

# The Lord Provost is throwing a party

## TEA AND A TOAST TO CAPITAL'S UNSUNG HEROES

Some of Edinburgh's finest citizens are to be honoured at the first ever Lord Provost's Garden Party this summer.

Sponsored by Virgin Money, 500 people are expected to attend the celebratory event at Lauriston Castle on Saturday, 31 August 2013.

The guest list includes volunteers from the city's third sector, community council representatives, Olympic and Paralympic athletes from London 2012, British Empire Medal recipients and past winners of the Edinburgh Award.

Guests can look forward to enjoying afternoon tea and a variety of musical entertainment laid on throughout the Castle's magnificent grounds. Tours of the Castle will also be available courtesy of the Living History Group.

Lord Provost Donald Wilson said:- "I want to recognise and reward those who have made and continue to make a positive contribution to our great capital city – particularly the unsung heroes who give up their time tirelessly for others and for the good of their local community.

"Lauriston Castle is such a fantastic venue and one of Edinburgh's best kept secrets. Its beautiful gardens with their stunning views over the Forth lend themselves perfectly to an event such as this and I'm sure that, with Virgin Money's help, they will look splendid on the day.

"I am extremely grateful to Jayne-Anne and everyone at Virgin Money for their tremendous support and their ongoing commitment to their home city."

Jayne-Anne Gadhia, Chief Executive at Virgin Money, said:-  
“Virgin Money is delighted to be involved in the first ever Lord Provost’s Garden Party. It is important to recognise the people that help knit the community together and make Edinburgh such a great place to live and work.

“Lauriston Castle will provide the perfect setting for such an occasion and I am looking forward to what should be a great event.”