

170,000 attend Royal Highland Show

More than 170,000 visitors attended the Royal Highland Show, boosting the attendance by almost 9,500 on last year, organisers said.



With a focus on Highlands and Islands, new attractions this year included a 10-metre “mountain” to climb and abseil, outdoor street food from award-winning chefs, Set4Sport with Ms Murray supported by RBS and almost 5,000 animals including sheep, cattle, poultry and horses.



Show manager Becky Elvin said: “As my first show in charge, I am thrilled that we have again demonstrated the show’s enduring appeal. From tasting Scotland’s finest foods, to cycling around the new mountain bike track, to seeing the finest animals on parade – the show is a once-a-year event that is for many an attraction not to be missed.”



More than 25,000 children attended the show. Meanwhile hundreds of shopping and food exhibitors and a packed entertainment programme created what organisers described as a “happy and optimistic” atmosphere following a difficult winter for the food and farming industries.