



Good to see Armed Forces Day being celebrated once again in many places across **England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland**, which had "more than a dozen events" from **Edinburgh and Glasgow to Thurso and Dumfries**.

The fact that Glasgow held (and were always going to hold) an official AFD event is perhaps worth noting in view of recent controversies.

Indeed, Glasgow registered their event on the official AFD website, thus they are one of the places mentioned in national as well as regional and local media.

As it happens, there were more official events in Scotland than were ever registered on the national site. That is of course entirely a matter for the organisers of each event, often a local branch of the Royal British Legion or Royal British Legion Scotland (Legion Scotland), with strong support from the local authority along with regular and reserve armed forces, youth organisations, charities and others and of course the members of the

public who turned out to enjoy an event honouring our country's armed forces personnel.

Those such as **Inverness** in Highland, who chose not to be included on the national UK listing, no doubt felt that local and regional publicity would be sufficient to inform their local public.

Organisers of a locally-funded AFD event are in no way obliged to register it in order to have it included in the online 'Find Your Event - Armed Forces Day' database available to all.

Is there a an argument, however, that national (UK-level) mention of your Armed Forces Day event is not only information for potential visitors and spectators on the day, but is also a demonstration to the country at large that your village, town or city supports and recognises the contribution made by our armed forces personnel?

Southport has been selected as the location for the Armed Forces Day National Event 2027. **Rushmoor** hosted this year's National Event.

'Armed Forces Day in **Edinburgh**' Image per: [North Edinburgh News](#)