

March and Demonstration on Saturday 19th October 2013

Note from the Chief Steward

Generally

Perth and Kinross Council's "Public Procession Code of Conduct" has to be conformed with.

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10639&p=0>

It is all common sense and good manners. For those taking part the main provisions are:

All participants in processions should:

- behave with due regard for the rights, traditions and feelings of others in the vicinity of the procession, particularly in areas where there has previously been public disorder around processions;
- behave with due respect at "sensitive" areas such as places of worship;
- refrain from using words or behaviour which could reasonably be perceived as being deliberately aggressive (ie threatening, abusive, homophobic, sectarian or racist);
- obey the lawful direction of procession organisers, stewards and the Police at all times;
- keep to the designated route as directed by the Police;
- refrain from consuming alcohol or drugs prior to or during the procession;

- not display banners or similar placards likely to incite a breach of the peace or contravene the Terrorism Act 2000;
- disperse in good order as soon as the procession concludes.

Stewards

I am Chief Steward. My duties are the same as for Stewards except that I have to make myself known to the police officer in charge and I get to wear a red armband.

On the day Stewards will get a hi-vis vest (if you have your own please bring it anyway), and a briefing note of their duties, see below, and my mobile phone number.

Stewards duties

Stewards must be briefed by organisers and given guidance/instruction on their role prior to the procession, and:

- carry proof of status (the briefing note);
- co-operate with the Police as required;
- are highly visible and easily identifiable;
- conduct themselves in a proper manner;
- ensure that participants comply with directions regarding their own public safety and that of the public;

Essentially, stewards are there to make sure the march proceeds in an orderly manner with due regard for the safety of the public and marchers (don't walk into lamp-posts), and with the least possible inconvenience to other people.

Stewards are **not** there to deal with public disorder. That is the job of the police.

Stuart Young - Chief Steward