Scottish Draughts Association supported by the EDA and IDA

Following on from the 2026 British 3 Move Championships

Official Proposal Bid

to host the

WCDF World 3 Move Qualifier
WCDF Women's World 3 Move Championship
WCDF Youth GAYP Championship
WCDF Blitz Championship

In

The Town Hall

36 Allardice Street, Stonehaven, AB39 2BU

Stonehaven, Scotland

WCDF Events September 14th – 18th

Following on from the
British Open September 9th – 12th
All events refereed by Mr Graham Young using Chess Arbiter

THE PROPOSED BID

The BID consists of the SDA providing a venue, boards, playing pieces, clocks, scoresheets and trophies and referee to provide an environment conducive to the competitions needs.

Part of the BID states that as this is a joint BID from three independent countries, we request the WCDF agree to allow 3 nominees from each country e.g. Scotland, Ireland and England in all sections

There will be no financial provision from the SDA, IDA or the EDA into any of the WCDF events or that of officials or competitors travel or accommodation requirements.

There is no provision for breakfast, lunch or dinner arrangements and these are down to individual competitors. Breakfast is usually supplied by hotels and B & B's
At this time there is no provision for tea, coffee, water or snacks.

Proposed Schedule of Events

British Open 3 Move Draughts Championship 2026

Wed Sept 9th	09:00-09:30	Registration for British Open Entry Fee £40:00
Wed Sept 9th	09:30-10:00	Opening Presentation, Ballot and Session 1
Wed Sept 9th	14:00-18:00	British Open Session 2
Thurs Sept 10th	09:00-14:00	British Open Session 3
Thurs Sept 10th	14:00-18:00	British Open Session 4
Fri Sept 11th	09:00-14:00	British Open Session 5
Fri Sept 11th	14:00-18:00	British Open Session 6
Sat Sept 12th	09:00-14:00	British Open Session 7
Sat Sept 12th	14:00-18:00	British Open Session 8
Sun Sept 13th	Players Day of rest to do as they please	
Sun Sept 13th	18:00-20:00	Players Registration for WCDF Events

3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship

Mon Sept 14th	09:00-14:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 1,
Mon Sept 14th	14:00-18:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 2
Tues Sept 15th	09:00-14:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 3
Tues Sept 15th	14:00-18:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 4
Wed Sept 16th	09:00-14:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 5
Wed Sept 16th	14:00-18:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 6
Wed Sept 16th	19:00-21:00	WCDF Annual General Assembly
Thurs Sept 17th	09:00-14:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 7
Thurs Sept 17th	14:00-18:00	3 Move WQT, Woman & Youth Championship Session 8

Blitz Competition and Closing Ceremony

Fri Sept 18th	09:00-14:00	Blitz Competition Sessions 1 to 9
Fri Sept 18th	15:00	Closing Ceremony and Prizegiving by the WCDF

Stonehaven Accommodation

№ 44 Hotel and Bar	44 Allardice Street Stonehaven, AB39 2BU enquiries@number44.net located in the town centre, this traditional sandstone hotel lies a 2-minute walk from the seafront Simple, elegant rooms Amenities include free cooked breakfast, and a cosy bar/restaurant serving classic pub fare.	18 rooms available
Rooms at 31	31 Ann St Stonehaven AB39 2DA Rooms@31.co.uk A continental breakfast at anytime. Centrally located, 2 mins walk from shops where newspapers etc can be bought (7am – 10pm)	7 rooms available
The Ship Inn	5 Shorehead Stonehaven AB39 2JY https://www.shipinnstonehaven.com With views of Stonehaven's historic harbour, Some rooms have harbour views Family rooms add additional living spaces. Full Scottish breakfast is included.	11 rooms available
The Station Hotel	Arduthie Rd Stonehaven AB39 2NE https://www.stationhotelstonehaven.co.uk situated at the top of the town next to the railway station	14 rooms available
Shorehead Guest House	14 Shorehead Stonehaven AB39 2JY info@shoreheadguesthouse.com Situated at the harbour, 300 metres from the beach	7 rooms available
Crawfield Guest House	Crawfield Grange Newbigging Stonehaven AB39 3QJ www.online-reservations.com Self Catering accommodation, situated two miles north of Stonehaven accessible by taxi	2 accommodations

