

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



New store underway at Hillend – Lochend Park – Cockburn Crescent planning refused – Police report from North Edinburgh – Fundraiser for Mikaeel Kular memorial

[Have a look at our article over here](#) to see the progress made with the new Pentland Outdoor Centre being built at Hillend.

The new store will feature a restaurant and a specialist offering of outdoor gear from Craigdon Mountain Sports, a family run business with a wealth of experience in this sector.

The building is really beginning to take shape on the site of the former roadside hotel.

[The Friends of Lochend Park](#) have reported that there are environmental wardens out in the park to tackle the problem of dog fouling there, and they have spoken to more than 15 dog owners in the last few days.

The council describe the park on their website:-“Lochend Park is a popular country-style park off Lochend Road South and behind Meadowbank Sports stadium. The loch, with a wide variety of waterfowl is the main attraction, but historical buildings, a children’s play area, teen area and even a bee cafe. The park holds a Green Flag in recognition of it being a quality greenspace.”

Remember you can access information about parks by downloading

the council's app [which you will find here.](#)

The area to the south of Cockburn Crescent which is as far as you can go on a Number 44 bus has been the subject of a planning application by Barratt Construction. The difficulty is that the land at present is zoned as green belt. Whether or not that remains the case in the new Local Development Plan to be published in May 2014 is yet to be seen, but in any event the Reporter explained that in his view this is not classed as prime farmland. The main reason for the refusal of planning for 125 houses is the increased traffic which would only add to the congestion on the Lanark Road. There is another planning application outstanding for an adjacent area and those campaigning against the green belt development say they hope it will also be refused.

The decision on another green belt site at Ravelrig is due to be taken by Edinburgh Council on 9 April 2014.

Inspector David Happs has used Audioboo to report on community policing in North Edinburgh. Listen here!

[listen to 'Inverleith ward priority update' on Audioboo](#)

The busy and industrious people at TRIM are organising a fundraiser this weekend. It is to raise money for a memorial for toddler Mikaeel Kular who went missing in January, and whose body was discovered in Fife after a widespread search.

[Read all about the event here!](#)

