



Tuesday  
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12noon  
Honiton  
High Street

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# HONITON Hot Pennies

Honiton Hot Pennies ceremony dates back to the 13th century, when Honiton was granted a Royal Charter; the ceremony has remained unbroken from that time.

The proceedings begin at **12 noon in the High Street** with The Town Crier (accompanied by the Mayor) hoisting up a garlanded pole with a gloved hand at the top, proclaiming that *"No man may be arrested so long as this glove is up"* - a reference to when everyone would come to Honiton for the fair which followed the ceremony without fear of being arrested for their debts.

All are welcome to join the procession that follows the garlanded pole to a number of locations in the town from which *'hot pennies'* are thrown. Pennies were originally hot so that the affluent people who threw them could delight in seeing the peasants burn their fingers whilst collecting them. Nowadays the pennies are merely warm!