

Five things you need to know today

✖ Edinburgh was the scene of an attack by a 26 year-old football fan on Celtic Manager Neil Lennon last night. The fan was arrested and has been charged. First Minister Alex Salmond said:-

“This sort of behaviour is utterly unacceptable. The Joint Action Group formed after the recent football summit is developing the eight-point plan to present to Ministers before the start of the new season to tackle all issues of violence and bigotry in relation to football, because we cannot have the safety of individuals endangered by such mindless incidents, and our national game tarnished.”

Newly elected Edinburgh Central MSP, Marco Biagi, was invited on to Good Morning Scotland this morning to offer his views on the trams, but had this to say to us about the incident at Tynecastle:-“Football should be about football. Scenes like this have to stop. The SNP government is taking steps with all those involved in the sport to address violence, and I have high hopes of success.”

[\[View the story “Fan assaults Neil Lennon at Tynecastle ” on Storify\]](#)

The director of operations at Edinburgh Zoo, Gary Wilson, has been cleared of any wrongdoing by his bosses after what has been described as a ‘robust internal investigation’. Read more [here](#).

[The Scotsman](#) reports the story of the 83 year-old Edinburgh potholer who was rescued from an abandoned mineshaft at Bilston Glen yesterday. One of his rescuers described him as

“a bag of energy.”

The Edinburgh Airport Youth Games start today according to the [BBC](#). What games will they be playing? Spot the 747? Pin the tail on a Ryanair jet?

And proof that drugs remain a problem in the Lothian area, but also that the police are alert to dealing with it, [The Daily Record](#) reports that £900,000 worth of heroin was recovered during a routine roadside check at Howgate near Penicuik.