

Press release from *Save Gillies Hill*

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694 years after the real *ghillies* – the sma' folk' of Bruce's army – made their dramatic intervention into the battle of Bannockburn, their 2008 counterparts, waging a different kind of battle, will do the same on Sunday. They're not fighting the English – they're fighting plans to quarry the Gillies Hill, named in honour of the 1314 camp-followers – now threatened with destruction by quarriers.

Blasting *was* to have begun last summer, but undoubtedly furious local reaction has stayed the hand of Hanson Aggregates. But their claims that they have no plans at present to recommence working at their Murrayshall site, are taken with a pinch of salt by campaigners:

“They have permission to quarry until 2042” said one protestor, “They're just waiting for us to go away: we won't”

Organisers confidently expect 500 – 800 people to join them on the walk across the Gillies Hill onto the Field of Bannockburn, where they will be addressed by Bruce Crawford, MSP and government minister, and Crawford Logan, the actor.