

Five things you need to know today



The Bank of England has announced a new-style £50 note which features engineer James Watt, who is commemorated in Heriot-Watt University's name, and entrepreneur Matthew Boulton.

The new note will be introduced on 2 November. It will be the first time that two portraits will appear together on the reverse of one of its banknotes.

The design has seldom changed since it was first introduced in 1725. A white £50 was in use for more than 200 years until 1943.

The Bank says the note will have a range of enhanced security features.

There are 210 million £50 notes in circulation, valued at £10.5bn – 84% higher than seven years ago.

While parts of Edinburgh were in darkness last night for a time (anybody know why?) Liz Hurley and her latest fiancé were wowing the capital according to [The Scotsman](#). The model was in town to light up Jenners in a pink glow in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. [The Balmoral](#) is also going pink this month.

[Greener Leith](#) explain that Forth Ports have not given up on Biomass in Leith despite considerable opposition. Ally Tibbitt explains the PR machine has been stirred into life and Forth Ports are now again on the offensive.

The Council has a draft Play Area action plan which you can see [here](#). If you are interested in commenting then you have until 18 November to do so.

Proof perhaps that our Freedom of Information legislation is well respected internationally, in the fact that our Scottish Information Commissioner is today taking part in an [FOI conference](#) in Ottawa Canada where he will be discussing whether such legislation can be future proofed with other practitioners from around the globe.