

P1086 Linda Gordon, Highland Dancer, Caithness

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1086

Title: Linda Gordon, Highland Dancer, Caithness

Dates of creation: 1968-1974, 2025

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 49 items

Format: Paper, photograph

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Thurso Lifeboat Dancing Competition, Caithness Music Festival, Dalneigh Festival of Highland Dancing, Golspie Festival of Highland Dancing, Thurso Festival of Highland Dancing, Naver Sports Association, Maurice Harrington and the Caithness Courier

Administrative history: Linda Gordon attended primary school in Thurso firstly at the West Public School and then, from 1966, at the newly-opened Mount Pleasant School. Her mother and father were both natives of Caithness and she grew up with a sister and brother and an extended family not too far away. Time away from school was often spent outdoors with friends or at Sunday School, Brownies or Highland Dancing.

Linda's secondary schooling was at Thurso High School where she experienced a mix of social classes of pupils who lived locally in the town of Thurso, came from the wider Caithness county or had relocated from further afield with a family attracted by employment at Dounreay. School trips to France and Germany were undertaken before Linda left Thurso in 1978 to study at Queen Margaret College in Edinburgh before working mainly as a speech and language therapist (clinical, research and teaching) from 1984 to 2013. Linda ended her career working as a Research Officer for Action on Hearing Loss Scotland before joining her husband in early retirement in 2016.

Linda took a break from Highland Dancing in the late 1970s, picking it up again on moving to Fife in the 1980s, where she qualified as a teacher, before ending her dance career in the early 1990s.

Custodial history: Deposited by Linda Armstrong (nee Gordon)

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Certificates of merit, 1968-1974, Festival marking & comments sheets, 1969-1971, Photographs, c.1968-1970, Copy newspaper cutting, 2025, Copy photographs, 2025

Appraisal: None

Accruals: Not expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available within the archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: HCA/D24 Northern Meeting (held at Highland Archive Centre, Inverness)

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: Jul 2025

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P1086	Linda Gordon, Highland Dancer, Caithness	1968-1974, 2025
P1086/1	Certificates of Merit	1968-1974
P1086/1/1	Thurso Lifeboat Highland Dancing Competition	1968-c.1972
P1086/1/1/1	Thurso Lifeboat Dancing Competition certificates of merit awarded to Linda Gordon (10 items)	1968-c.1972
P1086/1/2	Caithness Music Festival	1970-1971
P1086/1/2/1	Caithness Music Festival certificates of merit awarded	1970-1971

	to Linda Gordon (6 items)	
P1086/1/3	Dalneigh Festival of Highland Dancing	1971-1973
P1086/1/3/1	Dalneigh Festival of Highland Dancing certificates of merit awarded to Linda Gordon (5 items)	1971-1973
P1086/1/4	Golspie Festival of Highland Dancing	1971-1974
P1086/1/4/1	Golspie Festival of Highland Dancing certificates of merit awarded to Linda Gordon (4 items)	1971-1974
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P1086/2	Festival Marking and Comments Sheets	1969-1971
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P1086/3	Photographs	c.1968-1970
P1086/3/1	Photographs of pupils of the Mina MacKay School of Dancing outside the Castletown Drill Hall on the day of the Castletown Gala by Maurice Harrington, photographer, Thurso (3 items)	c.1968-1970
P1086/3/2	Photograph of Linda Gordon in Highland dress, studio portrait by Maurice Harrington, photographer, Thurso (1 item)	c.1969-1970
P1086/4	Copy Newspaper Cutting	1970, 2025
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P1086/5	Copy Photographs	c.1968-1970, 2025
P1086/5/1	Copy photographs of pupils of the Mina MacKay School of Dancing outside the Castletown Drill Hall on the day of the Castletown Gala (3 items)	c.1968-1970, 2025
P1086/5/2	Copy photograph of Linda Gordon in Highland dress, studio portrait by Maurice Harrington, photographer, Thurso (1 item)	c.1969-1970, 2025