

Lothian Buses are bringing Santa's Grotto to you...

 **LOTHIAN BUSES GROTTO BUS HITS THE ROAD**

Lothian Buses Launch Christmas in Style

A special Christmas grotto bus designed to spread joy to families across the city has been launched today by Lothian Buses to support its charity of the year.

The special bus which was officially opened by Chief Executive, Ian Craig and the Lothian Buses family, the Walkers will travel the city in December to help spread Christmas cheer and raise funds for children's cancer charity It's Good 2 Give.

On Sunday the 8th, 15th and 22nd of December, between 12pm and 4pm, the Grotto bus will be stationed on Waverley Bridge, where children will have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a token gift donated by sponsors Aldi and Tunnocks for a charitable donation which will go to It's Good 2 Give.

As part of the festivities, the bus will also go on special trips to local schools across Edinburgh to visit children including Kaimes Special School in Gilmerton.

Ian Craig, Chief Executive of Lothian Buses, said:- "We are delighted that once again we can bring some festive cheer to the residents and visitors of Edinburgh. We hope that the young and old will enter into the Christmas spirit and join us at one of our events across the city to support our admirable Charity of the Year, It's Good 2 Give."

Lynne McNicoll, Founder of It's Good 2 Give, commented:-

“Lothian Buses Santa's grotto bus is a great way for families across Edinburgh to get into the Christmas spirit. We are extremely grateful for the support the bus will provide our charity, with donations going towards helping young people with cancer and their families in Edinburgh and the Lothian's.”

On Saturday 7 December, the bus will pop up in Midlothian as part of the Dalkeith Christmas light switch on. This will be an opportunity for local residents to meet Santa and find out information on the **New Year's Day services that have been introduced to and from Midlothian for the first time.**

Lothian Buses will also be selling It's Good 2 Gives' Christmas cards in their Travelshops and online throughout December.