



ACT OF COURT

No 1 of 2026

SHERIFFDOM OF SOUTH STRATHCLYDE, DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

COURT HOLIDAYS AND CUSTODY COURT ARRANGEMENTS 2027

I, Catherine Dowdalls KC, Sheriff Principal of the Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by Section 28(1) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and Section 8(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, do HEREBY prescribe:

- (a) Those days specified in Column A of Schedule 1 attached to this Act of Court as Court holidays for those courts within the Sheriffdom specified in Column B of Schedule 1 in the period to January 2028; and
- (b) That there will be a sitting for the disposal of criminal business on those dates specified in Column A of Schedule 2 in those courts specified in Column B of Schedule 2 if necessary to deal with any person in custody in respect of criminal business emanating from the courts specified in Column C of Schedule 2.

I appoint this Order to be inserted into the Act Books in every court within the Sheriffdom, published on the Notice Board of each court within the Sheriffdom and on the Scottish Court and Tribunals website.

**Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde,
Dumfries and Galloway**

SCHEDULE 1
Court Holidays

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
Monday 28 December 2026	All courts
Friday 1 January 2027	All courts
Monday 04 January 2027	All courts
Friday 26 March 2027	All courts
Monday 29 March 2027	All courts
Monday 03 May 2027	All courts
Monday 31 May 2027	Airdrie, Hamilton, Lanark and Stranraer Sheriff Courts
Monday 07 June 2027	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 19 July 2027	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 02 August 2027	Ayr and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 06 September 2026	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 20 September 2027	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 27 September 2027	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 04 October 2027	Ayr, Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 29 November 2026	All courts
Monday 27 December 2027	All courts
Tuesday 28 December 2027	All courts
Monday 03 January 2028	All courts
Tuesday 04 January 2028	All courts

SCHEDULE 2

Custody Court Arrangements

COLUMN A	COLUMN B sitting court	COLUMN C for custody business emanating from
Sunday 27 December 2026	Airdrie Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Sunday 03 January 2027	Hamilton Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Saturday 27 March 2027	Airdrie Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 03 May 2027	Hamilton Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 31 May 2027	Hamilton Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 07 June 2027	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 19 July 2027	Airdrie Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 02 August 2027	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court

	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries and Stranraer Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 06 September 2027	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Dumfries Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 20 September 2027	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
Monday 27 September 2027	Hamilton Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Airdrie, Hamilton and Lanark Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts
Monday 04 October 2027	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
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	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court	Ayr Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court
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