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1 Huntly Castle and Peterhead overhead-line event

Published opening / confirmed SSEN event

Huntly Castle resumes winter visiting on Tuesdays to Thursdays, 10am-3.30pm, subject to closures; its tower is closed and there are no public toilets. SSEN's Peterhead-Persley-Kintore overhead-line reconductoring consultation is 3-7pm at Rescue Hall, 25 Prince Street, Peterhead AB42 1QE (Committee Room). Today is also World AIDS Day.

MORE: Huntly Castle SSEN PKUP UN days

2 Aberdeen overhead-line event + Tiny winter step

Confirmed SSEN event / suggested reminder

Peterhead-Persley-Kintore overhead-line consultation: 12.30-3.45pm, Danestone Community Centre, Fairview Street, Aberdeen AB22 8ZP. Tiny: check a torch, batteries, charging options and key numbers; start with what you have.

MORE: SSEN PKUP Ready Scotland

3 Two SSEN projects at Ellon + accessible communities

Two confirmed event listings / official observance

1.30-5.30pm, Station Hotel, Station Brae, Ellon AB41 9BD: South Formartine substation information event (Tipperty/Site 3 proposed) and Peterhead-Persley-Kintore overhead-line consultation. Both are listed for the same place and time; event organisation is unverified. International Day of Persons with Disabilities also falls today.

MORE: South Formartine PKUP event UN days

4 Strathbogie Hub: sessions next week

Confirmed organiser announcement / editorial reminder

SSEN has announced public information sessions on the proposed Strathbogie Hub at Cruchie: Huntly on 7 December, Forgue on 8 December, Rothiemay on 9 December, each 3-7pm. Cruchie is a proposed site, not a consented development. Questions and feedback can be submitted in writing.

MORE: SSEN details Feedback form

5 Huntly Farmers' Market

Organiser-listed public event / observances

Your Vibe Events lists The Square, Huntly, 10am-1pm. Celebrate local producers; today is also International Volunteer Day and World Soil Day. Check details shortly before travelling.

MORE: Markets calendar UN days

6 Winter wildlife without disturbance

Suggested editorial action

Notice garden birds, hedgerows, fields and river life. Check weather and river levels, observe from a distance and avoid disclosing exact locations of sensitive wildlife.

MORE: SEPA levels Access Code

7 Strathbogie Hub: Huntly + Steady

Confirmed SSEN event / local access information / reminder

3-7pm, Number 30, 30 The Square, Huntly AB54 8BR. Ask questions and make notes.
Local first-hand knowledge reports first-floor rooms and lift access; SSEN does not confirm this.
Check access needs with the venue. Steady: check fuel, food, water, medicines and pet supplies.

MORE: SSEN event Ready Scotland

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Strathbogie Hub: Forgue

Confirmed SSEN public information event

3-7pm, Scott Hall, Forgue AB54 6DQ. See the proposed plans, share local knowledge, and seek clear written answers to unanswered questions. This is not described here as a statutory planning consultation.

MORE: SSEN project Feedback form

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Strathbogie Hub: Rothiemay

Confirmed SSEN public information event

3-7pm, Rothiemay Village Hall AB54 7LT. The third December session. If unable to attend, send written feedback through SSEN. The booklet gives Friday 15 January 2027 as the feedback closing date.

MORE: SSEN project Feedback form

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Human Rights Day

Official observance / other announcement to recheck

Fair treatment, dignity and meaningful participation matter to all communities. Number 30 was shortlisted for the 2026 SURF Awards, with an announcement expected around today; this is not a confirmed local public event. Check the organiser for any update.

MORE: UN days SURF Awards

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Local governance reform questionnaire closes

Scottish Government deadline / official observance

Friday 11 December is the final day for the Scottish Government questionnaire on how local governance could work. It asks about present arrangements, priorities and opportunities or concerns. International Mountain Day also falls today. A Deveron Projects Friday Lunch session has not been verified for December.

MORE: Official notice Questionnaire Deveron Projects

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Foggie Neuk Christmas Market, Aberchirder

Organiser-listed public event

Your Vibe Events lists Saturday 12 December, 10am-1.30pm, at The Foggie Neuk in Aberchirder. Support local makers and producers if you can; check the organiser before travelling.

MORE: Markets calendar Christmas markets

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Huntly Christmas Farmers' Market

Date confirmed; organiser hours conflict with trader listing

Your Vibe Events lists Sunday 13 December, 10am-1pm, in Huntly Square. A participating trader lists different hours. The organiser-listed time is retained here with a recommendation to check immediately before travel.

MORE: Organiser listing Trader listing

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Together: neighbourly winter check

Suggested editorial action

A neighbour may welcome help with shopping, a lift or prescription collection. Ask first and respect independence and privacy. Check your own repeat prescription arrangements early; order normal amounts, not excess supplies.

