

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Register to vote

Independence Hustings

MP opens Kwik Fit in Corstorphine

Fundraising ball

Edinburgh Festivals

More than four million people across Scotland will receive poll cards this week, as Counting Officers around the country publish formal notice of the Scottish Independence Referendum on 18 September.

In Edinburgh, 350,000 poll cards will be issued to residents who have registered to vote.

Those who have not yet registered, or who are unsure whether they are on the electoral role, are being urged to check before 2 September to avoid missing out on the historic vote.

Only people who are registered to vote, and are aged 16 or over on 18 September, will be able to participate in the poll.

Sue Bruce, Chief Executive of City of Edinburgh Council and Counting Officer for Edinburgh, has encouraged local constituents to take action.

She said: "We are now fast approaching the Scottish Independence Referendum. Preparations are well advanced in Edinburgh, with more than 350,000 poll cards about to be issued.

“There is still time to register for those who haven’t yet, and I would urge those who want to take part to do so by 2 September to avoid missing out on this historic referendum.”

Poll cards will provide voters with further information on how and where to vote on 18 September, when polling places will be open from 7am until 10pm.

Those who are unsure whether they are registered to vote, or wish to register, should visit [Lothian Valuation Joint Board’s website](#) or calling 0131 344 2500.

Further information on voting in the Referendum, including a list of polling places, can be found on the [City of Edinburgh Council’s website](#).

Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council are staging a hustings on 14 August at 7-9pm at Blackhall St Columba’s Church Columba Road when MSPs Sarah Boyack, Alison Johnstone, Marco Biagi and Gavin Brown MSP will debate the Independence questions.



Edinburgh’s Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart has cut the ribbon at the grand re-opening of the Edinburgh Kwik Fit Premier Centre on Corstorphine Road.

The new owners of Kwik Fit are investing in a number of centres up and down the country. The centre on Corstorphine Road was chosen for refurbishment due to the commitment of their staff. The upgraded workspace will now benefit both the staff and motorists in Edinburgh.

Whilst there, Mike also got the opportunity to talk to apprentices at the centre about their role and experiences.

Commenting, Edinburgh's Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart said:

"The investment that the new owners of Kwik Fit have poured into the local centre is very good news for Edinburgh and its motorists. The town is very fortunate that the company selected the Corstorphine Road branch for refurbishment with all the latest technology and equipment over hundreds of others.

"During my visit I got to talk to a young apprentice at the centre. It was great to see how passionate they were about their role and hear about the opportunity that this apprenticeship is giving them.

"University is not always the right route for every one and apprentices can be invaluable to businesses of any size. I have actively been encouraging businesses in Edinburgh to take on apprentices and it's commendable that there's an apprenticeship scheme at Kwik Fit to give unemployed young people a helping hand by creating jobs and giving them some valuable career skills.

"I hope young people in Edinburgh will see the benefit and apply for the programme."



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