Arduthie House B & B	Ann St Stonehaven AB39 2DA A victorian house, this quaint bed-and-breakfast is a 2-minute walk from central Stonehaven	6 rooms available
Bayview Stonehaven	1 Bayview Apartments Stonehaven AB39 2BD https://www.bayviewbandb.co.uk On the beach at Stonehaven Bay, this charming, family-run B&B is a 3-minute walk from central Stonehaven The 4 bright rooms come with coastal-themed decor, and offer flat-screen TVs, tea and coffeemaking equipment, Wi-Fi and en-suite bathrooms. Some have sofas, cathedral ceilings, full kitchens, balconies, heated floors and/or sea views.	4 rooms available
Marine Inn	The Marine Hotel 9-10 Shorehead Stonehaven, AB39 2JY https://www.marine.beer/hotel Overlooking Stonehaven Harbour, this upscale Victorian hotel is a mile from the train station, a 5-minute walk from Stonehaven Beach	
Belvedere Guest House	41 Evan St Stonehaven AB39 2ET https://www.belvederestonehaven.co.uk Set in a Victorian-era building that retains its original stained-glass windows, this simple hotel is a 2-minute walk from the town centre	11 rooms available

About Stonehaven and getting there



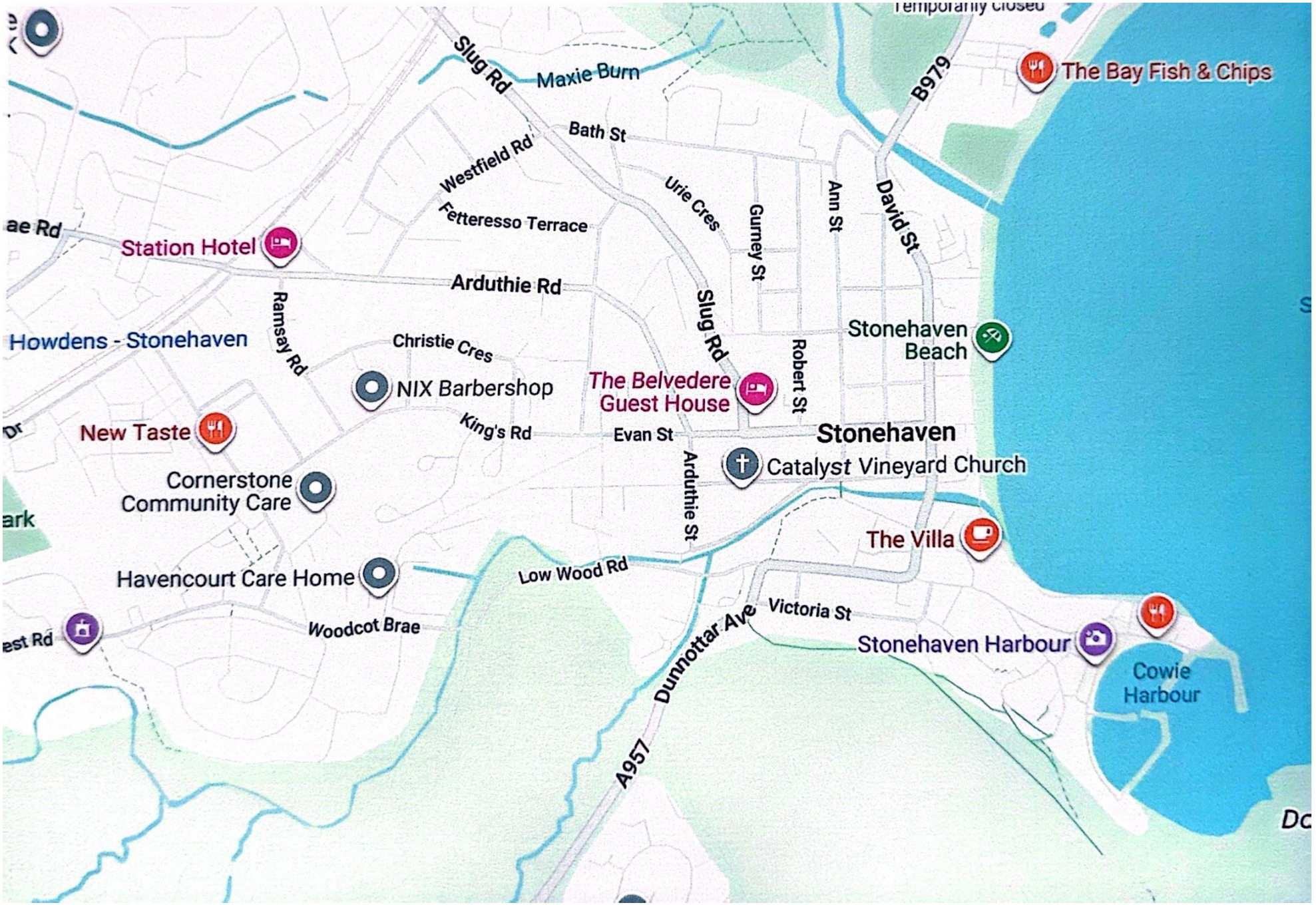
Stonehaven is a small, pretty harbour town on the northeast coast of Scotland, 15 miles south of Aberdeen.
Stonehaven is famous for its Hogmanay fireballs ceremony.
It had a population of 11,177 at the 2022 Census.
Stonehaven was formerly the county town of Kincardineshire, succeeding the now abandoned town of Kincardine.
It is currently administered as part of Aberdeenshire.
Attractive Stonehaven has a sheltered working harbour busy with sailing yachts.
Stonehaven Tolbooth Museum is a notable building on the quayside, and has a fascinating history as a former courthouse and jail.
Perched on high cliffs jutting out into the waves two miles to the south is the dramatic ruined Dunnottar Castle, one of the finest in Scotland. Learn about its bloody history or just take in the view.
Stonehaven has an outdoor heated swimming pool, although one can swim in the sea it could be very cold.
Just south of Stonehaven you'll find RSPB Fowlsheugh reserve, where the spectacular cliffs are packed with 130,000 breeding seabirds in the spring and summer.
The town parties on New Year's Eve in the ancient fireballs ceremony, when people swing blazing balls above their heads to ward off evil spirits, and drink lots.
An interesting fact: Stonehaven was originally called Stonehive, Stonehyve and Duniness according to old maps. However, locals often refer to the town as ‘Stoney’.

