

Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership, 2012 Games

Olympic Handover Event – 24 August

Proposed schedule



All timings are approximately:

12.30 - 12.45pm

C&W Legends arrive at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum for a VIP reception.

12.45 – 1.45pm

Guest speaker and speeches by Deputy Lord Mayor / Civic Dignataries from Coventry & Warwickshire welcome the legends, a pre-recorded message by Dave Moorcroft, food & drink reception and presentation of C&W Olympic Hall of Fame begins with each member receiving their commemorative medal.

1.00 – 5.00pm

Start of BBC coverage of Beijing Closing Ceremony begins outside on Big Screen for public audience. Come and try an Olympic Sport area opens in the old Cathedral with a cultural exhibition for partners in the Old Cathedral for public viewing, usage and participation.

1.45pm

Legends are led outside round the back to the Old Cathedral and await parade at side of Cathedral or down the cathedral steps -tbc.

2.00 - 2.30pm

Legends are paraded down the steps or the disabled access ramp to the side of the Cathedral and gather in front of the Alan Berry Building / Herbert onto a stage, with big screen showing the name and year of the games they competed at. Each games cycle is read out with all athletes in each year joining the parade for that year. Each year will have one of our young Olympic hopefuls holding a flag from a nation from around the world in front of the legends and will lead the procession. Stuart Linnell will compare.

2.30 pm (– 3.30pm)

Expected time of the Handover to London Mayor, Boris Johnson. Legends and all participants watch this on the screen, the ceremony will involve:

- Handover of Olympic or Paralympic flag ceremony
- An eight minute segment of ceremony produced by London 2012 with a message to welcome the world to London and the UK in four years time.
- The athlete's finale event in the stadium which brings the Closing Ceremony and the Games to an end

2.45 – 2.50pm

Raising of our London 2012 flag in University square to signal the start of the 2012 Olympiad. Everyone gather to focus attention on the London 2012 Flag carried by our local 8-12 year old competition winner.

2.50 – 3.05pm

Sing London performance for 15 minutes, 3 /4 locally relevant songs will be sung by audience led by local choirs, encouraging everyone to join in and sing

3.05 - 3.15pm

Speech by Arts Council (tbc) to announce the start of the Imagination our nation project

3.15 – 4.00pm

Imagination our Nation performance - 45 minute street theatre / carnival takes place in the square

4.00 – 5.00pm

People free to go or stay and watch big screen, look at cultural exhibition or visit come and try an Olympic sport area in the old Cathedral – event closes at 5pm.