

Winter 2017

Issue 2

# What's On

**The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Museum**



## Easter Museum Trail

**1<sup>st</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Take part in our Museum trail which will be available at the entrance to the Museum.

## Craft Activities

**Easter Weekend  
14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Enjoy our fun, craft based activities from 12pm to 3pm.

A cracking programme of egg-citing Easter fun!



## Cadet Takeover Day

**20<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 4pm**

The kids are in charge!

For one day only, Museum staff are handing over the Museum keys to the Army Cadet Force.

They have an action packed day in store for visitors.

Get up close to objects with handling sessions, see hidden treasures from the museum stores and enjoy special tours of the Museum.

*Registered Charity SCO42084 and Accredited Museum.*



*Prince William meets students from Queen Victoria School.*

## Looking to the Future

In October 2016, the Earl of Strathearn officially launched the redevelopment of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum.

This follows a successful HLF Stage 1 application and support from a range of funders including Museums and Galleries Scotland. During the visit The Earl was given a tour of the current exhibition and met pupils from Queen Victoria School Dunblane and Allan's Primary School, Stirling.

Work is now under way to develop our education programme and replace the current galleries with contemporary displays thereby ensuring the future of the Museum.

## Volunteers

With an exciting new redevelopment on the horizon, volunteers will be central to the changes being made at the Museum.

We will be recruiting for volunteers to help with guiding visitors in the Museum, helping out at events and with education as well as some support with the Museum collection.

There will be an open day on March 21<sup>st</sup> for any potential volunteers to learn more about the opportunities available and see more of the Museum itself. If you would like more information or are interested in attending, please contact Linda at [education@argylls.co.uk](mailto:education@argylls.co.uk)



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## Education and the Collection



Our objects are an educational tool which encourages ideas and experiences, and it is through the collection that the Museum will tell the story of the soldiers who fought with the Regiment and their families.

As part of the redevelopment the Museum has embarked on a digitisation programme to

photograph every object in the storerooms and on display, starting with paintings and prints.

The work includes recording every detail, identifying any conservation issues and providing comprehensive photographic images.

In addition, the interpretation collection will be expanded and

made available either in a new education room or as part of Outreach.

In conjunction with an upgrade to the building, the collection will provide an enhanced learning environment for visitors, schools and community groups from home and overseas.

## Visit/Outreach: Handling Boxes

We offer primary, secondary and community groups the chance to borrow a handling box.

The boxes can be booked as part of a visit to the Museum, for a session in the classroom or for an event.

They contain a mixture of original and replica objects, documents and

photographs from our collection and external sources.

You will have the opportunity to handle original Service Dress Jackets from the World Wars, a doublet from 1901, embroidered postcards, try on replica gas masks and use a gas attack rattle.

Activity sheets with information on each of the objects are included in the boxes.

We offer three handling boxes:

### Free

World War I  
World War II; and,  
Victorian/Edwardian.

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*'My class and I all had the best time of our lives and hope to come back.'* Claire, student, March 2016

## General Visits, Guides and Talks

You can book a free teacher-led or guide-led general visit.

We have a range of support materials to help your group learn about the Regiment, Scottish and World history from 1794 to the present day.

See Surgeon Munro's surgical instruments c 1850s, find out what happened to the World War I soldier who was sentenced to be shot for falling asleep at his post,



explore the handwritten letters by Prisoners of War and look at the uniform worn by Captain Archibald in Afghanistan.

An experienced Guide (please pre-book) is available for any of your visits to the Museum and outreach events.

Please contact us discuss your requirements.

## Museum Visits

Enrich your learning with a visit to the Museum.

We have a number of subjects that can be tailored to your project and specific learning needs.

All of our programmes are available throughout the year and are free from September to April.

(From May to August, entry to Stirling Castle is £2 per student under 16 and full rate for age 16+.)

## Museum Visit: World War I



Explore our evocative World War I Gallery and find out about trench warfare through our wide range of military equipment, personal items and first-hand accounts including photographs, letters and military documents.

The visit can be teacher-led or guide-led and all come with activity sheets to help your students explore the collection.

In addition, our World War I handling box can be booked as part of your visit.

