

Scots recognised in New Year Honours 2020

From sportspeople to academics to community champions, a variety of Scots have been recognised in the New Year's Honours.

Congratulating Scotland's Honours recipients, Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

"I am very proud to see so many Scots receive Honours this year. Congratulations to all those who have been recognised for their outstanding contributions to their communities and to our country.

"Their dedication to their respective fields, from charity to business and sport to science, is an inspiration to all.

"I am very pleased to see female sportspeople get the recognition they deserve. I am delighted that Solheim Cup-winning captain Catriona Matthew – Beany to her many fans – has been honored with an OBE for her tremendous contribution to golf. After leading Europe to victory over the United States at Gleneagles in September, I look forward to her captaining Europe to golfing glory again, this time in the USA in 2021. Footballer Rose Reilly blazed a trail for women's football, and women in sport more generally, and I am very pleased she has been recognised.

"Brian Wilson is honoured with an OBE for his valuable contributions to business in Scotland, while William Gill of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society is celebrated for his many years of service to Scotland's important agriculture sector.

"I am pleased that Colette Cohen is recognised with a well-deserved OBE for her services to the UK oil and gas Industry. Her efforts have been greatly beneficial to the industry and to Scotland. As chief executive of the Oil and Gas Technology Centre, part of the Aberdeen city deal, she has established it as the go to technology centre for the industry.

"And for her invaluable contributions to literature, Jackie Kay receives an OBE.

"There are also many Scottish recipients recognised for their tireless work in their communities. That includes Arthur Dyke, recognised for his years of invaluable service to Poppy Scotland.

"I offer my heartfelt congratulations to all those who have been honoured by Her Majesty this New Year."

The full honours list will be published at www.gov.uk/honours/honours-lists from 22.30 on Friday 27 December 2019.