

Torchlight Procession cancelled but the Vikings still “invaded” the city

Vikings from Shetland’s South Mainland Up Helly Aa’ Jarl Squad, were a fabulous sight on the city streets marking the start of the city’s Hogmanay celebrations. although the Torchlight Procession did not take place due to high winds.

Just more than an hour before the procession was due to start, Unique Assembly ran safety tests and then issued a statement.

An Edinburgh’s Hogmanay spokesperson said: *“Due to ongoing high winds at sections of the Torchlight Procession route, unfortunately tonight’s event is unable to go ahead on the grounds of public safety. The safety of all attending is our top priority and following recent torch tests on the route, the winds are proving too strong to proceed safely.*

“We know that this will be hugely disappointing to all who wished to participate. For those who have collected torches, please deposit these with event stewards as you leave the Meadows, and box office will be in touch with further instructions to ticket buyers.”

Celebrations begin tomorrow with the Night Afore Disco Party

featuring Hot Dub Time Machine in West Princes Street Gardens and the sold out Night Afore Concert with Idlewild in Assembly Rooms.

More detail about events in the capital in the next few days on the Hogmanay website.

<https://edwinterfest.com/hogmanay>



Shetland's South Mainland Up Helly Aa' Jarl Squad in the Grassmarket after the Torchlight Procession was cancelled. PHOTO Craig Duncan



Shetland's South Mainland Up Helly Aa' Jarl Squad in the

Grassmarket after the Torchlight Procession was cancelled with the Depute Lord Provost, Lezley Marion Cameron. PHOTO Craig Duncan



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Shetland's South Mainland Up Helly Aa' Jarl Squad in the Grassmarket posing with tourists after the Torchlight Procession was cancelled © 2024 Martin McAdam



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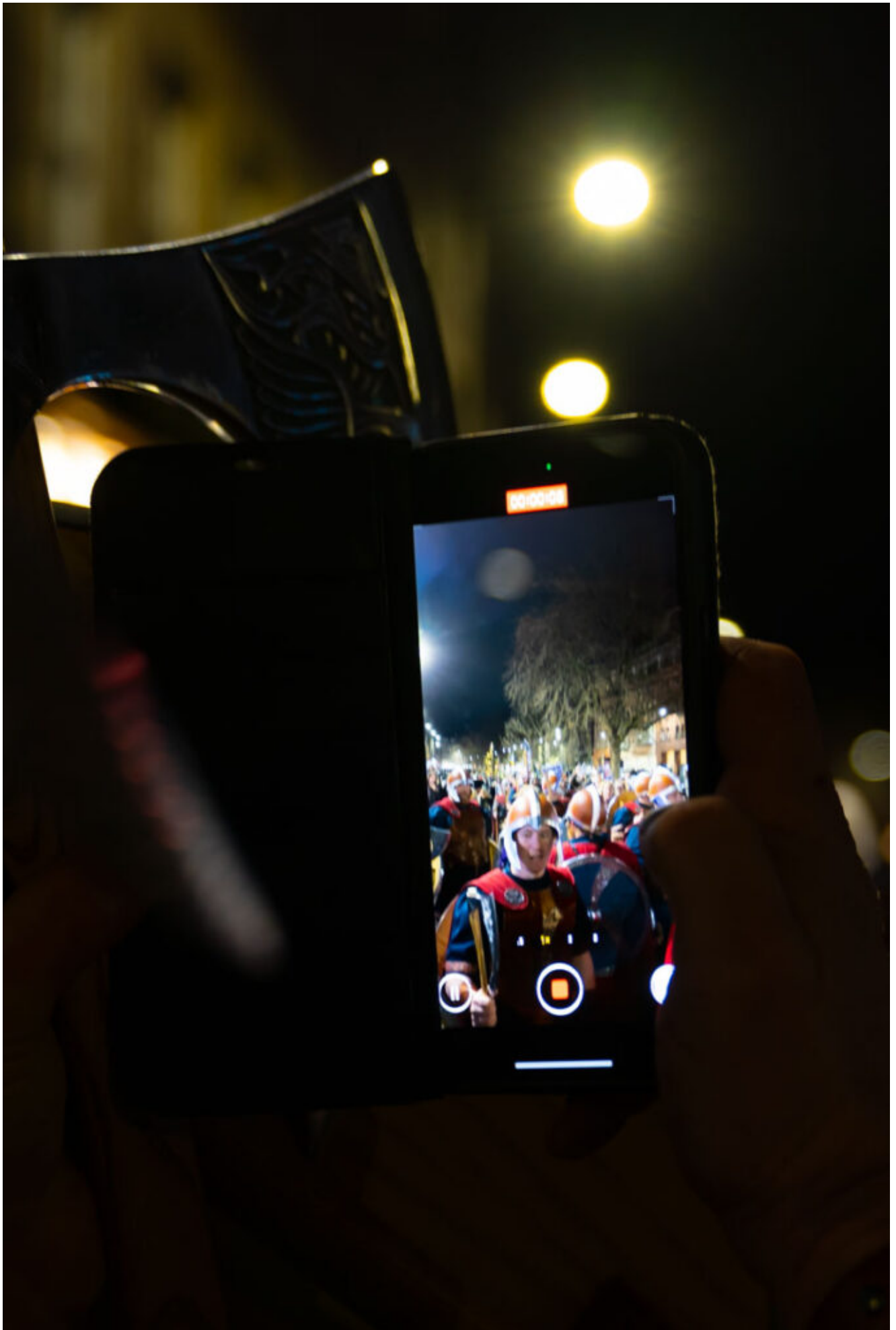
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