



Hop Run 2026
Athlete Guide
Saturday 6th June

Supported by:



Important Points

- Registration starts from 8.30am, registration for each wave closes 35mins before the race start time. Please arrive in plenty of time to park, register and get on the bus
- All Runners must use the event busses; there is no drop off area at the start for cars
- Busses leave 25mins before your wave starts DO NOT MISS THE BUS
- Toilets are provided on site please use them, we do not want to lose the use of the venue
- There are no cups at our feed stations you will need to bring your own
- Your dibber is your timing chip the information is stored on the chip so you must return this at the end
- If you withdraw from the race at any point you must report to the finish line

Welcome

Thank you for your entry to the Dirty Events Hop Run in collaboration with Stewart Brewing. The 10k event will start at Aaron House and the 5k event will start at Rosslin Glen, both events finish at Stewart Brewing, where a nice cold refreshment awaits.

Event day is approaching and we just wanted to make sure that you have all of the information you need for your race on Saturday 6th June.

This document includes information on the following:

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Any information you can't find here or on our website then please don't hesitate to get in touch at: info@dirtyevents.com

We can't wait to see you at Hop Run 2026!



Welcome & Registration

- Parking is on street within the industrial estate, please park considerately
- Please take note of your waves registration & bus times, if you miss these you will be unable to start. Any requests to change wave time must be made and approved at least 2 weeks prior to the event, please do not ask our registration volunteers to facilitate this on the day, for various logistical reasons it is just not possible
- **If you need the loo use the facilities provided.** We rely on the goodwill of venues to allow us on site, they do not want to see anyone relieving themselves in the hedge/behind buildings etc
- If you retire from the event mid route you must report to the finish line and hand in your timing chip, clearly stating to the volunteer/timing staff that you are a DNF
- There is an unsecure bag drop facility in the Stewart Brewing Car Park, please label your bag with your name. Any items taken to race start areas will need to be carried back from there by you.
- This event is for Over 18's only due to the nature of the finish line

Registration

You'll receive your timing chip (Sport Ident 'dibber' type) and you race number at registration.

The race number needs to be pinned on your front on your torso. Please **do not fold or pin it to your leg** as it makes it very difficult for marshals to read.

The timing chip goes on your wrist.

HOP RUNNERS, DON'T DASH OFF TOO QUICK!

Stick around after your run and dive into a proper party with us. We'll be waiting with your complimentary can of Lll Lush to toast your effort.

From 12PM, enjoy great food, cold beers, and live tunes. Capital Models will be playing around 3PM, a covers band doing rock and pop from the 50s up to the present day.

Come for the run, stay for the vibe. We can't wait to see you there!



Event Information

Location

The race venue will be Stewart Brewing HQ, Bilston Glen Industrial Estate, 26a Dryden Rd, Loanhead , EH20 9LZ (Race Registration, Finish Line & Party Venue 😊)

You will be bussed from Stewart Brewing to the Race Start line at Aaron House, Edinburgh Road, Penicuik, Edinburgh EH26 0QF

How to get there & Parking

Public transport is a viable way of getting to the race, jump on the bus to save needing a designated driver, see: <https://www.lothianbuses.com> for more info. If you bring your car then there is plenty of parking around the industrial estate near the brewery, however there is no parking at the brewery site and the road the brewery is on is a dead end so please park prior to this.

Please be sure to arrive on time for registration and your bus departing, these are appropriate to your Wave. These times are fairly crucial as we don't want anyone to miss out on their race due to missing their bus! When registration is closing for each wave runners will be called forward to make sure that they don't miss their bus 🚌 .



**OUR PORTABLE TOILETS
DO LOOK LIKE THIS**



**PLEASE USE THE CORRECT FACILITY
THE FUTURE OF OUR RACE DEPENDS ON IT**

**ANYONE SEEN USING THE WRONG
FACILITY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

Timing schedule

Time	event
08.30	Registration for all waves opens at Stewart Brewing HQ
10.25	Wave 1 Registration Closes
10.25	Wave 1 Bus Loading
10.35	Wave 1 Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
11.00	Wave 1 Runners Start
11.05	Wave 2 Registration Closes
11.05	Wave 2 Bus Loading
11.15	Wave 2 Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
11.40	Wave 2 Runners Start
11.45	Wave 3 Registration Closes
11.45	Wave 3 Bus Loading
11.55	Wave 3 Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
12.20	Wave 3 Runners Start
12.25	Wave 4 Registration Closes
12.25	Wave 4 Bus Loading
12.35	Wave 4 Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
13.00	Wave 4 Runners Start
13.05	Wave 5 Registration Closes
13.05	Wave 5 Bus Loading
13.15	Wave 5 Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
13.40	Wave 5 Runners Start
13.45	Wave 6 – Registration Closes
13.45	Wave 6 – Bus Loading
13.55	Wave 6 – Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/faffers
14.20	Wave 6 – Runners Start
15.30ish	Prize Giving – Includes Age Group Prizes
14.00-17.30	After Party – Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy some great music, pizza and most importantly some award winning beers!

