BORDERLANDS Whisky Festival

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Return of The Borderlands Whisky Festival, Lockerbie

Back in 2024, the Borderlands festival was run in Lockerbie at the Town Hall for the very first time. The festival was founded to celebrate the resurgence of whisky producers both sides of the border and its a great time for whisky lovers to find out more. We have gathered a great selection of distilleries and bottlers both from the area and further away for a great day of conversation and whisky sampling.

I also also would like to say a huge thankyou to the volunteers for giving up their time to come and help at the festival. If you have any questions on the day about the festival or venue then please just ask.

We all hope you enjoy the day and that the brands you meet give you some inspiration for your next whisky journey.

Have a fantastic festival!
Slàinte!





Masterclass Schedule

All masterclasses will take place in the Lesser Hall at the top of the stairs. Each tasting includes 4 samples and costs £10.

The Moffat Distillery 12:30 - 13:15
A fantastic distillery based in the beautiful dark sky area of Moffat. As the first scottish wood fired distillery its edging ever closer to its first spirit turning into whisky in February 2027. Come and hear about what sets them aside from the rest.

The Borders Distillery 13:30 - 14:15
In 2018, new make spirit flowed for the first time in Hawick and this year the distillery celebrated by launching their first single malt. Come and learn about how they got there and what comes next!

Cooper King Distillery 14:30 - 15:15
Based outside of York, the plan for the distillery was dreamed up on a trip to Tasmania whilst researching distilleries for a friends whisky blog. Their focus on sustainability sets them apart and includes some interesting energy efficiency solutions such as NASA paint.

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HOW TO ENJOY THE WHISKY FESTIVAL

To ensure that you enjoy the festival and that we adhere to Scottish licensing laws:

- Please use the Borderlands Whisky Festival glass provided for sampling. Your ticket entitles you to one free glass. Please ask a member of the team if you need a replacement.
- Please sample responsibly: pace your sampling and know the strength of the whisky you're trying.
- Drink plenty of water (to cleanse your palate and to stay hydrated).
- Use the spittoons provided.
- Don't be rude: exhibitors have the right to refuse to serve you.
- The last pour will be 15 minutes prior to the end of the session. Please do not ask an exhibitor for a sample after this.
- If you appear to have consumed too much alcohol, you may be asked to leave. You will not be allowed to buy bottles or collect earlier purchases.
- The Festival is an over 18 only event and we operate a Challenge 25 policy. You may be asked to show valid ID by event staff.

