

Five things you need to know today



Edinburgh International Film Festival – Integrated ticketing on the trams and buses – Cycle path – Family Fun at Preston Mill – Free swimming in the summer holidays

The Edinburgh International Film Festival gets underway today with the Gala showing of *Hyena* at The Festival Theatre this evening.

If you haven't booked your tickets for any films yet then you may still have time. You can access the whole EIFF brochure [by clicking here.](#)

This is a groundbreaking new British crime drama [Hyena](#). The film combines stylish cinematography, a killer soundtrack and fantastic performances.

Directed by Gerard Johnson and starring Peter Ferdinando and Stephen Graham, this stylish crime thriller follows corrupt cop Michael Logan (Peter Ferdinando), who leads a special task force targeting London's most unsavory drug traffickers.

Look out for the red carpet at the Festival Theatre later.

Do you know yet how to use the tickets on the trams and buses?

Well here is a video telling you how!

And just to remind you what the first day of Edinburgh Trams was like you can watch our video here...

The Council is working in partnership with [Sustrans](#) to deliver an upgrade of [National Cycle Network Route 1](#) (NCN1) between the Meadows and the Innocent Tunnel cycle path. The route forms part of the Council's 'Family Network', a network of cycle routes for younger, new or less confident cyclists.

A public consultation was held in winter 2013. More information regarding the consultation results and revised plans of the cycle route can be found by clicking the following hyperlink [Meadows – Innocent Path \(NCN1\)](#)

Midsummer is being marked at the highly popular Preston Mill, near East Linton, with a day of special events. Something for all the family is promised with a range of fun pursuits at this beautiful National Trust for Scotland property.

There will be plenty of outdoor activities to keep the youngsters busy, including explorer pack adventures and Ranger craftwork. All age groups are welcome to join in the fun of the duck races, giant board games and the outdoor quiz trail, with prizes to be won.

Hot and cold drinks and snacks will be available. Visitors can also relax in the lovely grounds with a picnic.

The Trust property at Preston Mill includes the idyllic 18th century water mill itself and the nearby Phantassie Doocot. Interactive displays explain the history and techniques of milling with Millie the Mouse encouraging youngsters to touch grains and cereals and to mill their own oats. Guided tours are available and an audio guide tells the story of the mill.

DATES: 21 June 2014 12.00-16.00

TICKETS: Free Entry – there are charges for activities, and the usual charges apply for tours of the mill.

For more information call: 0844 493 2128

Edinburgh Leisure is offering free swimming in the summer holidays from 28 June 2014 for primary school children at four of its pools across the city:- Ainslie Park Leisure Centre, Dalry Swim Centre, Gracemount Leisure Centre, Leith Victoria Swim Centre and it is also available at Wester Hailes Education Centre as part of the scheme run there.

[More details here.](#)