MORE: NHS winter advice Ready Scotland

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Written feedback still welcome

Suggested editorial reminder / verified future deadline

The Strathbogie events have passed, but SSEN feedback remains open to 15 January 2027. Residents can send local evidence and questions, ask for a written response, and retain copies. Cruchie remains a proposal; planning permission is not granted.

MORE: SSEN project Feedback form

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Informed preparedness and climate/nature communication

Editorial reflection - no December briefing event

A Westminster Hall debate on e-petition 767687 took place on 16 November. Today's invitation is to use accurate information for practical preparedness without panic. No December Government briefing is confirmed.

MORE: Debate record Ready Scotland

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Power cuts and additional support

Suggested editorial action

Check a torch, power bank and written telephone contacts. For an electricity power cut call 105. The Priority Services Register may offer eligible households additional support, though it does not prevent outages.

MORE: Powercut 105 Priority Services

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International Migrants Day

Official observance / editorial reflection

Recognise the contribution of people from many backgrounds to rural communities, culture, work and care. No specific local public event is claimed for today.

MORE: UN days

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Support local, without pressure

Suggested editorial action

A purchase from a small producer, a kind message, sharing local information or a community conversation can all support connection. Not everyone has spare money or celebrates Christmas.

MORE: Markets calendar

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International Human Solidarity Day

Official observance / suggested action

A respectful check-in, practical neighbourly help or accurate information shared at the right moment can make a difference. Always ask before offering assistance.

MORE: UN days Ready Scotland

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Winter solstice

Seasonal date / suggested reflection

The shortest daylight period of the year in Scotland. Notice the turning of the seasons in whatever accessible way works for you, even from a window.

MORE: Met Office warnings

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Winter journeys

Suggested editorial action

Check forecast, road and travel information. Keep a charged phone, a warm layer and personal essentials if travelling. Avoid floodwater and obey any official warnings.

MORE: Met Office Traffic Scotland

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Festive service opening times

Suggested editorial action

Check GP and pharmacy arrangements, public transport and council service announcements before relying on normal opening hours. Specific local festive hours have not been independently established.

MORE: NHS winter guide Council website

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Christmas Eve and Huntly Castle closure

Published heritage closure

Historic Environment Scotland lists Huntly Castle closed from 24 December through 4 January inclusive. Check service announcements and any changing travel information.

MORE: Huntly Castle

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Christmas Day

Scottish bank holiday / seasonal observance

Whether celebrating, working, resting, remembering or keeping things quiet, everyone belongs in our community. Friday 25 December is a Scottish bank holiday.

MORE: Scottish bank holidays

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Boxing Day

Calendar date / official substitute day noted

Saturday 26 December is Boxing Day. The Scottish substitute bank holiday is Monday 28 December. Shops and services may have different hours.

MORE: Scottish bank holidays

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Flood-aware winter

Suggested editorial action; not a flood prediction

Know how to check SEPA alerts and river levels and consider Floodline if suitable for your area. Conditions change quickly. Stay away from floodwater and respect local warnings.

MORE: SEPA alerts Floodline River levels

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Substitute Boxing Day bank holiday

Official holiday / community programme unverified

Monday 28 December is a Scottish bank holiday. Deveron Projects Food Chain regularly falls on a last Monday, but a holiday session has not been confirmed; do not assume it runs.

MORE: Bank holidays Deveron Projects

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Small moments with winter nature

Suggested editorial action

From a window or a safe path, notice the winter light and wildlife. Avoid publishing precise protected-species locations and keep safety and habitat care in mind.

MORE: Access Code River levels

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Looking ahead: three SSEN feedback deadlines

Verified forward-look reminder

Friday 15 January 2027 is listed as the feedback deadline for three separate SSEN processes: Strathbogie Hub, South Formartine substation, and the Peterhead-Persley-Kintore overhead line. Use the relevant form and project information for each, not one combined response.

MORE: Strathbogie South Formartine PKUP

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Hogmanay and community appreciation

Seasonal reflection

Thanks to volunteers, neighbours and others who care for the people, wildlife and places we share. May 2027 bring fair decisions and stronger communities, one practical step at a time.

MORE: Ready Scotland

Forward look - Friday 15 January 2027

Three separate SSEN feedback deadlines: Strathbogie Hub; South Formartine substation; Peterhead-Persley-Kintore overhead-line reconductoring. Do not treat a response on one project as a response on all three. These engagement processes are not presented as planning consent.

Open items and publication safeguards

- Huntly Christmas market: the organiser lists 10am-1pm; a trader lists different hours. Check again shortly before posting.
- Deveron Projects Friday Lunch (11/25 December) and Food Chain (28 December) have no verified December-specific sessions.
- A single Ellon address and time is listed for the two SSEN projects; do not assume how the displays are organised.
- Huntly Number 30 first-floor venue is on SSEN notice; lift access is local first-hand information, not verified universal accessibility.
- Keep personal details and sensitive wildlife locations private. Community concerns and questions are not findings of breach.

This is a dated reference guide, not a live source or a record of consultation submission.