Aberdeen Airport is seven miles north-west of the Aberdeen city centre, on the A96 near Dyce making it 22 miles from Stonehaven.

Here are your travel options.
The closest airport to Stonehaven is Aberdeen airport situated to the west of Aberdeen. Aberdeen airport is not very well served from outside the UK and Ireland.
You can book from anywhere you are in the world and land at Aberdeen International Airport but will mean connections. From there, you can either take a bus, train or cab to go to Stonehaven.
The nearest rail station, Dyce, is a short taxi ride from the airport. Trains from Dyce reach Aberdeen in about ten minutes and a standard Anytime single ticket costs £2.70.
If you prefer to ride a taxi upon arrival, the minimum fare is £38.
An excellent alternative is to fly to Edinburgh Airport and then take a bus to Haymarket Train station and then a train onwards to Stonehaven. There are trains running hourly that can help you get to Stonehaven quickly.
You can depart from major cities in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen.

First Aberdeen and Stagecoach Bluebird both run buses between the airport and city centre. The timetabled journey is about 30 minutes in normal traffic. Fewer buses run at weekends and at night, so please check the timetables beforehand.
There are many departure points headed towards Stonehaven Union Square.
From the airport, you must hop aboard bus line X7 or Bus 747. The main bus stop you want to get off at is at Barclay Street, Stonehaven.
Travel time depends on where you’re coming from. If you’re from Aberdeen, the estimated time travel is about 30 minutes and the fare ranges from £3 – £6.

Flying into major airports located in England will either mean a connecting flight or travel by train or by coach.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