

Five things you need to know today

✘ Edinburgh residents were warned yesterday to watch out for the predicted high winds as well as the possible appearance of volcanic ash. It was certainly very windy keeping Twitter busy with photos of a car in Bruntsfield which had been squashed by a tree, photos of trees which have fallen along the Water of Leith and other debris strewn round in the streets.

The Bus Station at St Andrew Square is closed this morning due to a problem with the internal ceilings which have apparently fallen down. Also the sign on the outside of the building was loosened in the high winds yesterday afternoon. The buses are departing from the Square instead, leaving some travellers a little lost. ✘

Scotrail is running as many trains as possible today although yesterday many were cancelled. This is what they say [on their website](#):-

Weather disruption

The Scottish rail network is experiencing disruption due to the severe winds damaging overhead power lines and depositing debris on the tracks.

However, it is expected that a number of routes will be restored on Tuesday 24 May.

Network Rail, which is responsible for the infrastructure, has advised that the damage is severe, especially in the Northclyde and Inverclyde routes.

In the North of Scotland, it is expected some early morning services will be cancelled.

Alternative transport will be provided wherever possible.

We would urge customers to use JourneyCheck before setting out to check if their train journey is possible.

We are working with industry partners to restore services as soon as possible.

Today Edinburgh Airport is open however. This is the news they have posted [on their website](#):-

Due to the movement of the volcanic ash, there are cancellations of a number of flights today (Tuesday 24 May) and disruption to many more services.

The latest update from NATS forecasts a high density of ash over Scotland from 1pm – 6pm today. There is a possibility of this period extending into the night. We will provide a further update at 4pm.

We are working with our airlines to process passengers and flights up until 1pm. We ask that all passengers check with their airline before travelling to the airport.

Passengers should not travel to the airport without checking with their airline first regarding the status of their flight. [Airline contact details](#)

Ultimately, the decision whether or not to fly will be made by individual airlines based on CAA guidance in conjunction with their aircraft manufacturers' advice.

Edinburgh Airport, along with its airline partners and NATS, will be monitoring the situation and will provide a further updates when new information arises.

We'll communicate any developments through our website (www.edinburghairport.com), twitter ([@EDI_Airport](https://twitter.com/EDI_Airport)) and through the media. We encourage passengers to check

directly with their airlines regarding their flight situations.

Edinburgh Airport remains open.

Today American singer, Bob Dylan, is 70. He has played in Edinburgh many times, but were you [at the ABC](#) on Lothian Road in 1966 when he played there on 20th May? If you would like to read all the articles about Dylan in the last few days then you can [have a look here](#).

The Council want your views on the canal strategy. You have until 19 August [to tell them what you think](#) about the future uses and plans for the Union Canal and the surrounding areas. There will be a display stand at The Meadows Festival on 4/5 June with some information.