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## **Bannockburn Live - Supportive Quotes**

**Strictly embargoed until Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 09.30 hrs**

**Stirling Provost, Mike Robbins, said:**

*"There's a real sense of excitement about Bannockburn Live. It's going to be a fabulously colourful event and is an essential part of Stirling's biggest ever weekend of entertainment, which also includes Pipefest and the Armed Forces Day National Event. We are really looking forward to welcoming visitors from all over Scotland, the rest of the UK, and overseas to joins us for all of these amazing celebrations of our history and culture."*

**David McAllister, Project Director for the Battle of Bannockburn, National Trust for Scotland said:**

*"These events will build on the excitement generated by the opening of our state-of-the-art Battle of Bannockburn experience to make this anniversary, the 700th of the battle, the most memorable yet."*

**Scotland Food & Drink Chief Executive James Withers comments,**

*"2014 is an exciting year for Scotland as it plays host to the Ryder Cup, the Commonwealth Games and the second edition of Homecoming. Scots are rightly proud of our country's rich natural larder of world-class produce, events such as Bannockburn Live present fantastic opportunities for visitors and local residents alike to discover what makes Scotland a Land of Food and Drink."*

*"We are working with partners to set a new benchmark in 2014 in how we showcase our food and drink at big events. This work is building a legacy to ensure a quality offering at events in future years, all of which enhances Scotland's growing reputation."*

**Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, said:**

*"The Battle of Bannockburn was fought at a gripping time of Scotland's history 700 years ago, at a time when clans and families were emerging within the rugged landscape of Scotland. The story of King Robert, of who supported him and who did not, and why, has great resonance throughout the clan network worldwide."*

*"So it is wholly appropriate to commemorate this battle in 2014 with many friends and relatives from around the world. We look forward to welcoming many clans and families from overseas, who will have made the journey to Scotland from distant parts of the world, and we thank them. 28-29 June 2014 will be a marvelous spectacle of all things that Scotland is renowned for. Food and drink, music, culture and of course our shared clan and family history."*

**Susan L. McIntosh, President, Council of Scottish Clans & Associations said:**

*"The 700th anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn is a once in a generation event and it will be celebrated from Canada to Australia."*

*“The chance to be part of the celebration at the very place where King Robert defeated Edward II's army is a fabulous opportunity. In addition to the already legendary Bannockburn Visitors Centre, Scotland has put together a wonderful festival to mark the 700th anniversary that will bring together the best of Scotland today to commemorate the best of Scotland's past. COSCA is excited to be a part of the Bannockburn Clan Village and we look forward to bringing a bit of Scottish America back to Scotland.”*

**John Mackenzie, Earl of Cromartie, Joint Chair, Highland Clans Partnership Group said:**

*“The Highland Clans Partnership Group support the opportunity for all those visitors from around the World, from Europe, from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and from all parts of Scotland to get involved in the Heritage and Ancestry of this country.*

*“The Highland Clans will be greatly involved in the Clan Village and welcome all Clansmen to come and enjoy what will be a truly memorable event. This will show Scotland at its best, from Scottish Food and Drink, Scottish Arts and Crafts, Scottish Culture, Scottish Music, our Iconic Landscapes and our long and illustrious past. This is an opportunity for the whole family to join in an important celebration of Scotland, our Heritage and our History.”*