

At A Glance: Start Time: 11.30AM On Parade: 65 Lodges & 25 Bands Return Parade: 3.30PM

Lisburn to host South-Antrim Combine

This year, the City of Lisburn plays host to the 335th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne on Saturday, 12th July 2025, organised on behalf of the South Antrim Combine by Lisburn District LOL No. 6. The celebration promises to be a major cultural and historical event, with over 2,000 members of the Orange Institution including Orangemen, women, and Juniors- with 65 lodges joining forces with up to 25 marching bands to commemorate one of the most significant events in British and Irish history. Districts taking part include Royal Hillsborough District LOL No.19, Aghalee District LOL

No.2, Glenavy District LOL No.4, Magheragall District LOL No.9, Ballinderry District LOL No.3, and Derriaghy District LOL No.11. The day will be filled with music, pageantry, and celebration as they gather to mark their shared heritage and values. The main parade will begin at 11:30am from the assembly field at Wallace Park and proceed to QEII / Ballymacoss Playing Fields (The Brambles).

The parade route is as follows, Wallace Park (Magheralave Road), Railway Street, Market Square (through the ceremonial arch), Market Street, Smithfield Street, Hillsborough Road, Governors Road, Longstone Street (Chapel Hill Roundabout), Thiepval Road, Prince William Road, Knockmore Road finishing at QEII Ballymacoss Playing Fields, where the procession is expected to arrive at around 1:00pm. Formal proceedings will commence at approximately 1:45pm and will include a short religious service by Wor. Bro. Rev. Stephen Kilpatrick, reflecting the Orange Institution's commitment to Christian principles and faith. Lisburn District is proud to welcome Deputy First Minister and local MLA, Emma Little-Pengelly as guest speaker. The proceedings will focus on the enduring values of the Orange

tradition—Faith, Culture, Charity, and Family—and the continued relevance of the Institution in today's society.

The main field at The Brambles will be transformed into a festive hub for the entire community, offering, a variety of food and refreshment stalls, family-friendly entertainment, including bouncy castles and activities for children and a dedicated Recruitment & Retention information stall, where visitors can learn more about the Orange Order, its history, values, and how to get involved.

The celebration is open to all who wish to experience the richness of Ulster-Scots culture and the traditions of the Loyal Orders in a welcoming and positive atmosphere.

The return parade is scheduled to begin at 3:30pm, following the route of Knockmore Road, Ballinderry Road, Longstone, Chapel Hill and North Circular Road.

Members of the public are advised to plan ahead for parking. While limited parking will be available at The Brambles, additional car parking is available at Trinity Methodist Church and Lisburn Free Presbyterian Church. (Please note that parking fees may apply.)



Welcome from the District Master Wor. Bro. John Connor

Brethren, sisters & Juniors,

It is my privilege as the District Master of Lisburn LOL No 6 & Chairman of the South Antrim Combine to welcome you all here today to the 335th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne Celebrations here in Ballymacash, Lisburn. It is a particular honour for me that we meet in close proximity to my own private lodge, Ballyma-

cash LOL 317 which also holds the honour of being the birthplace of Junior Orangeism. We were especially pleased to see the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland celebrate their centenary with a parade in Lisburn in May. We extend a particular welcome today to local MLA & deputy First Minister Emma Little-Pengelly & Wor Bro Keith Harbinson PAGM, Chairman of the Order's Recruitment &

Retention Committee. Each year the Districts of Lisburn, Royal Hillsborough, Aghalee, Glenavy, Magheragall & Ballinderry which form the South Antrim Combine come together to renew old acquaintances & reflect upon all that is good within our Orange Family. To acknowledge the active & positive role our Institution plays in our everyday lives, whether that be through charity, culture,

faith or family. It is this commonality which unites us in defence of the Union of Great Britain & Northern Ireland & as we gather here today with the richness of our Ulster Scots heritage woven into our celebrations. we must remember that our strength lies in unity. And we must unite against those who would seek to demonise our Loyal Orders and deny us our civil & religious liberties.

Since our gathering last year in Derriaghy we have witnessed another surge in membership across all levels of the Institution & across all Districts & we will go forward today with renewed optimism and a spring in our step. To all Orangemen, women,

To all Orangemen, women, juniors, our band family & our many visitors please enjoy today's celebrations in a manner befitting the proud tradition we represent.



