

# Taxi Trade to pay for repairs to veteran's wheelchair



In our [Five things you need to know today](#) article published this morning, we mentioned the news that veteran Tom Gilzean had his motorised wheelchair vandalised.

The Edinburgh Taxi Trade Children's Outing Committee today contacted Tom and offered to pay for any repairs required to fix his wheelchair.

Alex Lyons, chair of the committee said:- "Tom has been a fantastic fundraiser, donating several thousand pounds to the outing over the years. What has happened to the 93 year-old war veteran is despicable and the committee immediately agreed to make Tom our offer."

During the meeting, Alex also invited Tom along as his guest on this year's outing which will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June who, along with the Lord Provost and Cab Inspector, will be asked to judge the best decorated taxis and best dressed drivers and children. He added:- "Whilst Tom might not want to take part in the pony riding or mini-waltzers, I'm sure he'll enjoy the day out to Yellowcraigs, a nice cup of tea watching the magic show and an ice cream from Luca's in Musselburgh"

The Edinburgh Taxi Trade Children's Outing is a self-funding organisation which has been taking children with special needs on a day trip in specially decorated taxis to the beach on the second Tuesday in June since 1947. The 67<sup>th</sup> Outing takes place this year on Tuesday 11 June 2013, when they will be leaving Murrayfield Stadium at 10am and heading in convoy through the city to Musselburgh, where they stop for an ice cream at

Luca's, before heading along the coast road to Yellowcraigs near Dirleton.