

Five things you need to know today



Police need help tracing elderly woman's attacker

Call for investment on East Coast Main Line

Bus tram and road updates

Artist requires assistant

Car racing for Maggie's

Police in Edinburgh yesterday called for help from the Edinburgh public in tracking down the person who attacked an 85 year-old woman in her own home.

Officers in the area are continuing door-to-door inquiries and CCTV footage in the area is being examined.

Anyone with any information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

[Read more here.](#)

The council leader Andrew Burns is speaking at an event today to call for investment in the railway line joining Edinburgh to the UK capital. The huge growth potential of economies linked by the East Coast Main Line (ECML) will be presented to Government Ministers, business leaders and Members of the UK and Scottish Parliaments at events at Our Dynamic Earth later today and in London on 17 July.

The research, commissioned by the Consortium of East Coast

Main Line Authorities (ECMA), was undertaken over the past 8 months and is part of the ECMA's bid for investment for upgrades to the ECML. It shows that the economies linked by the ECML are worth well over £300 billion each year to the UK with significant potential for growth worth £5bn if rail connections were improved along the whole route.

Furthermore, the predicted economic benefits increase to £9bn if the ECML is improved in addition to the eastern arm of High Speed 2 being built, allowing high speed trains to connect Leeds, York, the North East and Scotland to Birmingham and London.

The Consortium will be setting out the action all partners need to take to deliver this economic growth across the ECML at the Events. It will ask the rail industry to suggest and deliver the schemes that best achieve the potential for economic growth identified in the research.

City of Edinburgh Council is a member of ECMA and is committed to securing economic growth by improving passenger and freight services across the ECML.

Councillor Frank Ross, Economy Convener, said: "Businesses, politicians and interested parties will see a strong and united call for investment in the East Coast Main Line in the period before HS2 is completed. Investing in better connectivity is vital if our cities are going to drive economic growth across the country in the future. For Scotland the key is to reduce journey times."

Any disruptions to tram and bus services are now shown live on the Transport for Edinburgh website by clicking [here](#).

Yesterday trams were only running to Murrayfield from the Airport. According to The Edinburgh Evening News it was balloons which were the problem! Apparently some balloons got

entangled in the overhead lines and Edinburgh Trams were worried they would get tangled in the pantographs above the trams. Passengers were able to use buses instead with the same ticket.

Another great Twitter account to follow for road disruptions is [@edintravel](#) which is run by the council keeping an eye on all on street cameras to alert you to any delays. Today you have to watch out in Oxbgangs for resurfacing works which start there.

*Oxbgangs Road North footway resurfacing starts tomorrow (Tues 15th) with temporary lights at the library:
<http://t.co/Fzy6aBZEmR> #edintravel*

– EdinburghTravelNews (@edintravel) [July 14, 2014](#)

The Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop has advised that their recent artist in residence requires some help by the end of this week. We hope this is a job for one of our readers!

Assistance Required:

Artist Ting-Tong Chang, recently in residence at Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, needs some assistance with an exhibition of his work in Minto House this summer.

The exhibition opens on 25th July and runs from 26 July to 9 August, and is open daily 10am-6pm. The exhibition includes video and sound works.

The artist needs help with:

- The set-up and installation for the installation period 18-24 July*
- Dropping flyers and posters around the area*

- Helping to set up the opening & catering*
- Opening and closing the venue each day during the exhibition (31 July – 9 August) and turning on works (invigilation not required). The exhibition opens each day at 10am, and closes at 6pm each day.*

A fee of £500 will be paid.

Please email office@edinburghsculpture.org for further information or to express interest.

Think you're a good driver? Think your car is fast? Then test it out on the runway. Yes you read that right – and it's all for charity!

Race the Runway for Maggie's Edinburgh at [Edinburgh Airport](#) on Thursday 4th September!

Maggie's has teamed up with Edinburgh Airport to bring you a once in a lifetime opportunity! We are giving motor enthusiasts the chance to race their own car down Edinburgh's second runway. This is your chance to see what your car can really do! You will be guaranteed a minimum of two runs and will fight it out for the prize of fastest car. This is a full day event, with lunch included.

To register, all you have to do is donate £300 to Maggie's. Contact mark.cooper@maggiescentres.org

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