

Equipment

Re-enactment like any other hobby can be expensive. In the 45e, however, we have done everything that we can to help keep the cost under control. We have a ready supply of basic equipment that potential recruits can use until they are in a position to buy their own. The essentials for your first year are marked below with an *

Greatcoat (Capote)*

Shirt*

Breeches*

Waistcoat*

Gaitors - optional for campaigning dress*

Shako - including pom-pom, brass plate and chin scales

Giberne and belt - cartridge box

Water bootle

Habit - blue jacket

Knapsack - sac a dos

Charleville musket

Bayonet and scabbard

Shako cords

Period shoes

Bonnet de Police* - fatigue hat

Musket cleaning kit

Bread bag

Spare flints

We hold patterns for some of these items so you may wish to have a go at making your own. We also maintain a full list of contacts and suppliers and will give you an idea of the likely prices for the various items. There are some additional charges for non-kit items which you will need to pay:

Napoleonic Association membership: £23 single membership, £30 family membership and reduced rates for junior membership. We can offer advice on obtaining Firearms licences, European Firearms licences, and Black-powder licences.

The unit usually takes a mix of full period camping equipment to events, both home and abroad. Members of the unit pay a small annual allowance for food which is prepared by unit members at events.

Black powder is usually supplied by the Napoleonic Association or hosting body although occasionally members of the unit may have to contribute to the cost of additional powder supplies.