

17 June 2025

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)

Thank you for your email which was received by VisitScotland on 13th May 2025 at 4.05pm requesting :-

- Information regarding the level of financial support given over the last 10 years to support sporting events in the Scottish Borders area.
- This information is to cover the following sports, cycling, rugby, football and golf.

VisitScotland’s response

Please find below two tables with information on sporting events VisitScotland have supported in the Scottish Borders in the last 10 years.

For clarification:

- VisitScotland has not supported any football or golf events in the Scottish Borders council area in the last 10 years.
- These events are completed contracts – 2025 events have not yet been completed and are not shown.
- Table one shows the 6 events which were across multiple regions including the Scottish Borders Council area – the other regions have been noted in the table.
- Table two shows the 20 events supported solely in the Scottish Borders Council area

Table One

Year	Type	Name	Local Authorities	Total Payments
2015	Cycling	Tour of Britain	Scottish Borders Council; City of Edinburgh Council;	100,000
2017	Cycling	Tour of Britain	Scottish Borders Council; East Lothian Council; City of Edinburgh Council;	100,000
2019	Cycling	Tour of Britain	Scottish Borders Council; Dumfries and Galloway Council; Glasgow City Council;	100,000
2019	Cycling	Women's Tour of Scotland	Scottish Borders Council; Dundee City Council; City of Edinburgh Council; Fife Council; Glasgow City Council; Perth and Kinross Council; Stirling Council;	100,000
2020	Cycling	Tour of Britain	Aberdeen City Council; Aberdeenshire Council; Scottish Borders Council; Dumfries and Galloway Council;	25,000
2022	Cycling	Tour of Britain	Aberdeen City Council; Aberdeenshire Council; Scottish Borders Council;	100,000

Table Two

Year	Type	Name	Total Payments
2015	Cycling	Enduro World Series - Round 3 Tweedlove	25,000
2015	Rugby	Melrose Sevens	15,000
2015	Cycling	Selkirk MTB Marathon – British MTB Marathon Championships	4,000
2015	Cycling	Tesco Bank Tour O The Borders	14,000
2016	Rugby	Melrose Sevens	10,000
2018	Cycling	BEMBA British Enduro Mountain Bike Championships	10,000
2018	Rugby	Melrose Sevens	4,200

2018	Rugby	University Sevens	5,000
2021	Cycling	24Seven	1,750
2021	Cycling	Tour o the Borders	35,000
2021	Cycling	TweedLove Local Enduro	5,000
2022	Curling	Enduro World Series	75,000
2022	Cycling	Hawick & Duns Cycling Festivals	15,000
2022	Cycling	Muck n' Mac Fest	4,000
2022	Cycling	Tour Series - Galashiels	15,000
2022	Cycling	TweedLove Festival	12,100
2023	Cycling	Muck n' Mac Fest	5,000
2023	Cycling	Power of the Bike Day	5,000
2024	Cycling	Glentress Weekender	13,250
2024	Cycling	Tour of Britain Men	75,000

Your right to request a review

If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording) to:

Ms Vicki Miller
 Chief Executive
 VisitScotland
 Waverley Court
 4 East Market Street
 Edinburgh
 EH8 8BG
 Telephone: 0131 473 3603
 E-mail: vicki.miller@visitscotland.com

The request for a review should be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
 Kinburn Castle
 Doubledykes Road
 St Andrews
 Fife
 KY16 9DS
 Telephone: 01334 464610
 Fax: 01334 464611
 Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.