

Five things you need to know today



Local money for Leith – Safety advice for Fireworks Night – MSP congratulates Morningside on new magazine – Lions Fundraising – Save HMS Edinburgh

People in Leith will soon be asked by Leith Neighbourhood Partnership to decide how a pot of more than £20,000 in funding should be spent on projects that benefit the local community.

Now in its fourth year, feith Decides, allows community groups to apply for grants of up to £1,000 each. Once the applications are in, local people are invited to vote on which projects they would most like to receive the money. A special public event will take place in February, at which members of the public will get the chance to learn about applicants and their projects.

Previous successful applicants include Prospect Bank School Parents' Association for an outdoor climbing frame, the Goosander Resident's Association for a living garden, the Citadel Youth Centre for a young mums' parenting course, and the North Edinburgh Dementia Care group, which ran podiatry sessions for older clients.

This year's application period is now open and runs until 8 November 2013, when a Steering Group made up of local people will consider all applications to make sure that they meet the criteria – Advice is available on how to meet the criteria.

Councillor Maureen Child, Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "feith Decides has proven to be extremely popular, and

many new applicants came forward last year. It was fantastic that so many worthwhile projects, all of which have made a difference to people, were given help in this way.

“The public event held as part of the process gave community groups the opportunity to raise awareness about their work too. Neighbourhood Partnership events like this are valued by people who welcome the opportunity to make decisions about the area in which they live.”

For up-to-date information about feith Decides please visit its [Facebook](#) page and the [feith decides page](#)

It may be a few weeks away but The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service want you to know that they are already thinking about you. This is their advice:-

Fire crews in Scotland are up to four times busier on 5 November than any other night of the year. Wasting time and resources attending unsafe or uncontrolled bonfires could mean a critical delay in local fire crews attending a real life threatening emergency.

Thinking of building a bonfire? The simple advice from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is: DON'T!

It is much safer to attend an organised public display.

Within neighbourhoods affected by deliberate fire setting and fire vandalism at this or any other time of year, the public safety message is that fire setting is an offence, don't accept it, report it.

The public are requested to pass on any information about who may be responsible for fire setting and fire vandalism to Police Scotland using the 101 non-emergency number or Scotland Crimestoppers [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111).

The firework safety message to teachers, parents and young people is that fireworks are dangerous explosives that must be purchased and handled by adults. It is an offence for young people to purchase, be in possession of or set off fireworks.

For more information read our [Bonfire and Firework safety leaflet](#).

For more information on deliberate fire setting and fire vandalism read our [leaflet here](#).

We want to produce a list of organised fireworks displays. If you are having one then please tell us by email theedinburghreporter@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Jim Eadie, MSP for Edinburgh Southern, last week tabled a parliamentary motion congratulating the launch of Morningside Living, a community magazine showcasing all the great aspects Morningside's community and lifestyle has to offer.

In a statement, Jim Eadie said: -"It's great that the magazine is produced by the residents for the residents, and that community services such as the Open Door café, which provides care for older and disabled people, receive the positive coverage and publicity they deserve."

The full text of Mr Eadie's motion is:

"That the Parliament congratulates the launch of Morningside Living, a magazine showcasing all the great aspects Morningside's community and lifestyle has to offer; notes that the magazine is produced by residents for residents, informing them of the newest restaurants, shops and initiatives going on in the area including a focus on health and wellbeing, with articles on shiatsu and community counselling; applauds one initiative in particular, covered by the magazine, the Open Door, a community café which

assists older and disabled people through fundraising for care and wishes well the magazine in continuing to promote Morningside and its welcoming atmosphere."

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A lion hearted thank you from City of Edinburgh Lions Club in partnership with Diabetes UK who collected a fantastic £1,084.60 during the Big Collection at Tesco Corstorphine on 4 to 6 October. Lion President Andrew Kerr Sutherland, who is also 1st Vice District Governor of Lions Clubs International in Scotland and north east England, thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to further partnerships across the city.

Further information: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/cityofedinburgh

Left to right: Lions Ian Whiteford, Doris Brown, Lion President Andrew Kerr Sutherland, Lions Susie and Andrew Whiteford



The [petition](#) to Save HMS Edinburgh now has just under 2,000 signatures, but is open till February next year for you to add yours. There is a [Facebook](#) campaign and an e-petition to try and convince the UK Government that the Type 42 destroyer should be brought back to Edinburgh rather than scrapped.

The idea is to bring the ship back to Edinburgh as a tourist attraction.

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