Timing schedule

Hop Run 5k Event Schedule

Time	event
14.25	Wave 7 – 5K RUN Registration Closes
14.25	Wave 7 – 5K RUN Bus Loading
14.35	Wave 7 – 5K RUN Bus Departs – we won't wait for stragglers/fuffers
15.00	Wave 7 – 5K RUN Runners Start
15.30ish	Prize Giving – Includes Age Group Prizes
14.00-17.30	After Party – Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy some great music, pizza and most importantly some award winning beers!



Course description

Both courses will be fully way-marked and marshalled please pay attention to the signage and make sure you are on the correct course.

10K - The course includes sections on minor public roads that will not be closed. There are pavements alongside the road in these places and it is **mandatory** that you use them and do not run on the road. It is possible that you will encounter vehicles and other road users. Please stick to the Right Hand Side of the road (i.e. facing any traffic) and be prepared to step into the verge if necessary.

You are also very likely to encounter other users and members of the public. Please be courteous, they have exactly the same rights as you to be there. Being in your 'race zone head' is no excuse for lacking courtesy.

The Hop Run is a trail run so you need to wear appropriate footwear, we suggest trail shoes with a bit of grip to stop you sliding on slippery sections. It will be muddy so save your sparkly clean road shoes for another race. Surfaces vary from rough single track paths to sections on tarmac road and everything in between so please take care. There are some steeper, muddy and rougher sections of footpath alongside the river in places. A race with a bit of everything, just what you'd expect from a trail race through beautiful countryside 😊

The course distance is approximate and is intended as a guideline for you to gauge your training by. We are not too concerned with what Garmin says 😊

Course Maps and descriptions can be found on our [website](#).

Race Information

Road Crossings - IMPORTANT

There are two road crossings on this route and because your safety is paramount to us we have removed any pressure to cross the road in a hurry. When you get to the road you will dip your dibber in the electronic station and this will stop the clock for you. You can then listen to the marshal advice to get you across safely and then dip again at the other side to restart the clock. No rush, no pressure and everyone gets back to enjoy pizza, music and beer! The marshals have no powers to stop traffic so you may need to wait a bit but with the clock stopped you are under no time pressure to get across the road quickly. The marshals do have powers to disqualify people who don't listen to them though but please don't make them use them 😊

Aid Stations

There will be an aid station on the 10k course at approximately the halfway point, which will be stocked with water and snacks. Please bring your own collapsible cup, we will have a stock of these available to buy at the start if you think you will need one.

Coaches

Runners must travel to the race start using the coaches provided by the race organisers. They will leave Stewart Brewing HQ at the times outlined above.

There is no car parking for runners or spectators at Aaron House.

facilities

Facilities at Stewart Brewing

There will be a bag drop facility at Stewart Brewing. Bags will not be supervised and are therefore left at your own risk. Please do not leave anything valuable in your bags.

A limited menu of Freshly baked Pizzas will be available, all traditional favourites, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. Baked Potatoes will also be available. All food starts from 12pm and is the perfect accompaniment to your free can of craft beer from Stewart Brewing at the finish line!

The post race party will begin at 2.00pm and go on until 5.30pm with a short break for prizegivin. So sit back relax, enjoy the music and get refreshed with Stewart Brewing's award winning selection of beers.

Please don't leave valuables in bags. We do not accept any responsibility for lost or stolen items.



Facilities & rules

Facilities at the Start Line

There will only be basic facilities (limited shelter, limited portable toilets) at the start. Please use the facilities at the brewery before boarding the coaches. **We are unable to use the facilities within Aaron House so please don't try.**

There will be no bag drop/transfer facility at the race start or on the buses. If you take additional clothing to the start, you will need to carry it yourself to the finish. If the weather is bad enough to need extra clothing for the few minutes you will be at the start, it would be a good idea to also have it with you during the race. Long sleeved tops and jackets can easily be tied around your waist.

