

The Great Tapestry of Scotland – back next year

The Great Tapestry of Scotland is coming back to the Scottish Parliament in 2014.

Following its hugely popular first ever public showing at the Scottish Parliament, it will be exhibited for three months between July and September next year.

The announcement that the Tapestry will return to the Parliament, by the Presiding Officer, comes following a hugely successful exhibition this month when around 30,000 thousand people have come to see the world's longest tapestry.

Even on the Tapestry's final day in the Parliament yesterday thousands of visitors got a final glimpse of the artwork in the Parliament.

Presiding Officer, the Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP said:-“This exhibition has attracted tens of thousands of people from across Scotland and beyond, making it one of the most successful exhibitions ever displayed at the Parliament.

“The Tapestry's attraction is not only in the beautifully detailed panels that depict everything from politics to popular culture, but that it was created by the people of Scotland for the people of Scotland.

“I am delighted to be able to announce that the Tapestry will come back to the Parliament in 2014, to allow thousands of people the opportunity to witness this fantastic display of Scotland's history.”

Historian Alistair Moffat who was involved in devising what should be included in the exhibition said:-“There was no better place than the Scottish Parliament to launch the Great

Tapestry of Scotland.

“At the heart of our democracy, it looked stunning and Scots came in droves to see it, queuing patiently to look at the gorgeous panels in what was a curiously intimate experience. The staff at the Parliament were superb, coping brilliantly with the huge numbers, unfailingly courteous and helpful.

“I am delighted that the tapestry will return for three months in 2014, as part of what will be the year of Scotland.”