

# Five things you need to know today



**Chris Hoy nominated for Freedom of the City – Dead man identified – Waste Grants – Fundraising run for NSPCC – Fringe**

On the agenda for next week's council meeting Sir Chris Hoy is being nominated as a recipient of the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh. Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Donald Wilson said:-“Our intention is to honour Sir Chris and his Olympic team-mates, who thrilled us all with their outstanding performances and medal successes, with an event at the City Chambers in Edinburgh , followed by other occasions to celebrate their record-breaking achievements.”

Councillor Steve Cardownie said: “It's fantastic for Edinburgh that the UK 's most decorated Olympic athlete is from this city, and we have also been the home to many others. There is no higher – or more fitting – recognition for Sir Chris than to offer him the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh . We also want to welcome our own local Olympians and Paralympians home and to show them how proud we are of their achievements.”

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Lothian and Borders Police can now confirm the name of the man who died after an incident in Edinburgh last Sunday evening as Ian Alexander Ross from the Gorgie area of the Capital.

The 31-year-old suffered serious injuries after falling through the roof of a garage in Gorgie at around 9.35pm on 12th August.

He was treated in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh but despite the best efforts of staff he passed away on Tuesday 14th August.

Inquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances surrounding his death, including reports of an earlier altercation at a licensed premise on Gorgie Road.

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ECO-MINDED community groups in Edinburgh are being urged to get their skates on if they want to access grants of up to £2,500.

Thanks to the Waste Action Grant scheme, organisations can apply for funding from the City of Edinburgh Council to support waste-related community projects aimed at [reducing, reusing and recycling](#).

Since the programme was launched in 2005, as part of the Council's Waste Aware Edinburgh Education Campaign, it has:

- awarded £50,000 to local waste projects;
- diverted 263.5 tonnes of waste from landfill.

The latest deadline for grant applications is Monday 27 August. Around 20 grants are awarded annually of amounts ranging from £500 to £2,500, while smaller grants of £50 to £200 are available at any time of the year.

Environment Vice Convener Councillor Jim Orr said: "The Waste Action Grant scheme is an excellent way to inspire community groups to become more environmentally aware, and also to support ongoing initiatives. Several excellent projects have already benefited from this programme, and I would urge any

group to apply for a slice of the funding.”

Schemes which have already successfully applied for grants include the Inverleith Allotments Compost project, which involved communal compost bins to be used in a bid to reduce the dumping and burning of green waste.

Gowrie Care Limited’s Clothesline project in Bruntsfield, which provides clothing for homeless people, recieved a grant last year and has now been nominated for a Care Accolades award.

Damian McGowan, Managing Director of Gowrie Care, said: “Gowrie Care’s Clothesline project was only made possible after securing a Waste Action Grant. The £2224 that we received allowed us to transform an area in our project into a bright, welcoming shop where we can provide people we support with good quality, free clothing.”

You can apply if you are part of a:

- constituted community group (and individuals working with a community group)
- group of interested residents (to form a constituted Waste Action Group)
- not-for-profit community sector organisation (for joint applications with community residents or groups)
- youth group (supervised by an affiliated group, organisation or school)
- school, Eco-Committee, Parent and Teacher Association
- church or Eco-Congregation.

Interested groups can read the guidelines and download an application form [here](#).

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NSPCC Scotland needs runners looking for a new challenge to take on Edinburgh’s unique Roadblock Run on Sunday 23rd

September and raise money to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Participants in the Roadblock Run face a 10km race with a difference as they jump, slide or crawl over the wacky obstacles in their path around Holyrood Park. The course can be completed by individuals, or in teams of three, making the run a fun day out for companies or friends looking to do something a bit different while raising funds for the NSPCC's Scottish services including ChildLine – the helpline for children in danger or distress.

Susie Barron, NSPCC Scotland community fundraising manager said: "The Roadblock Run is set to be a fun race for everyone involved. Last year over 300 people took part in the run and with prizes for fastest teams, fastest male and fastest female, not only can you be proud of your personal achievement, you can feel great knowing you have done something to keep children safe from harm.

"The NSPCC depends on voluntary income to continue its vital work across Scotland to reduce child abuse and neglect. Through you and the money you raise, the NSPCC is able to help and protect some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. It is only with the generosity of people fundraising for the charity that we can offer these vital services. So if you want to round off a great summer of sport with a unique challenge call the NSPCC Scotland fundraising team today on 0844 8920212, or email [scotlandevents@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:scotlandevents@nspcc.org.uk)"

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