Five things you need to know today

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Marketing Edinburgh launch video – Assault in Grange – New Festival Director – Skate park set to be approved – Bike Marking today

Think Edinburgh, think lobsters, snow, Tom Kitchin and the Big Wheel…and rap. This is the Leith Agency video to market the capital, and as it is called Ad 1 we can only presume there will be more.

It is full of words like winterinedinburgh, bedandbreakfastinedinburgh, wellfedinburgh, didyouhearwhatIsaidinburgh, wintershoproundtheclock but curiously has omitted the well publicised #Incredinburgh which has caused so much debate on Twitter. According to reports last week the debate at the City Chambers about the slogan caused some councillors to walk out of the meeting.

What do you think?

Anyone want to try and make their own? We may offer a bottle of Adelphi to the best effort... Do share them with us!

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after an elderly man was assaulted during an attempted robbery in Edinburgh.

The incident happened around 10.10am on Saturday 20 October on Grange Road.

An 89-year-old man boarded a Number 5 Lothian Bus on Salisbury

Place before alighting on Grange Road.

As he was walking in the area at the junction with Chalmers Crescent, a male approached him from behind and grabbed him by the face.

The male then tried to rob the victim of his possessions but was unable to find anything of value so made off from the area.

After returning home, the man reported the matter to police who are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The suspect is described as white, between 45 and 55-yearsold, around 5ft 10ins tall with a heavy build and grey hair. He was wearing a dark jacket, black baseball cap, blue jeans and dark shoes.

A police spokesman said: "Fortunately the victim was not seriously injured during this incident, nor was he robbed of any of his possessions.

"Nevertheless, being grabbed from behind and searched was an incredibly frightening experience and we are carrying out local enquiries to identify the male responsible.

"We believe the suspect had also been on the bus, having boarded at the same time as the elderly man and would urge other passengers who may have seen him, or who can assist to establish his identity to contact police immediately. "Similarly, anyone who remembers seeing a man acting suspiciously in either Salisbury Road or Grange Road is also asked to get in touch."

Anyone with information can contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in anonymity on 0800 555 111. ***

Edinburgh Festival Director, Jonathan Mills, confirmed earlier this year that he would be staying in post, but not for long, <u>as 2014 would be his final festival</u>. Now the Festival organisers have started their search for someone to replace him, according to the <u>BBC</u>.

The council planning committee will be recommended to approve the new skate park proposed for Easter Drylaw Park, although the council are not going to provide any lighting in an effort to keep noise down during winter evenings. There will also be trees, an acoustic fence and bunds (mounds of earth) constructed within the site to minimise any noise at other times. There was only one objection to the park whereas the other communications to the council were generally supportive of a facility to be used by young people. It will replace the existing BMX track and is designed for use by skateboarders, inline skaters and BMX bikers of all ages and abilities.

Lothian and Borders Police will be down on the cycle path today to help you keep your bike safe. Between 3 and 6pm at Five Ways Junction Cycle Path (North Bangholm Loan) police officers will be cycle marking so that if your bike is stolen, you will have a good chance of recovering it.