

## Bloody Sunday march is re-routed

by [Vivienne Nicoll](#)

ORGANISERS of a parade to commemorate the Bloody Sunday killings have been refused permission for a route through Glasgow city centre.

Councillors decided the event should by-pass George Square and head west instead of east in a bid to avoid trouble.

Cairde na h'Eireann, which means Friends of Ireland, wanted to start marching at noon on Saturday 26 from Blythswood Square.

advertisement The route would have taken it along West George Street to George Square, High Street, Gallowgate, London Road and on to Glasgow Green.

Instead councillors agreed to a recommendation from police the route of the march be switched from potential trouble spots and start at 9.30am.

The new route will go from Blythswood Square, West George Street, Pitt Street, St Vincent Street and Argyle Street to Kelvingrove Park.

The parade, which commemorates the killing of 14 civilians by the British Army in Northern Ireland in 1972, has been a target for violence in the past.

In 2006 around 400 protesters threw missiles at the 1000 marchers and the previous year there were three arrests when shoppers had to take cover as around 300 people tried to ambush the procession at Queen Street station.

This year's march clashes with a home fixture for Rangers potentially stretching police resources.

### ADS ONLINE

[Click here to place an ad in The Evening Times](#)

### FIND A CAR

[Search our extensive cars database](#)

### CLASSIFIEDS

[Browse our classifieds](#)

### FAMILY NOTICES

[Browse our family notices](#)

### NEWSPAPER ADS ONLINE

[Click here to view newspaper adverts](#)

**TravelShop**  
We know what you want from a holiday

**TravelShop**  
Airport Parking

**TravelShop**  
Holiday Insurance

Deputy council leader Jim Coleman, who chaired the public processions committee, said it was decided the parade, which was diverted last year, should be re-routed following representations from Chief Constable Steve House.

He said: "The police made the point the march last year passed off reasonably peacefully without any real disruption to the public or any arrests."

*Publication date 18/01/08*

 email article to a friend    print article    have your say: email us    larger type    smaller type

Copyright © 2008 Newsquest (Herald & Times) Limited. All Rights Reserved

[Terms of Use](#)