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Farming to the Fore at the "BBig Event"

Lanarkshire farmers will help make this weekend's "BBig Event" something really special for 10,000 Boys Brigade members from all over Scotland who will be at Strathclyde Country Park, Hamilton; and thanks to this farming initiative, some will for the first time come face to face with farm animals, taste fresh farm produce, and take part in rural activities such as tug o' war, sheaf pitching and throwing the wellie. Farmers will be on hand to answer the many expected questions on farming life.

Boys Brigade members will be able to see at first hand wool spinning, and home-made wheat bread, butter and cheese will be on display - giving many youngsters their first taste of country life.

Lanarkshire farmers, led by NFU of Scotland members, have linked up with the Boys Brigade in adding to the attractions of this major event, the theme of which is a healthy lifestyle, by creating this "farming for health" feature.

In welcoming this major involvement, NFU of Scotland President, John Ross, said:-

Note for Editors

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BBIG EVENT'S CONGA RECORD BBID!

MEMBERS of the Boys' Brigade from all across Scotland are due to converge on Strathelyde Park next weekend to take part in the BBIG Event.

And at the meeting more than 9000 people will attempt to break the British record for the longest conga line.

The rally from May 5 to 7 will be one of the biggest gatherings ever organised by The Boys' Brigade in Scotland.

The Rev. Haisley Moore, the Brigade's Scottish Secretary said: "A total of 9500 people have already registered for the BBIG Event, and we fully expect to hit our target of 10,000."

"The current British record for the longest conga line is 8659, so we are confident of beating that figure."

The conga line has been organised with Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund as part of their Nationwide Macmillan Mile Challenge event. It was the most popular proposal for a mass participation event and was considered with The Boys' Brigade's environmentally friendly pedigree.

Everyone taking part in the record attempt will be urged to make a donation: £1 from adults and 50 pence from children. The proceeds are expected to be split between the Macmillan Appeal, British Lung Foundation, Brigade World Conference, Christian Aid and Flower of Scotland.

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Boys' Brigade in record bid

MORE than 9,000 people will gather in Motherwell to smash the record for Britain's biggest conga line.

Visitors to the BBig Event in Strathclyde Park, next month will take part in the record -breaking attempt in aid of charity.

The BBig Event on May 5, 6 and 7, will be one of the biggest gatherings ever organised by the Boys' Brigade in Scotland and has the Lanarkshire Supercounty campaign as its main sponsor.

Rev Haisley Moore, the Brigade's Scottish secretary, said: "A total of 9,500 people have already registered for the BBig Event, and we fully expect to hit our target of 10,00 people.

"The current British record for the longest conga line is 8,659, so we are confident of beating that figure."

The conga line has been organised with Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund as part of its nationwide Macmillan Mile Challenge event and has the support of the Strathclyde Country Park administrators.

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THEY'RE LINING UP A RECORD-BREAKING BID AT PARK GATHERING

MORE than 9000 Boys' Brigade supporters will gather in Strathclyde Park next weekend to attempt to smash the record for Britain's biggest conga line.

The record attempt will be made next Saturday, May 6, during the BBig Event, one of the biggest gatherings ever organised by the BB in Scotland which will take place at the park from Friday, May 5, to Sunday, May 7.

BB Scottish secretary, the Rev. Haisley Moore, said this week that a total of 9500 people had already registered for the BBig Event and the organisers fully expected to hit their target of 10,000.

"The current British record for the longest conga line is 8659, so we are confident of beating that figure," he added.

The conga line has been organised with the Cancer Relieve Macmillan Fund as part of its nationwide Macmillan Mile challenge and has the support of Strathclyde Park administrators.

It was the most popular proposal for a mass participation event — ahead of a number of other suggestions including a balloon release — and was considered to be most in keeping with the BB's environmentally friendly pedigree.

Everyone taking part in the record attempt will be urged to make a donation of £1 from adults and 50p from children. The proceeds are expected to be split between the Macmillan appeal, the British Lung Foundation, the Brigade World Conference, Christian Aid and Flower of Scotland, who in turn distribute funds to the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

The BBig Event will bring together BB members from all over Scotland. As well as a fun day at Strathclyde Park, which will offer more than 80 attractions based around the Lanarkshire Health Board sponsored "passport to a healthier lifestyle", it will involve parades and concerts throughout Lanarkshire and shows at Motherwell Civic Centre.

The finale will be the BBig Service at Motherwell's Fir Park Stadium on Sunday, May 7. The proceeds from the offering will be donated to the Children's Hospice Appeal Scotland. The service will be an all-ticket event and tickets can be obtained by sending a stamped-addressed envelope to Scottish BB headquarters, Carronvale House, Larbert FK5 3LH.