

VIDEO – Royal Clean-up on the Royal Mile



The Royal Mile was given a fresh look in time for spring as Council staff, residents and businesses come together to spruce up the thoroughfare today.

This morning, volunteers tackled a range of issues such as graffiti and the cleaning of street furniture with the aim of making the Royal Mile as attractive as possible for both residents and visitors.

The move follows on from last year's successful event which resulted in some positive environmental improvements in the street, which has a world-wide reputation for its history, architecture and culture.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Environment Convener, said:- "The Royal Mile clean-up is a great example of how the Council can work together with organisations and communities to spruce up an area and combat particular issues. Initiatives like this improve the quality of life of an area and help to instil a shared pride in keeping it looking attractive, and I hope we'll see this joined-up approach being adopted in other parts of the City."

Volunteers from local businesses, residents, the Police and the Council will be joined by staff from Edinburgh University in order to tackle some ongoing issues that negatively impact on residents and visitors experience of the area.

A range of activities will be taking place during the course of the day to complement some work that has recently been

carried out such as the recent painting of the Wardrop's Court
pend. There will be graffiti removal on the High Street and
Canongate along with litter pick ups and the removal of
stickers that cover signposts, utility boxes and other street
furniture.

Four teams will focus on four different parts of the Royal
Mile – Castle Hill and the Lawnmarket, High Street to the
North Bridge, High Street to St Mary's Street and the
Canongate.

This is the second Spring Clean that will help to make the
most of this historic street and encourage all stakeholders to
build relationships and work together for positive change.