

## PRESENTING AWARDS DURING SCOTTISH VISIT



The Duke of Edinburgh presenting an award to Allan Ross, of Glasgow, at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, yesterday. On right: the Duke climbing into his helicopter at Sauchie to leave for Dundee.

BREEZY 12-HOUR TOUR BY  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## Enjoys many jokes with boys

The Duke of Edinburgh was characteristically brisk and breezy during a 12-hour tour of Scotland yesterday, when he presented awards in his own citizenship scheme to boys in Paisley, Glasgow, Sauchie, and Dundee. He enjoyed many jokes with the boys.

His visit to Thornly Park Approved School, Paisley, was the first ever paid to a Scottish Approved School by a member of the Royal Family.

Paisley people complained in the morning that they could not get a clear view of the Duke as he motored through the town from the railway station where he arrived in the Royal train precisely at 10 a.m. to begin his crowded day. Seated in the rear of a capacious black limousine, he was often obscured from public view. The Duke, when he arrived at Thornly Park Approved School, gave instructions that an open touring model should be sent to the school in preparation for his journey back to Paisley.

At Gilmour Street Station, Paisley, the Duke was greeted by Sir Guy Shaw Stewart, the Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire; Provost George Walker of Paisley; Mr Alexander Cochran, the town-clerk; Mr Robert Urquhart, the county clerk, and other dignitaries. The red carpet from the platform to the waiting car caused some consternation. Workmen were laying it and feverishly cleaning it with a carpet sweeper five minutes before the Royal train halted.

Bronzed and smiling, the Duke wore a dark grey suit, pale blue shirt and a dark blue tie crested with crowns. Policemen were on duty every 20 yards along the kerbs as the royal motorcade headed for the town hall. Dr F. R. Storr, chairman of the Scottish Panel of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, introduced His Royal Highness, who presented badges and certificates to 43 boys.

## DUKE GRINS

Winners of the awards, which are in three series, must attain a stipulated standard of fitness and agility, be proficient in a type of hobby or handicraft and undertake successfully a solo initiative test in the countryside. Four cousins were among the 43. Two of them were twins, Brian and Norman Eason (18), both members of the Boys' Brigade in Paisley. Scrutinising Brian's glittering cluster of B.B. badges the Duke grinned and exclaimed: "My God, look at these."

Parents and friends, who attended the presentation, remained for the showing of a film about the awards scheme in which the Duke was featured. Rising to leave the hall, the Duke told them: "If you are wondering why I haven't said anything this morning you will find out when you see the film." The audience laughed.

The Duke then motored to Thornly Park where Dr Storr recalled that some of the boys had appeared in the film about the scheme. Boys dressed in clumsy looking cadet force uniforms stepped up and bowed as they received their badges and certificates. "When did you go on your test?" the Duke asked Phillip McGuire (14). "Last week-end," replied the boy. "Sore feet?" asked the Duke with a grin. "No, sir."

The Duke ended the presentation to the 36 boys by saying: "What I really want to see is the school and how it functions instead of a lot of faces."

Immediately after a cup of coffee he breezed off on a question-packed tour of the buildings.

The boxing and life saving teams were lined up to greet him. The Duke smiled, and said that, judging by the absence of marks on the boxers' faces, they could not have been fighting recently. "Our boys are so tough they don't let anybody near enough to touch them," cracked back one of the teachers. Life saving medals also drew the Duke's attention. There were so many, he said, that if the boys wanted to wear them they would require to have swimming costumes which extended up to their necks.

Kyaks and models built in the wood-work room caught the Duke's eye. He asked several questions about the construction of the canoes, and, pointing to a scale model of the Antarctic exploration vessel John Biscoe, he remarked: "I had a couple of days on that." The Duke was 15 minutes ahead of his official schedule at this stage. "Where are your playing fields?" he asked. The party filed out of a side entrance on an impromptu visit to the playing fields and gardens. The Royal car and escort then returned to Paisley Town Hall for lunch.

Next stop was Bellahouston Palace of Art, where the welcoming party included Lord Provost Myer Galpern, Mrs Galpern, ex-Provost Thomas Kerr, Sheriff Sir Robert Sherwood Calver, Dr H. Stewart Mackintosh, Glasgow's Director of Education, and others. The Duke's awards scheme, Mr Galpern said, had caught the imagination of the people of Britain and the Commonwealth.

The Duke then presented more badges and certificates to 35 boys, among them the first cadet force member to gain a gold badge—Air Training Corps Cadet Sergeant David Hood (19), 134 Crewe Road West, Edinburgh.

## VISIT TO IBROX

Few people along Paisley Road West noticed the Royal car as it proceeded to Ibrox Stadium, home of Rangers F.C. Mr Scott Symon, the manager, and a party of the club's directors met the Duke and showed him to the playing field, where a Fleet Air Arm helicopter, No 718, from a station in the South of England, was waiting to fly him to Sauchie. Two R.A.F. men brought up a flight of steps for the Duke to climb into the seat next to the pilot, a Fleet Air Arm officer.

Policemen stationed round the track held on to their caps as the deep-bellied helicopter spun skywards with a rush of air which scattered the loose litter on the terracing. The first part of the modern "Santa Claus" visit had concluded.

It was disclosed that while leaving Paisley for Bellahouston Palace of Art, Glasgow, the Duke discovered that he did not have his spectacles. Wing Commander H. W. M. Chinnery, his private secretary, returned to Paisley Town Hall and Thornly Park Approved School, which the Duke had visited, but could not find them. Later he told a "Scotsman" reporter that it was thought that they had been left in the royal train.



The Duke of Edinburgh at the Boys' Brigade headquarters in Dundee talking to Mr Hubert Scott (centre), who introduced other members of the Brigade. On right is Staff Sgt. Ronald Gray, who travelled from Lerwick to receive the Gold Standard Badge from the Duke.