

Five things you need to know today



Planning meeting – Edinburgh Airport passenger numbers up – Fostering event – Today at Leith Festival – Royal Highland Show 2013

The council is likely to grant planning permission this morning for a 24 flat development at West Bowling Green Street in Edinburgh. The proposal attracted 27 representations some of which were about wildlife, cycle parking and the loss of scarce green space.

This development will have cycle parking integrated into the design, and it will also mean that the Water of Leith Walkway will be realigned. 10 affordable housing units will be incorporated into the project.

[All papers are online here.](#)

Edinburgh Airport experienced its busiest May ever as it welcomed over 906,000 passengers through its doors last month. This was a rise of 7.4% compared to the same time last year.

International traffic was up 11.8%, driven by new services from easyJet and Ryanair with domestic traffic also up by 2.7% with strong performances from British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Little Red to Heathrow.

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, said:

“When we bought Edinburgh Airport in June last year, we were very clear about the issues we faced and how we were going to tackle them. The team here has put in a tremendous amount of work and in May we saw all of that work bear fruit.

“The increase in domestic traffic is particularly pleasing in what is an incredibly competitive marketplace.

“We understand that this is a team game and through this team work we can all contribute to making Edinburgh Airport a success. So we’ll continue to work in partnership with our airlines and our City and Scottish Government colleagues to help the airlines make a success of their routes to and from Edinburgh. That drives the passenger numbers we see here and gives me confidence that we can maintain this performance through what promises to be a very busy summer indeed.”

Edinburgh Airport has added 18 new destinations since its change of ownership and taking the total to over 130. A new service to Toronto with Air Canada Rouge commences in early July.



The latest drive by the City of Edinburgh Council to find new recruits to become foster carers is taking place tomorrow Thursday 13 June 2013 in the Capital.

A special drop in session is taking place between 5pm and 7pm at Waverley Court where anyone interested can meet foster carers and social workers for an informal chat about fostering.

Councillor Paul Godzik, Children, Education and Families Convener, said: “There’s a real shortage of foster carers across Edinburgh and we’re hoping to encourage more people to consider becoming carers for children and young people.

“Fostering is a hugely rewarding and really important job as it benefits some of the most vulnerable children in our society, helping them build a bright and confident future.

“All sorts of different people have the skills and qualities to foster and we hope this drop in session will provide anyone interested with the information they need.”

Thursday’s drop in session is the second of three events taking place over the coming months to highlight the need for more foster carers. The ‘Foster Me Foster Us’ campaign is across the city and includes bus, taxi, billboard and bus shelter advertising as well as local media promotion.

Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering can call the City of Edinburgh Council free on 0800 174 833 or visit the [website](#).

Today at Leith Festival

Trainspotting Tour

The evergreen story behind Leith’s own worldwide story – on location!!!

Venue: 15

8th, 13th, 14th, 15th June

7pm – 8pm

Ticket: £5/£4 (not suitable for children)

(Tour ends at bottom of Leith Walk)

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Just over a week to go before this year’s Royal Highland Show

takes place at Ingliston.

A top summer attraction, the show has enjoyed record-breaking attendances in recent years with the three-year average now standing at over 177,000.

In 2012, visitor numbers were 161,242. In 2010, a new high of 187,644 was recorded, which in turn beat a figure that had stood for over 50 years, the Dundee show attendance of 163,917 in 1949.

A visit to the “Highland” – marketed as “The Greatest Show On Earth” – offers a multitude of features to enjoy with prize-winning livestock, the latest farm machinery, fine food and drink, outdoor living and countryside, traditional rural skills, renewable energy, music, cookery demonstrations, forestry events, handcrafts, children’s discovery centre, heavy horses, show-jumping, motor zone and shopping arcades just a few of the attractions.

All of these are contained within well-signposted designated areas making it easy for visitors to find their way around the showground.

Dates: The 2013 Royal Highland Show will take place from 20-23 June 2013. The organisers, the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) held their first show in 1822 in Edinburgh’s Canongate on a site now occupied by the Scottish Parliament. The 2013 show is the 173rd and the 53rd to be held at the permanent showground at Ingliston.

Venue: The Royal Highland Centre (RHC), Ingliston, is situated adjacent to Edinburgh International Airport on the A8, a short journey from the city centre and a few hundred metres from the main UK motorway network.

The area within the showground extends to 40 hectares and there is 60 hectares for parking more than 20,000 vehicles – the largest car park in Scotland!

The Royal Highland Show has been held annually at Ingliston since 1960 but was cancelled in 2001 due to foot and mouth disease. Prior to 1960, the show moved around the country to locations in the RHASS's eight electoral areas – Perth, Stirling, Strathclyde, Aberdeen, Lothian, Borders, Dumfries & Galloway and Highland. This year, Highlands and Islands is the “host” area.

Show Opening Times and Ticket Prices: Thursday: 07.00 – 20.00. Friday and Saturday: 08.00 – 20.00. Sunday: 08.00 – 18.30. Admission price on all four days is £25 with concessions at £20 available for senior citizens and students. All children under 15 accompanied by an adult go free. There are “early bird” discounts available at £22 and £18. Car parking is £8 per day. For “early bird” tickets, visit the website www.royalhighlandshow.org