

**Vogrie's Homecoming Festival has a guid Scottish line-up
including Hue & Cry,**

**the Battlefield Band and The MacDonald Brothers – as well as fab
family fun events**

**Vogrie Country Park is located four miles south of Dalkeith (off the A68) on the B6372
near Gorebridge.**

**A free bus limited service is available from Danderhall and Penicuik.
The 2009 Vogrie Festival starts at 11.00 am and ends at 6.00pm. Entry prices are as
follows:**

Adults	£5
Children aged 3-13 years	£3
Infants up to 3 years	Free
OAPs	£2

**Tickets are not available in advance but can be purchased at the festival on the
day.**

Vogrie Festival is going to be even bigger this summer - thanks to [main](#) funding from [Midlothian Council](#), [supplemented by](#) the Scottish Government and the European community Tyne & Esk Leader 2007-13 Programme - with a wide variety of Scottish musical talent.

The Vogrie Homecoming Festival is due to take place on Sunday 9 August 2009 in the beautiful surroundings of Vogrie Country Park, near Gorebridge.

Councillor Peter Boyes, Midlothian Council member for Education and Communities, said; "The Vogrie Festival is Midlothian's biggest summer event for our communities and it's a great day out for all the family. And thanks to additional funding, plus the [main](#) contribution from the Council – we've been able to keep admission charges at the same level as last year. "

Our main music marquee is the place to be with a wide variety of Scottish musical talent. Headlining the Festival and back in the limelight are Hue and Cry with their soul inspired melodic pop which saw them top the charts in the 80's with tracks such as *Labour of Love* and *Looking for Linda*.

Following a number of sell out shows, in September 2008 they released 'Open Soul', their first pop album in 16 years which brought their music to a whole new audience of all ages. Definitely not to be missed! For more information and to join the Hue and Cry Music club visit <http://www.hueandcry.co.uk>

For those of you more into traditional Scottish music, seize the opportunity to see the Battlefield Band before they start their tour of America. Alan, Mike, Sean and Alistair are all talented musicians, playing various instruments, full of enthusiasm which you can hear from their performance.

Read more about the boys at www.battlefieldband.co.uk

And TV's *X Factor* finalists, The MacDonald Brothers aim to take Vogrie Festival by storm with their mix of songs old and new - including a previously unreleased song written by their hero, Sir Elton John, and called *Runaway*.

Also taking to the stage are local Lothian band, Pure Malt, who are extremely popular 'from the Borders tae the Heilans' and will be singing their own arrangements of Scottish folk ballads and contemporary songs. Check out their website www.pure-malt.com

And finally we have a new local band called Fauve consisting of two talented musicians with a fabulous female vocalist, Arlene who together can cover all genres of music from the sixties to present day. Another band not to be missed!

As part of the Midlothian Youth Music Marquee, there will be brass, silver bands, traditional music and dance, while pipe and brass bands will be playing in the park during the day.

And we can't have a homecoming festival without Clan Ranald and their medieval village. Meet Robert the Bruce and learn all about their armour and weapons. We also have a Scottish Arts and crafts marquee and charity stalls.

For the children, Mr Giggles The Clown and Friends return to entertain in their own memorable fashion guaranteeing a great time for all in their fun packed shows.

Gary James and Stone the Crow, bring fun and laughter – oh and magic too. With his unique blend of fun and magic he will delight children and adults alike.

Black diamond, our local community radio station will be announcing the day's activities and joining in the fun.

All the old favourites are here too, with many demonstrations, miniature railway, inflatable fun games area fun fair everything to keep the kids and the big kids entertained!