Musselburgh's Stobo Castle Ladies Day cancelled for this year

New peak-summer August date announced for 2021 Ladies Day

Musselburgh Racecourse has cancelled Stobo Castle Ladies Day following confirmation by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) that all scheduled fixtures in May and June have been cancelled.

The premier raceday, which attracts a capacity attendance of 10,000, was due to take place on Saturday 6 June 2020. The East Lothian track has also announced that next year the 2021 Ladies Day will move to a new peak-summer slot in August.

Racegoers

who purchased tickets in advance will be given the option of transferring

tickets to the 2021 Stobo Castle Ladies Day or receiving a full refund.

The

date switch will provide Musselburgh with a midsummer high quality race day,

and with Musselburgh's equally prestigious Derby Day fixture taking place in

early June, it provides an excellent balance to the course's Flat season.

Stobo

Castle Ladies Day will continue to offer the well-established

winning formula

of competitive horse racing with a focus on fashion, glamour and first class

entertainment from leading DJs, hosts, musicians and dancers.

Jenni

Watts, marketing director at Stobo Castle Health Spa, said: "While it was

disappointing but not a surprise that Ladies Day 2020 has been cancelled due to

the unprecedented circumstances we all face, we are excited about the

prospect of supporting Musselburgh with the new 2021 August race day fixture.

"Our commitment to <u>sponsoring Ladies Day</u> over many years has helped grow the event in to year-on-year success with capacity attendances and we are confident that this will continue when Stobo Castle Ladies Day moves to its new August berth."



Stobo Castle Ladies Day at Musselburgh — PHOTO by Alan Rennie Musselburgh

Racecourse senior operations and commercial manager, Sarah Montgomery, said:

"The safety of our staff and customers is paramount and the decision leading to

the cancellation of this year's Ladies Day was not unexpected.

"Stobo

Castle Ladies Day is one of the most successful race days in the UK and sells

out in advance every year. By moving the raceday to an August date and

retaining Derby Day in early June, we are anchoring our summer Flat season with

two highly prestigious fixtures which will appeal to both our casual and

seasoned racegoers."

Customers

who pre-purchased tickets for 6 June have been offered the option of

transferring tickets to Ladies Day in 2021 or a full refund. Those who booked

online will be contacted by email, while those who purchased tickets by

telephone or in person at the racecourse are asked to email musselburghracecourse@eastlothian.gov.uk

Sarah added: <u>"The racecourse office</u> remains closed so there may be a short delay in responding to inquiries but Musselburgh staff are working to manage the transfer of Ladies Day tickets and to issue refunds.

"We

would like to thank everyone for their patience as we deal with the impact of

the coronavirus pandemic on our operations and respond to circumstances and

conditions which change on a weekly basis."