

Duddingston Historical & Archaeological Society

In partnership with the Battle of Prestonpans 1745 organisation, Historic Scotland and the Sheep Heid, we will actively be involved in the Re-enactment of Bonnie Prince Charlie's march on his way to the Battle of Prestonpans, by way of a public event on Sunday 19th September 2010.

Prince Charlie, played by historian and author Arran Johnston, will gather a small band of costumed interpreters at the Holyrood Park Education Centre. There he will meet a body of volunteers and enthusiasts together with any members of the public who wish to take part and those who will have marched from Duddingston Village to join them. Guided by an Historic Scotland ranger, the party will leave the centre at **1.30pm** and march through Holyrood Park, past where the army was encamped, and across Arthur's Seat to Duddingston. On arrival in the village, the Prince will lead the gathering to Duddingston Kirk Hall, where he and his officers will re-enact the famous Council of War. In the hall will be displayed The Prestonpans Tapestry, a 104m contemporary embroidery which depicts the events being commemorated, and the Battle of Prestonpans. The Tapestry is pausing in Duddingston Village as part of its National Launch Tour.

This event will be a great opportunity to celebrate an often forgotten piece of Edinburgh's history, and will be fun and engaging for all the family. To add to the fun there will also be a beer festival in the Sheep Heid, celebrating these events and the pub's 650th birthday.

Enthusiastic walkers can join the Duddingston marchers leaving from the Sheep Heid at **12.30pm** to meet up with Bonnie Prince Charlie and his band of supporters at the Holyrood Park Education Centre to begin their march into Duddingston Village. The event is open to all, and participants are encouraged to wear highland dress or tartan to add to the sense of occasion. Those wishing a less strenuous walk can join them at the head of the Dry Dam near Dunsapie Loch around **1.50 - 2.00 pm**.

This march is the opening event of 1745 organisation's week-long programme of activities commemorating the Battle of Prestonpans, which climaxes in a spectacular living history display and battle re-enactment in Prestonpans the following weekend. The organisers hope that many enthusiasts will also be interested in attending.



The Prestonpans Tapestry depicts the 1745 march of Bonnie Prince Charlie from Eriskay to Prestonpans, and will be shown en route during a Re-enactment of his journey this summer, arriving in Duddingston on the 19th September, where it will be on view in Duddingston Kirk Hall from 12.15 - 5.00 pm.

All are welcome to join the march

For those wishing to join the march could you arrive at the Sheep Heid in Duddingston Village before 12.15pm

Please see map below for the march starting point in Duddingston Village and will follow route up steps, towards Arthur Seat, then through The Dry Dam via St Anthony's Well to Education Centre.

Number 42 Bus stops at the corner of Duddingston Road West and The Causeway.

Number 4, 44 and 124 buses stop at Duddingston Cross Roads, from there it is approximately a 10 minute walk to Duddingston Village along Duddingston Road West.

Holyrood Park



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