

# Five things you need to know today



## Your dogs – Waste Action Grants – Kate Atkinson – Cycle route survey – Jawbone Arch

Do you have a dog? Does your neighbour have a dog? Would you like to share a photo or video with us to show them off? The easiest and newest way for you to share your photos and video is to use our new website EdinburghReportage and you will find the storyboard for dog photos or videos [here](#).

We are really looking forward to seeing all your lovely pets! If you're really good we'll set up a board for cats next...



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If you are part of a community group or church or other body which is encouraging reducing reusing and recycling waste then you can apply for a grant of £50 or more to help you.

The next deadline for the larger of these applications is 6 February and the council is inviting you to send in your requests now.

More details on the council [website](#).

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Brian Ferguson writing in [The Scotsman](#) has alerted us to the award which author Kate Atkinson has just won. Atkinson wrote the Case Histories books and created the character Jackson Brodie who apparently lives in a mews house in Edinburgh, and

she has won the Costa Novel Award 2013 for her book Life After Life. The book was also shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction and won the Good Reads award for historical fiction in 2013.

The Costa judges said of the book:-“Astonishing – this book does everything you could ask for in a work of fiction and so much more.”

Have you read it? Would you like to review it for us?

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The City of Edinburgh Council will shortly be undertaking traffic surveys within the Newington/Blacket area.

The Council are in the early stages of investigating the potential for a cycle scheme which would connect the University of Edinburgh's Pollock Halls of Residence with the recently implemented Quality Bike Corridor route, which runs from George IV Bridge to King's Buildings. The route would also link to a proposed 'family friendly' route to Morningside.

**As part of the early project design process, some on-street traffic surveys will be carried out in the area of the potential route during the weeks commencing Monday 21 and Monday 28 January 2013.**

This work will comprise traffic surveys, pedestrian surveys and parking counts, and will be undertaken by street operatives and the use of temporary CCTV cameras fixed to existing street furniture. The work will be carried out in stages over the two week period, however not all elements of the survey will be conducted simultaneously and the programming of each element will be, to an extent, weather dependent.

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A [campaign](#) has been started to raise £60,000 to save Jawbone Walk in the Meadows. "The arch is one of last relics of the International Exhibition of Science and Art which took place on the Meadows in 1886. The jaw bones of a whale formed part of the stand of the Shetland and Fair Isle Knitters, and after the exhibition they were gifted to the city. There are many whalebone arches around the country, particularly in places associated with the whaling industry, but Edinburgh is unusual as here the whalebone arch was gifted by knitters."

This video tells you more.

[Heidi Pearson : Jawbone Walk](#) from [www.summerhall.tv](http://www.summerhall.tv) on [Vimeo](#).