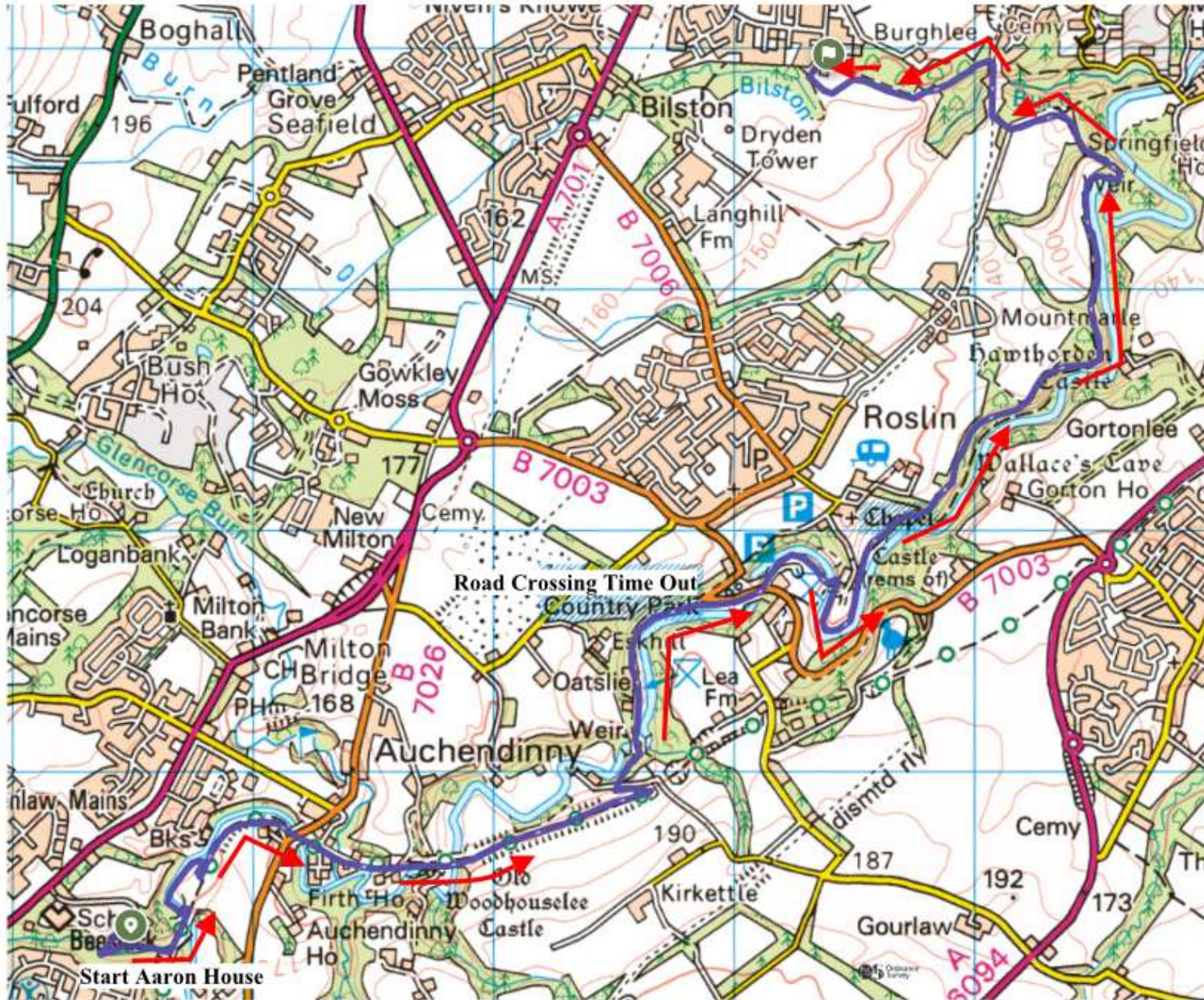
Golden Rules

No Litter. Anywhere. Full Stop. There will be bins at the aid station, if you use a gel whilst running then just stick the wrapper in your pocket until you can dispose of it. Carry any litter to the finish if you haven't used the bin at the aid station. Please don't put our goodwill with the landowner in jeopardy by there being litter on the course.

Report to the Finish whatever happens to you, we need to know that you are safe and well. Any missing runner involves a search party that won't be happy if you got your Mum to pick you up somewhere on the route.

