Circle Cafe 1 Brandon Terrace Edinburgh

■ Beautiful, beautiful chocolate brownies....

And great coffee.....

The scraping of chairs on the floor is a bit of an irritation. Has no-one heard of felt pads for chair legs?

Pity that the waiter chose this morning to throw the cutlery down the stairs and that someone's child was particularly irritable, but presumably these things don't happen every day!

Otherwise the large windowed front makes this a very light and airy place to hang out.

No free wifi....so not top of The Reporter's list for that reason alone but still and all — a good place to go for lovely cakes, good coffee and tasty soup.

What they say about themselves is:-"Circle café opened on 11th December 2004. Its aim was to create a neighbourhood cafe which sourced and served seasonal, stylish and interesting food.

Since opening circle has established a loyal and happy following which transcends the immediate surrounding. Many of Circle's customers visit from not only the other side of the city but from all across Scotland and the UK following its high profile coverage in many respected travel guides and newspaper features.

Circle has been selected as one of Edinburgh's best cafes by The List Magazine's Eating and Drinking Guide for five years running. In addition it was reviewed and highly recommended by respected restaurant critic Richard Bath in the Scotland on Sunday in 2007 and has been featured in the Edinburgh Evening News Food Guide on several occasions. Circle has been awarded five stars for excellence by the View Edinburgh website and continues to attract positive comments online from happy customers."

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