

Sma' Shot Day

6th of July 2019



The Sma' Shot celebration always takes place on the first Saturday in July – to mark the time of year when the weavers and their families would traditionally take their holidays.

This year will be no different – everyone is invited to join the annual party on Saturday 6 July from 12 noon to 5pm. And with almost 50 events taking place across 20 different venues, this year's celebration promises to be the best yet!

Festivities will get underway at noon as the colourful parade leaves Brodie Park, heading for Paisley Arts Centre led by the tuck of the Charleston Drum. The parade this year will feature local groups, performers, spectacular floats and giant puppets, all co-ordinated by parade specialists Bridgeman Arts.

2019 will also see Sma' Shot Day return to its roots, quite literally, by moving to the streets around the historic Sma' Shot Cottages in Paisley's town centre; with Shuttle Street, New Street, Witherspoon Street and Brown's Lane all set to come alive with music, theatre, poetry, crafts and lots of family friendly activities.

Amongst these activities there will of course be the Burning of the Cork (1.20pm within the grounds of Paisley Arts Centre) which sees the 'Corks' – the middlemen between the owners and the weavers – meet their fate at the hands of the working weavers in spectacular fashion. Right2Dance will deliver a short pre-Burning of the Cork performance with live music in front of Paisley Arts Centre at 1.15pm.

Plus, there will be lots of opportunities to learn a new craft at a series of artists workshops taking place all over Paisley. Follow the Creative Craft Trail for mural painting, jewellery making, embroidery and loads more.

The Sma' Shot Cottages will also be open 12 noon til 4pm for your chance to see what life was really like for the weavers in the 19th century. Catch a guided tour and watch live weaving demonstrations with Paisley Museum's textiles expert, Dan

Coughlan. We also recommend a trip to Paisley Thread Mill Museum to complete your weaving experience on the industry's most celebrated day of the year.

Renfrewshire Council, Events Team are seeking volunteers for the following positions:

Parade Stewards

10 x volunteers

Walking alongside the parade to help ensure public safety, reporting any incidents to the Professional Stewards, keeping a clear distance between the parade and the public, assisting anyone who needs help.

Event Information Point of Contact and Way Finders

8 x volunteers

Friendly face to act as a point of contact for event information. Outgoing and fun personality, happy to help attitude, good communicator.

Event Support

5 x volunteers

Working with the event staff and partners to help with the event site setup and derig. Reporting any incidents to security, first aid, stewards or event staff. Friendly and welcoming personality, enthusiastic with a happy to help attitude.

