

Five things you need to know today



Movement against the bedroom tax – Stockbridge Duck Race – Spoonful of Vintage – Community Bursary deadline extended – EIFF closing film today

The UK welfare cuts and so-called 'bedroom tax' have engendered a degree of feeling across the country, including here in Edinburgh. We caught up with Willie Black and Des Loughney who are campaigning against it just before the council meeting on Thursday. Here is what they had to say:-

[listen to 'Willie Black of Edinburgh Anti Bedroom Tax Coalition' on Audioboo](#)

[listen to 'Des Loughney of Edinburgh Trade Union Council' on Audioboo](#)

Today the Stockbridge Duck Race takes place, resuming after a year off due to the Water of Leith Flood Prevention works last year. There is more information about today's event [on the Bailie Bar website.](#)

A couple of thousand ducks will be thrown over the bridge into the Water of Leith below – all in the name of charity.



Spoonful of Vintage is on today at Spoon Cafe on Nicolson Street EH8 9DH from 11:00 – 5:00 pm

Spoon's [website](#) says:-“A new vintage fair has hit Edinburgh! A big thank you to all stall holders & customers alike. You all help make this Spring vintage fair the best yet! Looking forward the next one in the summer. We'll keep you posted!”

The application deadline for Ross and Liddell's Community Bursary programme has been extended.

The Edinburgh property specialist is giving non-profit groups in the country the opportunity to apply for financial support of up to £500. Funding requests were due to be in by the end of June, but the company has decided to give local community groups and organisations more time to apply for funding.

The closing date is now **Sunday July 28** and Irene Devenny, managing director at Ross and Liddell, is urging local groups to get involved.

She said: “We have been overwhelmed at the amount of applications that have been coming in from a wide range of clubs and organisations. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to apply for funding, we have decided to extend the deadline for another month.

“Ross and Liddell has always identified and provided support to clubs and voluntary organisations as part of its ongoing community engagement objectives and we are delighted to be able to develop on this and provide funding with our bursary programme.

“We want to hear from applicants about how the funding will allow their group to continue to deliver work that has a true legacy and impact within their local community.”

The bursary, which is now in its third year, has helped clubs and organisations pay for materials and services they might otherwise be unable to afford.

Groups wishing to apply for funding from Ross and Liddell's Community Bursary 2013 should visit www.ross-liddell.com to complete an online application form.



The Edinburgh International Film Festival will end today. Read more on the Festival Director's blog as to what he thinks you should go and see today [here on the website...](#)