



Merrick Sponsors Literary Festival in its 20th Year

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Merrick Real Estate joined the celebrations at the 20th anniversary of the Wigtown Book Festival in south west Scotland which was held from 21st to 30th September.

**“One of the Best
Autumn Festivals in
the World”**

The Telegraph

Merrick has been an event sponsor for the last 2 years.

Wigtown is a traditional market town, set in the beautiful countryside of Dumfries & Galloway, south-west Scotland. It is also [Scotland's National Book Town](#), a designation that reflects its dozen or so secondhand [bookshops](#) and annual literary festival, has an increasing [global reputation](#).



A packed main tent

Founded in 1999, the 10-day Wigtown Book Festival is now one of the UK's best-loved literary events.

This year saw more than 200 events and activities for all ages, including music, theatre, food and visual arts.



*Louis de Bernieres and
the Bookshop Band*

Merrick sponsored two superb talks within the wide-ranging programme:



Cameron McNeish

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Cameron is an [author](#) and broadcaster, and one of Scotland's best known mountain walkers and wilderness hikers.



Galloway Forest

Isabel Hardman: 'Why We Get The Wrong Politicians'.

Isabel is a political journalist and the assistant editor of [The Spectator](#). She has appeared on Question Time, Have I Got New for You and the Andrew Marr Show and is a presenter of the BBC Radio 4 programme the 'Week in Westminster'.

Mark Norris, Managing Director of Merrick, commented: “ We are delighted to continue our sponsorship of Wigtown Book Festival and its wonderful programme of speakers and events. Its' great to be able to give something back to this special part of Scotland which has such a vibrant Arts and Literary community from small beginnings 20 years ago”.



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