establishing a new low-carbon business, and they can carry out site surveys. Find out about Carbon Trust advice and services on the Carbon Trust website. Rural Development Programme for England

RDPE funding Defra administers RDPE-funded grants for economic and social projects, which aim to increase the competitiveness of farmers, improve the quality of rural life and diversify the rural economy. This delivery has been taken over from Regional Development Agencies. Tax incentives For more information, see the guide on cutting your carbon emissions. Energy generation Rising energy prices have created business opportunities for farmers in anaerobic digestion. This involves breaking down organic matter in the absence of air to produce flammable biogas, which can then be used to provide power and heat for farms, or can be sold to power companies. There is also a nutrient-rich organic by-product.

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