

# Nae Fireworks Night 2024

5th November from 5.30pm - 10pm



## Nae Fireworks Night 2024 – Important Information

We're pleased to say that 'Nae Fireworks Night' is returning this year and will take place on the 5th of November!

So if you've got a nervous dog who's scared of fireworks, and you're looking for somewhere quiet to get away to and walk them on the 5th of November, then Whitelee Windfarm is the place for you. The Whitelee Countryside Rangers, Whitelee Visitor Centre and ScottishPower Renewables staff will be on site to manage the event and do our very best to maintain a firework-free zone.

Fireworks are not permitted at Whitelee Windfarm so please don't bring them. At Whitelee they pose a danger to site infrastructure, can cause peatbog fires that can burn for years, and cause distress to the site's wildlife and livestock, as well as visitors.

We've put signage up making it clear that fireworks aren't permitted and Countryside Ranger and ScottishPower Renewables staff will be on patrol to prevent their use. Due to the size of the site and the number of visitors, we cannot guarantee a completely firework-free night – but we'll do our very best. Visitors should also be aware that the sound of fireworks can travel a great distance and may sometimes be heard even when set off miles from the windfarm, so we do recommend that dogs are kept on leads.

If you see someone entering site with fireworks please let a member of staff know or call 0141 614 0962.

### **Opening times:**

Nae Fireworks Night will begin at 5.30pm and finish at 10pm, including on-site parking (see details below). The Visitor Centre will be open until 9pm.

The windfarm site is open 24/7 to enjoy a relaxing walk with your dog anytime.

### **Visitor Centre & Refreshments:**

The Visitor Centre will be open for the event until 9pm for visitors to come in with their dogs for tea/coffee and cake, toilets, and a seat - don't forget to bring your re-usable cup to receive a discount off your hot drink and help us reduce our waste. Takeaway is available to enjoy outside or at your car, and outdoor seating is available on the visitor centre decking area and elsewhere, subject to weather conditions.

New for this year, there will be coffee vans on both the grass in the visitor centre car park, and at turbine 40 at the bottom of the hill from the visitor centre. There will also be portaloos at turbine 40.

For anyone looking to get away from the main throng of people/dogs at the Visitor Centre, there are 2 wet weather shelters with picnic benches available at the mountain bike trails (please see the site plan). We would encourage you to bring a flask, torch, and wrap up warm if planning to do this.

And don't forget there are simply miles of wide tracks to explore with your dog!

### **Parking:**

Parking for the event will be managed by dedicated parking staff. On-site parking will begin at 5.30pm. All cars parked within the windfarm will need to be off-site by 10pm.

The Visitor Centre spaces will be filled first but please note that if busy, you may be directed away from the Visitor Centre entrance to enter site via the operational windfarm entrance and park within the windfarm. The walk to the Visitor Centre may take around 5 – 30 minutes depending on where you are parked on site.

If you have a mobility issue please make yourself known to the parking team, and display your blue badge and you will be parked in suitable spaces at the Visitor Centre.

Please note there will be a one-way system in place for traffic from the operational entrance, along the first array road and up the hill to the visitor centre. This is to allow people parked in the windfarm to safely leave when they wish. Traffic and pedestrians will be separated by traffic cones, so please follow any directional signage both when driving in site and when walking from the Visitor Centre into the windfarm. We advise avoiding the first array road for walking your dog to avoid any traffic using this area.

### **Ranger-led walks:**

The popular Ranger-led torch-lit walks into site will run at 6.30pm (longer walk – 6km/4miles) and 7.00pm (shorter walk (3km/2miles) – please wrap up warm and bring a torch...and light up your dog with a light collar if you wish.

### **What to bring:**

- Dress for the weather – warm clothes, waterproofs and don't forget the dog's coat!
- Torch & dog lights (if you have them)
- Dog lead
- Dog poo bags – Bag it and Bin it!
- Flask and snacks, as well as water and a bowl for your dog too
- Re-usable cup if you're heading to the Visitor Centre Café

Don't forget to pick up a map from the leaflet dispensers next to the large map board when entering site from the Visitor Centre, or download it to your phone from here ([link to map](#)).

## Help everyone have a great time:

The aim of the event is to provide a quiet space to enjoy for people with dogs that are scared of fireworks. The staff on site from the Countryside Rangers, ScottishPower Renewables and the Visitor Centre will do their best to prevent and/or deal with any fireworks being set off, but we cannot guarantee there won't be some.

So that everyone and their dogs can have as enjoyable an experience as possible we ask that you please keep your dog on a lead. This will prevent issues with other dogs as well as ensuring their safety if the site is busy with people and traffic.

Please also note that there is a livestock grazing area around the Blackwood Hill area – this is indicated on the ground by cattle grids on entering/exiting. If planning to go into this area, such as to go to the Blackwood Hill viewpoint, please keep your dog on the lead.

## Nae Fireworks Night 2024 Event Plan Map

