

Five things you need to know today



An overview of what is happening this week – Armed Robbery in Barnton – Sport your trainers day – Cycling safety – Photography competition

Today's photograph was The Reporter's view of the Ireland v Scotland international played at the Aviva Dublin on Saturday. It all started out with so much promise...

This week the council have two important meetings. The Economic Development Committee meet tomorrow morning Tuesday 13 March, and the full council convene on Thursday 15 March. We will be previewing both of these meetings later today, and will be liveblogging from both. Also on Wednesday the Festival programme is being launched and to mark Commonwealth Day singer, Annie Lennox, will be speaking at The Scottish Parliament. And a reminder that we will be live with the Tory group on the council on Wednesday 14 March at 6.30 pm so send us your questions for them now, or [join us on Wednesday at 6.30.](#) On Friday this week Edinburgh's showcase of traditional arts, [Ceilidh Culture](#), starts and runs till 15 April. Also on Friday Leith residents can get along to a meeting to find out how to get financial help to insulate their homes. [Greener Leith tells you more.](#)

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses following an armed robbery at a property in Barnton Avenue West, Edinburgh, on Friday night (March 9).

A 58-year-old man and his 48-year-old wife were threatened with a knife and robbed in their home. Three men are believed

to have been involved in the incident which happened about 9.30pm. A quantity of jewellery and cash was stolen.

The couple have not sustained serious injury but they have been left shaken as a result of this.

A police spokesman said: "We would be keen to hear from anyone in the Barnton area who may have seen anything suspicious on Friday evening.

"A team of officers are currently investigating this crime with officers conducting door to door enquiries and high visibility patrols.

"Anyone with any information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131."

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Today is [Sport your trainers day](#) when you can wear your trainers doing whatever you usually do today to show your support for the Commonwealth Games which are due to take place in Glasgow in 2014. The Commonwealth Games are of course also coming to Edinburgh with the newly refurbished Commonwealth Pool due to host the diving events.

Cycling is big news here in Edinburgh and [Better Nation](#) have an interesting article asking if we should adopt the continental strategy of assuming blame on the part of the driver in the event of a collision with a bicycle.

The city council are running a photography competition to mark

Earth Hour which takes place on 31 March 2012. The council website explains how to enter:-

*"You can also enter our [photography competition](#) running 5th March to 13th April 2012 themed '**What we're doing about climate change**' to raise awareness of climate change and/or reduce its impact on our environment.*

Send in your photographs of what you are doing either on an individual, community or business level to raise awareness of climate change and/or reduce its impact on the environment. A £50 Scotmid Fair Trade voucher will be awarded to the winners."