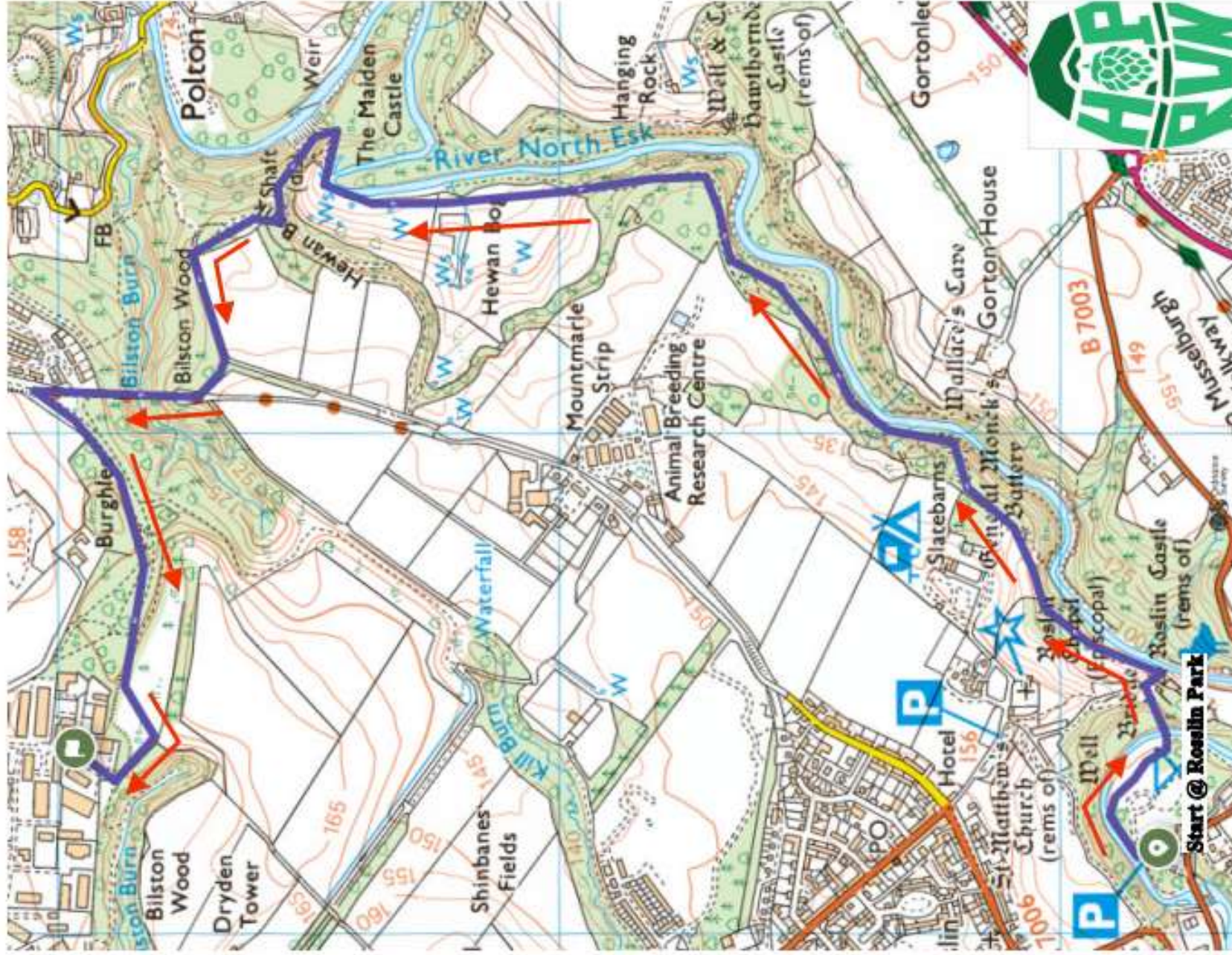


10K Course Map



Hop Run 10k Route Map

5K Course Map



Hop Run 5k Route Map

Start @ Roslin Park

Finish line

You will receive your dibber/timing chip at Registration. The timing chip goes on your wrist.

Please make sure you dib your dibber as you cross the finish line, this stops 'your' clock.

You then take off the dibber and put it in the 'dibber bucket'.

There will be people there to help but having an idea of what happens on the finish-line before you get there will help and also save us chasing you as you walk off with your dibber still on your wrist.

If you do somehow manage to evade our efforts to get your dibber then you will have no finish time, will not be given a result and will incur a replacement charge of £35-£65. Don't be that person 😊



Prize giving

After you finish the race make sure you collect your custom made Hop Run medal which handily doubles up as a bottle opener for your hard-earned beer.

