

Rugby fans urged to travel by train to the Melrose Sevens



Melrose Rugby Football Club players Grant Runciman and Bruce Colvine in the new Sevens playing kit with Rebekah Mooney at Edinburgh Waverley Station.

Fans travelling to the world's oldest rugby sevens are urged to kick the car to touch and travel by train.

The opening of the Borders Railway means that the Aberdeen Asset Management Melrose Sevens tournament is now more accessible.

Spectators can travel along the 30-mile route between Edinburgh and Midlothian to the Scottish Borders to this year's 134th anniversary annual event on April 8.

The history of rugby 7s can be traced back to Melrose where it was created in 1883. The seven-a-side game is now played around the world and was debuted at the summer Olympics in Rio in 2016.

Melrose Sevens attracts around 10,000 spectators and participants from all over the world each year.

Around 1,200 people used the Borders Railway to travel to the event last year, with more expected to make use of the railway and shuttle bus links again this year.

Trevor Jackson, President of Melrose RFC, said: "The Borders Railway is a fantastic way for visitors to travel to the Melrose Sevens.

"Visitors will be able to relax and enjoy the scenic route all the way from Waverley Station, through Midlothian and into the

Scottish Borders.

“Once at Tweedbank people will have the choice of jumping on a shuttle bus for the short trip to Melrose or enjoying a beautiful walk along the River Tweed to get to the event.”

For information on the event [click here](#)