



## International Exhibition

Complementary to the historical exhibits, this vibrant display of Worldwide police uniforms and insignia is the largest in Europe. Established in 1966 this growing collection consists of over 5000 colourful items.

## Headgear

Practical and decorative, the caps and helmets of Police forces from all five continents are on display. The differing varieties of tradition and culture are captured in the most distinctive headgear you will see anywhere.



## Insignia & Uniforms

Badges and insignia from every country in the world are displayed in giant wall cabinets providing a colourful backdrop to the uniform displays.

Standing side by side the ceremonial and every day uniforms of the world's policing systems provide a unique insight into their styles and traditions.



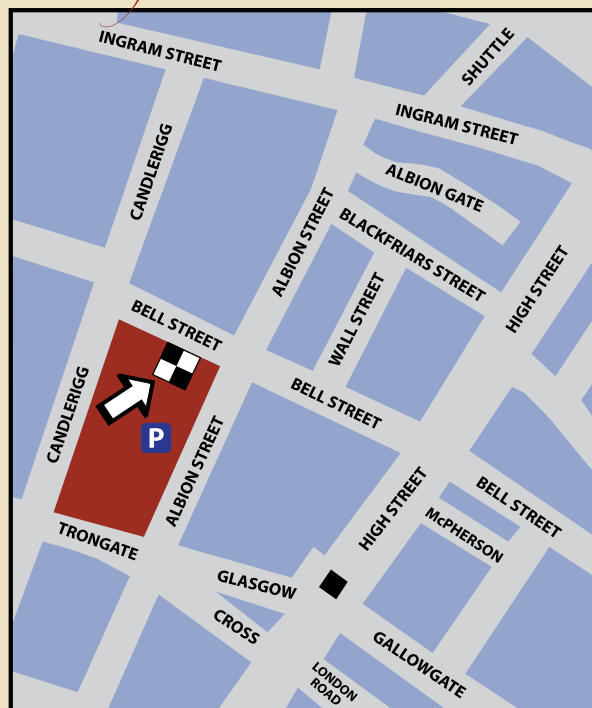
## Opening Times

**1 Apr - 31 Oct**  
Monday to Saturday 10am - 4.30pm  
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

**1 Nov - 31 Mar**  
Tuesday 10am - 4.30pm  
Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Group visits welcome throughout the year.

## How to find us



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... a police force was established in Glasgow many years before the Metropolitan Police ...

Col. Kinloch,  
HMIC (Scotland),  
1859



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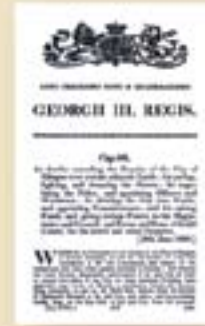


## Step into History

At the Glasgow Police Museum you have the unique opportunity to step into the compelling and dramatic history of the United Kingdom's oldest police force.

## Photographs and Documents

Many rarely seen photographs and illustrations enhance the text displays bringing the stories to life. Early documents and certificates also adorn the displays.



Glasgow Police Act 1800

## Uniforms and Equipment

The evolution of the Glasgow Police uniform is illustrated by numerous displays of equipment and insignia. Headgear, uniforms, badges and buttons adorn the museum's displays as well as decorated batons and other artifacts.



Founded by the city's Merchant and Trades Baillies in 1779 the small force faced financial problems from the beginning. Disbanding the force twice through lack of money in 1781 and 1790, the City Council's perseverance was rewarded when the Glasgow Police Act became law on the 30th June 1800. It was Britain's first Police Act and paved the way for many other cities and towns.



*The Glasgow Police story spans 200 years of the City's history with tales of courage, innovation and service to the citizens of Glasgow.*

## Personalities

Telling the stories of the people who served in the Glasgow Police is the principal theme of the museum. Painstaking research has uncovered interesting and little known facts concerning the lives and careers of the personalities and characters who policed the city during 200 years of its history.



Chief Constable James Smart

## Gallantry and Distinguished Service

Since early times, Glasgow police officers have been rewarded for bravery by the City with specially struck medals and certificates. Latterly, the George Medal, the King's Police Medal, the Glasgow Corporation Medal for Bravery and others were awarded to members of the force for gallantry during rescues, fires and serious crimes.



In the early days, Glasgow policemen had patrolled in top hats but in 1868 the police helmet was introduced. Although the style of the helmet changed over the years, it was not until 1950 that it finally gave way to the now familiar peaked cap.



Although the police whistle replaced the wooden rattle in the 1880's, the evolution of communications occurred mostly throughout the 20th century. Development of vehicle radios in the 1930's and personal radios in the 1960's would revolutionise policing throughout Britain.