Enrich your learning with our 'Additional Resources' pack, which includes a large collection of documents, extracts, letters and photographs.

Available via our website.

**Free**

Primary: Second Level (p5-p7)

Secondary: S1-S6

Monday – Friday: 75 mins

Options Available:

Teacher-led  
Guide-led  
Handling Box

## Museum Visit: World War II/Home Front



Similar to our World War I learning resource, we offer a World War II visit.

Learn about the real-life stories of fighting soldiers, Prisoners of War and the people they left behind.

Find out who the 'Three Musketeers of Ballachulish' were, examine a Vickers Machine Gun scene and learn about sticky grenades.

The visit can be teacher-led or guide-led and all come with activity sheets to help your students explore the collection and the experiences of Scottish soldiers during the War.

As part of your visit, time can be booked with our World War II/Home Front handling box.

**Free**

Primary: Second Level (p5-p7)

Monday – Friday: 75 mins

Options Available:

Teacher-led  
Guide-led  
Handling Box

## Museum Visit: Victorians/Edwardians



Find out about conditions in the military both at home and in the Empire.

Hear about the standard of health care you could expect during this time, see our gruesome surgeon's instruments and discover what your life

would be like as a son or daughter of a soldier?

The visit is guide-led only but can be combined with a handling box.

**Free**

Primary: Second Level (p5-p7)

Monday – Friday: 75 mins

Options Available:

Guide-led  
Handling Box



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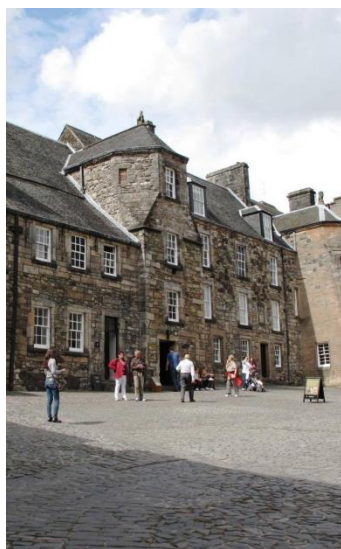
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## Booking Information

All visits must be booked at least 14 days in advance.

Please include the following information when you contact the Museum:

- The preferred dates and times for your visit
- The name, address and contact details of your school or organisation
- The name and contact details of the group leader
- The number and age range of the group
- The number of supervisory adults who will be in attendance (ratio 1 adult: 10 children)
- The reason for your

visit/topic of study

- Details of any additional support needs your group or any member of your group might have and the help they might need on the day

- If you would like to book a free planning visit

- Whether you require a space in our lunch area.

### Shop

There is a shop in the Museum; please ensure that there is a ratio of 1 adult to 10 when in the shop.

### Lunch Area

We can provide you with a lunch area, please pre-book.

### Toilets

The toilets are situated at the entrance and exit of the Museum.

### Parking

The drop-off and collection area is on the Castle Esplanade.

### Access

There are a number of stairs in the Museum which may cause problems for those with limited mobility.

## Travel Subsidy

If you are visiting the Museum in Stirling Castle, make sure to take advantage of Historic Environment Scotland's Travel Subsidy for schools.

You can get help with up to 75% of your transportation cost, maximum of £250.

For further information, visit Historic Environment Scotland's Website:

[www.historicenvironment.scot/learn/schools/school-visits-travel-subsidy](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/learn/schools/school-visits-travel-subsidy)

## About the Museum...

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum is located in Stirling Castle.

The Museum traces the history of the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders and the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders up to the time of their amalgamation in 1881 when they became the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regiment and thereafter to the present day.

Stirling Castle has been the home of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's) since 1881 and through the years, many objects of regimental interest have been handed in, including: paintings, medals, silver, uniform and documents.

However, it was not until 1988 that a museum was opened in the King's Old Building of the Castle to display these objects; and,

perhaps more importantly, to relate the illustrious history of the Regiment and the many personal stories of the officers, soldiers and their families.

The Museum receives modest Ministry of Defence funding, but is almost entirely maintained through public donations. The Museum is governed by a charitable trust: The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum Trust.