

Five things you need to know today

It's a lovely day in the capital today so get yourselves out there and enjoy the sunshine!

If you go down to Inverleith Park Ecofusion is on.

☒ [Ecofusion](#) is a multi cultural environmental and family-friendly festival which aims to encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors.

The event is hosted within 5 colourful Indian marquees, and provides a space for a wide range of environmental and multi cultural community-based organisations to stimulate interest in Scotland's Outdoors through hands on fun activities such as scaling a climbing tower, having a go at a cycling obstacle course, making seed bombs and meeting the world's fastest bird of prey, the peregrine falcon. Multi-cultural organisations will be giving visitors the chance to take part in a wide range of nature-related craft activities from around the world, such as Nepalese plate making, Chinese knotting, Japanese origami and henna painting.

Former Edinburgh University student, amateur jockey and Kate Middleton's friend, Sam Waley-Cohen, just missed out on victory at Aintree yesterday when he rode Oscar Time into second place behind Ballabriggs. Full story in the [Daily Mail](#).

Edinburgh author, Alexander McCall-Smith, writes a daily episode of his long-running 44 Scotland Street in The Scotsman and à la iPlayer you can catch up on past episodes online [here](#).

Edinburgh blogger, [Suitably Despairing](#), gives us the round-up of this week in green numbers.

And here is the latest tweet under the hashtag #sp11 which today comes from The Green Party....

