

Five things you need to know today



Twitter24 – Portobello High School – Holyrood today – Brew Lab – Doors Open Day

Today as part of Twitter24 the council is inviting your questions by Twitter [to be answered by the curators of museums all over the world.](#) The hashtag is #askacurator. We have asked why the Museums could not be open longer to allow people who work normal office hours the chance to visit on their way home for example. If you direct your question to the council then you might remember that they are only responsible for some of our city's museums. [The list is here.](#)

Edinburgh Libraries have been up all night it seems with tweets through the wee small hours....

The Reporter is getting the bike out today to cycle to Ferry Road to meet up with a couple of Edinburgh Council officers and then cycle to Leith Library. You can follow our progress on Twitter...or on the liveblog which is capturing all the Twitter24 action automatically [and you will find it over here.](#) There is a poll at the bottom for you to vote on whether you think the council is doing a good job. Do vote!

Portobello was stunned by the court decision issued last week which prevents the new school being built. There is to be a meeting this Friday. Here is Bob Jefferson from [Porty.org.uk](#) telling us more about the meeting.

[listen to 'News of a meeting in Portobello on 21 September to talk about the school' on Audioboo](#)

Today at Holyrood several of our Edinburgh MSPs have lodged questions which might be heard in the Chamber, including the Lothians MSP, Alison Johnstone who has asked several about the killing of ravens:-

***Malcolm Chisholm:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it and its agencies will take to address the environmental issues at the Seafield waste water treatment works. (S40-01303)*

***S4W-09592 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government how many fixed penalty notices have been issued under the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010, broken down by type of violation.*

***S4W-09593 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions there have been under the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010 for proxy purchase of tobacco in each local authority area; how many resulted in fines, and how much.*

***S4W-09688 Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government how many licences to kill ravens were granted by (a) it and (b) Scottish Natural Heritage in (i) 2011 and (ii) 2012 and what the grounds were for granting such licences, broken down by local authority.*

***S4W-09689 Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government how many multi-annual licences to kill ravens have been granted since 2011, broken down by local authority.*

***S4W-09690 Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of holders of licences to kill ravens indicated that they had made kills in 2011 and how many birds were killed.*

S4W-09691 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government how many licences to kill ravens have not been renewed by Scottish Natural Heritage because of non-compliance with conditions in each year since 2011.

S4W-09692 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Natural Heritage will publish details annually of the number of ravens killed under licence.

S4W-09693 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what factors are considered when considering granting a licence to kill ravens.

S4W-09694 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government whether there are licensing restrictions to control the killing of ravens in nests during the breeding season.

S4W-09695 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what checks are made to ensure that livestock protection licences to kill ravens are not used for game management.

Other items involving Edinburgh include a motion lodged about last weekend's event in the Assembly Rooms:-

**S4M-04187 Christina McKelvie: Strictly Come Prancing—That the Parliament congratulates Aberlour Child Care Trust on pulling off what it considers an outstanding evening of dancing and entertainment, Strictly Come Prancing, on 15 September 2012 at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh to raise money to help boost Aberlour Family Outreach, a service that helps parents affected by drug or alcohol problems; understands that 15 couples battled it out in a bid to impress the judging panel, which included the star of Britain's Got Talent, Jai McDowell; notes that Christina McKelvie MSP and the Minister for Transport and Veterans, Keith Brown MSP, couples from Sopra Group, Cairns Walker, Tiger Lily, Holyrood magazine and WeDo Scotland were among the competitors that took to the dance floor; appreciates the*

generosity of the audience and everyone who donated time, money and expertise, such as Microsoft and MGA Academy, which helped the charity exceed its target of £25,000 and hit what it considers a staggering £37,000; wishes Aberlour Child Care Trust the best of luck for its future fundraising events, and hopes that it will replicate the success of this year's Strictly Come Prancing.

MyMonkfish.com has been to Brew Lab – FIRST! Before anyone else had reviewed it there they were...having coffee. And you can read or see what they thought here..[on their blog.](#)

Doors Open Day takes place this weekend. There is an article about [the Assembly Rooms here](#). There are 121 places to go and see in Edinburgh, including the Sheriff Court where you can see inside a G4S van and inside the cells below the court... Where are you going?