

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Local Development Plan – Digital Sentinel – Blossom trees – Recipe Swap – Tantallon Castle

The latest version of Edinburgh's Local Development Plan has now been postponed until June 12.

It was due to be published earlier in the week, but it seems agreement between the various political parties has not been achieved so the unveiling of the revised plan has now been set for some time in June.

[The Digital Sentinel](#) is a community news site with news all about Wester Hailes and the surrounding area. If you would like to find out more about it, whether to join in as a community reporter or as an organisation needing publicity then get along to their Information Afternoon this week.

2.30pm Wednesday 14 May 2014 on the Re-Union Barge which will be moored beside the totem pole (behind the former Shell garage) All local organisations are welcome.

Share with us while you still can the photos you may have taken of some of the beautiful blossom trees in the city.

[Click here to add your photos!](#)

On a Sunday we all generally have more time to do the things

we love like cooking. Today would be a great day to add your favourite recipe [here](#). We are looking for those great recipes for sweets and treats that you have honed to perfection and would now like to share with others complete with your best tips.

We look forward to reading them all!

This weekend, visitors to Tantallon Castle will be treated to a special event combining archaeology and historical re-enactment.

Archaeologists Under Siege will see re-enactors playing some of those who defended the castle against Cromwell's soldiers in a 1651 siege, as they set up camp in the castle grounds over the course of the weekend.

Visitors will be able to travel back in time to the 17th century, learning about how soldiers from the period would have lived, dressed and fought. As well as taking in weaponry demonstrations, visitors can explore the soldiers' camp, finding out about daily life in the 1650s.

There will also be the opportunity to meet some of Historic Scotland's archaeologists, who will be excavating a series of trenches at the site along with a team from Kirkdale Archaeology and volunteers from the Friends of North Berwick Museum and Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society.

Following excavations last year – which uncovered a range of archaeological features and artefacts, including musket balls which may have been used by Cromwell's soldiers – the team will be on site once again, targeting areas of potential archaeological interest identified by a recent geophysical survey.

Visitors to the castle can watch the archaeologists in action,

ask them questions and help out with the cleaning of finds. Guided tours of the dig will also take place during the weekend alongside the historical re-enactment.

Dr Lorna Ewan, Head of Visitor Experience, Content and Learning at Historic Scotland said: "Once home to the Red Douglasses, one of Scotland's most prominent and powerful baronial families, Tantallon Castle endured three major sieges; in 1491, 1528 and 1651. This unique event, part of our Year of Homecoming 2014 programme, offers visitors the opportunity to learn more about Oliver Cromwell's siege of 1651. It marries living history with groundbreaking archaeology, giving visitors the opportunity to delve into the castle's history in a multi-faceted way."

Archaeologists Under Siege will take place at Tantallon Castle from 12-4pm on 10 and 11 May. The event is included in admission to the castle. For further information visit www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/homecoming

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