

NEWS RELEASE



20 June 2014

Aberdeen's Queen's Baton Relay street level route revealed

The street level route which shows the times and locations where the public will be able to see the Queen's Baton Relay in Aberdeen on Monday 30 June, has been revealed by the City Council today [Friday 20 June].

Aberdeen Lord Provost George Adam said: "The Queen's Baton Relay route will create a unique sense of place, which will recognise Aberdeen's maritime history and diversity of industry and scenic coastal location.

"Now that the street level route is available I hope the citizens of Aberdeen and visitors alike will plan where they want to be, to cheer on and support the baton bearers, and be part of this fabulous sporting and cultural event."

Aberdeen City Council's City Promotions Manager Dawn Schultz added: "The street level route offers the public the chance to plan ahead so they can be part of the Queen's Baton Relay celebrations here in Aberdeen.

"Anyone who plans to line the route, whether they are standing at the side of the road, down by the riverside or attending the evening celebration, is reminded to be safe. We want everyone to have a great time during what will be a wonderful day for everyone in the city."

The public will be able to cheer on the baton bearers as they carry the special baton over land and sea during its 10-hour tour of the Granite City at the following times and locations:

Timings	Locations
8.03am-8.39am	Links Road - Royal Aberdeen Golf Club
8.39am-8.40am	Donmouth Crescent
8.40am-8.47am	Balgownie Road
8.47am-8.59am	Scotstown Road
8.59am-9.29am	Braehead Way - Bridge of Don Academy
9.29am-9.30am	Balgownie Road
9.33am-9.48am	Fairview Street
9.49am-9.52am	Laurel Drive
9.58am-10.18am	Provost Rust Drive
10.18am-10.29am	Springhill Road
10.29am-10.44am	Provost Fraser Drive
10.44am-11.23am	Granitehill Place - Northfield Academy
11.26am-11.33am	Kings Gate
11.33am-11.38am	Queens Road
11.38am-11.59am	Springfield Road
11.59am-12.19pm	North Deeside Road
12.22pm-2.03pm	Garthdee Road - RGU: Sport
2.03pm-2.20pm	Unnamed Road - Garthdee Snowsports Centre
2.20pm-2.24pm	Garthdee Road
2.24pm-2.25pm	A90 Stonehaven Road
2.25pm-2.31pm	Riverside Drive
2.31pm-2.57pm	River Dee towpath - Adventure Aberdeen - River Dee Canoe Flotilla
2.57pm-2.58pm	South Esplanade West - Aberdeen

	Boat Club pontoon
2.58pm-3pm	Victoria Road on Victoria Bridge
3pm-3.17pm	North Esplanade East - Petrofac Training Facilities/Aberdeen Harbour
3.17pm-3.21pm	Footdee Quayside
3.21pm-3.34pm	Beach Esplanade
3.34pm-3.39pm	Beach Boulevard
3.39pm-4pm	Links Road -Transition Extreme
4pm-4.32pm	Beach Esplanade
4.36pm-4.38pm	St Machar Drive
4.38pm-4.42pm	High Street
4.42pm-4.46pm	College Bounds
4.46pm-4.49pm	Orchard Street
4.49pm-4.50pm	King Street
4.50pm-5.56pm	Linksfield Road - Aberdeen Sports Village
5.56pm-6.12pm	Golf Road - Aberdeen Football Club
6.13pm-6.14pm	Justice Street
6.14pm-6.15pm	Castlegate
6.15pm-6.17pm	Union Street
6.17pm-6.29pm	Broad Street - Marischal College
6.29pm-6.34pm	Upper Kirkgate
6.34pm-6.36pm	Blackfriars Street
6.36pm-6.37pm	St Andrews Street
6.37pm-6.39pm	Charlotte Street
6.39pm-6.40pm	John Street
6.40pm-6.42pm	Woolmanhill
6.42pm-6.43pm	Lower Denburn

6.43pm-6.45pm	Rosemount Viaduct - Union Terrace Gardens
---------------	---

The public is reminded that the gaps in timings are when the baton will travel in convoy mode and will not be visible. The public is also advised that timings are approximate and could change.

