

Five things you need to know today



All eyes on Andy – RNLI Queensferry – Green dog walkers – Raeburn Place development – Gorgie City Farm building a new play area

All eyes are on Scot Andy Murray today who plays in the men's final against Novak Djokovic. On the BBC live page they mention the date 7/7, the fact that it is 77 years since Fred Perry won the men's title and Virginia Wade who won the women's singles in.... you guessed it... 1977. If the omens are right then he has to win today!

We wish him all the best and hope that you saw our video from the Royal Bank of Scotland Group in St Andrew Square.

If not here it is again!



RNLI Queensferry are holding an open day today at Hawes Pier from 12. You can get there by bus or by train to Dalmeny Station. It is a shortish walk down the hill from there. Car parking is always at a premium in the Ferry.

The main event is usually the lifeboat and the air sea rescue helicopter in a joint display. [More details here.](#)

They have a very exciting video of one of their 'shouts' earlier this year...

The Green Dog Walkers Scheme has been launched in Edinburgh to encourage pet owners to take responsibility and clean up after them.

Volunteers pledge to encourage changes in attitudes about dog fouling in a non-confrontational, friendly way. Dog walkers are encouraged to act as ambassadors for responsible ownership and are asked to 'pledge' to always:

- clean up after their dog;
- wear a GDW armband or put a GDW collar on their dog;
- carry extra waste bags;
- be happy to be approached and give a waste bag to those without one.

Developed by Falkirk Council, the scheme has had such a positive effect that it has been adopted by several local authorities.

Results include a drop in the number of complaints about dog fouling, an increase in local cleanliness scores, and positive feedback from the public.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport and Environment Convener, said: "Evidence from other local authorities which have adopted the Green Dog Walkers Scheme shows that it has had a lot of success in tackling the anti-social issue of fouling.

"I would like to thank the many responsible dog walkers who do care about the environment and pick up waste. If anyone has any concerns about dog fouling, I urge them to call the Dish the Dirt hotline on **0300 456 3476**."

The scheme will be rolled out through community groups in the south of the city initially, with others areas following afterwards. Anyone who is interested in the scheme should contact their local environmental wardens through

their [neighbourhood office](#).

The Council's website has [more information about dog fouling and the Green Dog Walker scheme](#).

The decision on the proposed development of Edinburgh Accies ground in Raeburn Place appears to be forthcoming on 31 July 2013. All the papers for the development are [here](#). There are of course two sides to the proposal; the first is the club who want to develop a stadium with retail opportunities, and there is a Facebook [group supporting this](#).

The other is the local residents group, [Save Stockbridge](#), who do not want the traffic problems in Stockbridge exacerbated.



Gorgie City Farm appear to be building a new playpark. We had not heard of this till now but we hope to get some photos of the development soon!

Until then they have posted a photo on [Twitter here](#). If you know about the project then do tell us! You can use our [Submit your story feature here..](#)