Prize-Giving will be in the Finish area as soon as results are available (Approximately 3.30pm). This is your opportunity to relax, have a beer on us and claim your prize or give a cheer to those winning prizes.

Prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male and Female in each category:

- Senior – Aged 18-39
- Veteran – Aged 40-49
- Super Veteran – Aged 50-59
- Vintage – Aged 60+

Race results will be available at www.durtyevents.com/results

Race Photographs will be published on our social media channels as soon as possible after the event.



Post race party

Our race Partners at Stewart Brewing are putting on a party for you all with live music from 2.30pm-5.30pm, so don't make any plans that you need to rush away for. There will be good music, beer and pizza. If you wish to stay later and have friends join you, then please do, everyone is welcome to come to the finish line and enjoy the music. Last orders will be at 9:45pm

Unfortunately there will be no changing facilities available on race day but there will be portable toilets and in-house toilets at the Brewery.

The bar will be open within the brewery during the event. Hot Food & Pizzas (including Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten Free Options) will be available to order from the bar from 12pm, please note all purchases are card payment only



A greener hop run

A Greener Hop Run

In our efforts to be more environmentally friendly we have decided to stop providing cups at feed stations. As previously mentioned you need to **bring your own cup** or, if you don't have one of the collapsible/easy to carry variety we will have some available for purchase at registration. You then carry this with you and use it on the course if you wish to get water at the feed station.

Also did you know your race number is recyclable? Just pop it in your household recycling bin



BYOB - Bring your own Bottle! or cup or Camel Back etc

And Finally.....

Volunteers

No races can happen without volunteers and our events are no different. At the Hop Run we need help at registration and finish, on the course, road crossing marshals and aid station teams.

Do you have friends, family or clubmates that fancy coming to help make this event happen? Volunteering will give them a unique view of the course and enable them to provide valuable support and encouragement along the way.

In exchange for their help we offer an event T-Shirt, a Beer, a Pizza, and a whole heap of fun with like-minded people, our deep appreciation and a warm fuzzy glow of being an essential part of making it happen. If you can bring a group of people e.g. club, community organisation then we can also make a donation to your cause.

Please get them to contact us by email info@durtyevents.com

Accommodation

For accommodation options, this is a good starting point:

<https://www.visitscotland.com/accommodation>



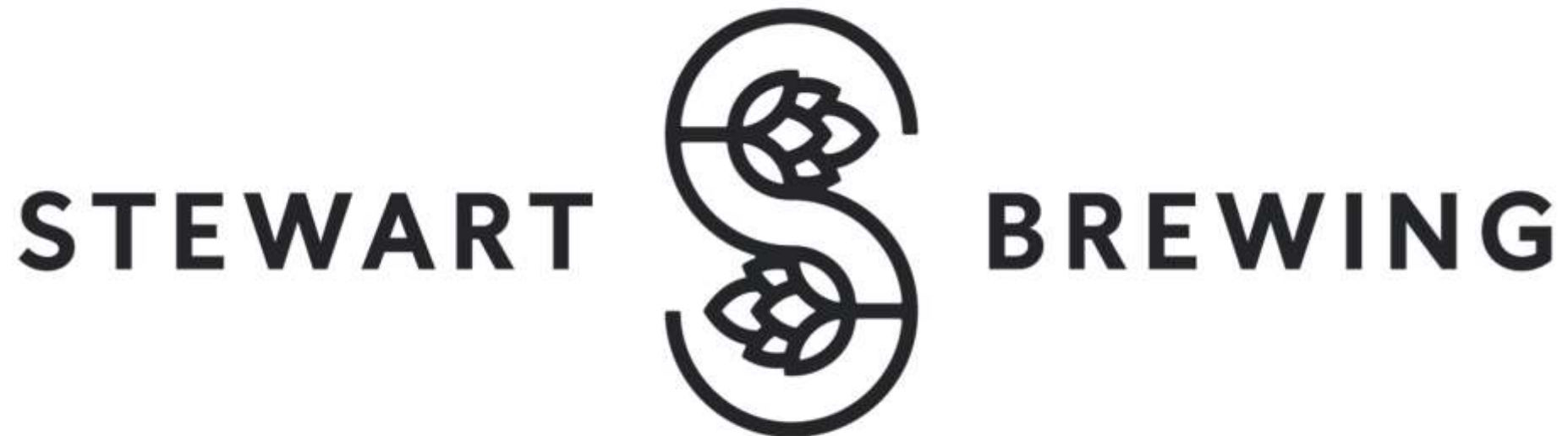
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