A day of community celebrations that will involve an exciting and diverse programme of sporting demonstrations and cultural performances, which are open to the public, includes:

8.18am – 8.33am - Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Links Road

The public are invited to watch as a celebrity golfer tees off at the first tee to mark the start of the Queen’s Baton Relay through the city of Aberdeen.

8.59am – 9.29am – Bridge of Don Academy, Braehead Way

A mini Commonwealth Games for the pupils of the academy's three associated primary schools will be held on the sports fields at the back of the school. This event has been organised, managed and will be delivered by the senior pupils of the academy and is not open to the public. A number of local community groups have also been invited to attend. A Commonwealth tea for the local community will be held in local church.

10.44am – 11.23am – Northfield Academy, Granitehill Place

A mini Commonwealth Games for the pupils of the academy's six associated primary schools will be held at the front of the school facing Provost Fraser Drive. The school has also invited members of the local community to an older person’s tea party. The public can view the games from the pavement outside the school.

2.32pm – 2.57pm - Fisherman’s Bothy, River Dee to Aberdeen Boat Club pontoon, South Esplanade West

Led by Aberdeen City Council’s Adventure Aberdeen, pupils from Kaimhill School and Kincorth Academy will form part of a canoe flotilla that will see a baton bearer carry the baton down the River Dee. The public will be able to cheer on the flotilla, from either side of the river and on the bridges, as it makes its way to the pontoon at Aberdeen Boat Club.

3.02pm – 3.17pm - Petrofac Training Services, North Esplanade East and Aberdeen Harbour (Waterloo Quay/St Clement Street/York St/Pocra Quay/New Pier Road/Pilot Square/Footdee)

The baton will be plunged into Aberdeen Harbour in spectacular fashion by the Petrofac freefall lifeboat. It will travel in convoy, led by the harbour pilot boat round the many berths which will provide a unique vantage point for the baton, in what will be a fabulous sense of place which will link the city’s maritime and industrial history. This event can be viewed safely from a number of vantage points in the area.

3.42pm – 3.57pm - Transition Extreme, Links Road

A free stunt show featuring BMX bikes and skateboards will entertain the crowd as they await the baton’s arrival. During the day a variety of activities will be on offer at reduced prices. Advance booking will be required for some of the activities; to find out more telephone Transition Extreme on (01224) 626279.

4.54pm – 5.28pm - Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road

Aberdeen Sports Village will be open as normal to customers and to the public who wish to view the baton activities. The baton bearer will proceed through the facilities to the new Aquatics Centre, with the route lined by individuals from across the community including children and seniors. The baton will be welcomed to the new

Aquatics Centre by a variety of aquatics events and some high profile Commonwealth athletes.

6.02pm – 6.12pm - Aberdeen Football Club, Pittodrie Street

The baton will arrive at AFC and enter the Richard Donald Stand to be met by club mascot Angus the Bull, the Scottish League Cup and various local groups (youth and older people) involved in community work delivered by Aberdeen FC Community Trust. The internal aspect of this event will be by invitation only. Some activities will take place on the external Richard Donald Stand concourse from around 5pm onwards, to entertain any spectators who gather to see the arrival and departure of the Queen's Baton.

6.19pm – 6.29pm - Quadrangle, Marischal College, Broad Street

A staff Strip the Willow organised by Education, Culture and Sport at Aberdeen City Council and Citymoves, the city's dance agency, will take place in the quadrangle of Marischal College.

6.45pm – 7.30pm - Union Terrace Gardens and Union Terrace

The climax to a day-long celebration of the Queen's Baton Relay in the city will feature a packed programme of community-based activity, from 6pm until 8pm, in Union Terrace Gardens. Entertainment will include performances from Fusion Dance, Citymoves and up-and-coming singer Mitzi Wilson. A maximum of 2,000 people can be accommodated in the gardens so a large screen will be erected on Union Terrace so crowds of up to 10,000 can witness the celebrations and the arrival of the baton.

To follow the baton's journey visit www.glasgow2014.com/batonrelay

ENDS