

## Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Autumn Gathering



**Welcome** Provost Dennis Melloy was on stage to welcome RSCDS to Perth

# Getting back in the swing of things after 18 month gap

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**Around 300 Scottish country dancers enjoyed a weekend gathering in Perth with a formal reception attended by the Provost of Perth And Kinross, Dennis Melloy, a keen dancer himself.**

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) held a spirited Autumn Gathering at the Fair City's Bell's Sports Centre that began on Friday.

On Saturday, following the AGM, members enjoyed a civic reception put on by Perth and Kinross Council and a formal ball before concluding festivities with classes on Sunday.

Participants, mostly from across the UK, were delighted to take their partners and touch hands after more than 18 months of missing out on their usual in-person meetings.

The RSCDS promotes fun, fitness and friendship for its 10,000 members worldwide through its annual events and classes.

Everyone expressed delight to be back in Perth, together once again, to catch up with their dancing and each other.

Music director Luke Brady said: "Music has seen the RSCDS through COVID-19.

"We couldn't dance but we could listen to the music."

Pictures by RSCDS's Lyndsay Walker.



**Warm up** Bell's Sports Centre made a great venue for the Friday dancing where RSCDS members found their feet again



**Good to be back** Dancers loved getting back on the floor



**Formal** The kilts and long dresses swirled as RSCDS dancers enjoyed a ball on Saturday night



**Lively** The dancefloor was packed



**Fun, fitness and friendship** The society has 10,000 members worldwide