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## Game Fair returns after triumphant launch

The Lancashire Game and Country Festival will once again take over the Wyre village of Scorton this September after last year's inaugural event proved a resounding success, attracting thousands of visitors.

This year's dates are Saturday and Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Woodacre Lodge Farm, off Gubberford Lane – home to the Whittingham family and the same venue as last year, which is ideally situated for visitors as it's just minutes from the M6 motorway.

The Lancashire Game and Country Festival will showcase the many and varied aspects of country living in Lancashire and the North. There will be hound displays, gundog scurries, terrier racing, fly-fishing, clay-pigeon shooting and falconry demonstrations to name but a few of the sporting pursuits to be featured. Many of these are run or arranged for visitors to enjoy by enthusiastic and knowledgeable members of local clubs such as Blackpool Sporting Clays, Pilling Moss Gun Dog Club, the Vale of Lune Harriers and Bleasdale Beagles.

In addition, leading countryside organisations including BASC (the British Association for Shooting & Conservation) and Lancashire Constabulary's Rural Policing & Wildlife Unit will return to the festival's exhibition area. The fair is packed out with rural crafts, a food village where there will also be game cookery demonstrations, pop-up gastro-pub, beer tent, children's fair and a fabulous shopping hub featuring many iconic country brands – and a few surprises!

Craig Whittingham, who is organising the event alongside his father Paul, said: "Visitor numbers last year far exceeded expectation. Their enthusiasm for the festival, combined with the wonderful feedback from our exhibitors, was so positive that we are really excited to announce the event's return this year."

"As far as we're concerned, the Lancashire Game and Country Festival is only going to grow bigger and better."

Craig added: "Lancashire has some of the country's most beautiful countryside and a strong rural heritage. Through the Lancashire Game and Country Festival, our aim is to celebrate this and encourage people of all ages to appreciate what's on their doorstep to help our open spaces and traditions remain intact for future generations to enjoy."

The two-day festival offers the opportunity of over-night camping on Friday and Saturday evenings. Gates will open at 9 am on both the Saturday and Sunday. Keep a look out for new attractions as they are confirmed over the next few months and we look forward to seeing you in September!