

# Five things you need to know today

✘ The BBC showed [The Great Tram Disaster](#) last night with the Transport Convenor Gordon Mackenzie explaining that he and other councillors did not have the correct background to run **tie**, the company set up to deliver the tram project to Edinburgh. You can watch it again on [BBC iPlayer](#) if you happened to miss the rather depressing story of what the city was promised and what will now be delivered. As costs have gone up the length of the tram line has gone down.

[STV](#) tell us that a couple of landmarks close to the capital are to feature on the new stamps being issued by Royal Mail.

There are two new airport aides at the airport reports [The Edinburgh Evening News](#). But these are virtual assistants there to try and help speed up the security screening process. They talk many languages.

Ian Rankin has chosen his Edinburgh playlist to 'soundtrack his home town' according to [The Guardian](#) Travel blog. A bit of a surprise then to find that he is a Bay City Rollers fan...but love the fact that he includes The Rezillos. We once saw them live. What a treat.

Lady Haig's Poppy Factory is celebrating its 90th year of production. [The Press Association](#) reports that a staggering five million poppies are produced each year.

And a reminder that this is the last week of the David Mach exhibition.