

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Currie will have a Christmas Tree

Clean up on Ferry Road North

Lunchtime concert today

More recycling rolled out across the city

Aster is the first Hearing Dog Puppy in Scotland

We reported to you a week or so ago that the council had told [Currie Community Council](#) that their Christmas tree would cost around £1500. So the people in Currie have decided to do it themselves.

[Post](#) by [Currie Community Council](#).

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Just look at the good work being done in North Edinburgh to clean the place up! Last week the council arranged an amnesty on charges for picking up rubbish. The after photos are a huge transformation.

[Post](#) by [StrongerNorth](#).

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Today Rohan de Saram and Tanya Ekanayaka will perform on cello and piano at the Reid Concert Hall. The free concert will begin at 13.10pm and the best thing is that it is free!

[More details here.](#)

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The second phase of the council's new recycling service is about to roll out to around 17,000 people in the city.

Under the new service here are the rules:

*Green bin – Tins, cans, paper, cardboard, envelopes, plastic bottles and bottle tops, pots, tubs and trays-put the items in loose, do not use plastic or black bags*

*Blue box – Glass, batteries, small electricals and textiles*

*New Grey wheelie bin – All waste that can't be recycled*

*Red box – No longer used*

*Food waste bin – All food waste*

*Brown bin – Garden waste*

More information on the service and who will be affected can be found here:

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20001/bins\\_and\\_recycling/1023/new\\_recycling\\_service](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20001/bins_and_recycling/1023/new_recycling_service)

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National charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, have launched a brand new puppy training project in Scotland – and the first puppy has just arrived in Edinburgh!

Aster, an adorable 12 week old black Cocker Spaniel puppy, is the first pup to be trained as a hearing dog in Scotland.

Vicky Hope, aged 43 of Newhaven in Edinburgh, is a mum of two and is delighted to be the first volunteer to train a puppy in Scotland. After years of pester power from her children, she is now caring for Aster at home and the family are learning

all about dog training. Vicky said:

'My kids have wanted a puppy for a long time, so I decided we'd volunteer to train a hearing dog puppy who will grow up to do some good, as well as teach my children how to be responsible. Aster is amazing – she's so full of life and we've all fallen head over heels in love with her!'

There are more than 80 deaf people with hearing dogs living in Scotland, and the Charity is now appealing for volunteers in Edinburgh and surrounding areas to help train a further nine young puppies.

Alex McQuiggan, Partnership Instructor for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People in Scotland, said:

'We are delighted that the first puppy has now settled in to her new home in Edinburgh, and we are now looking for puppy training volunteers in Scotland. Volunteers are provided with all food and equipment needed, and receive full support and guidance from our training team, as well as regular home visits and weekly puppy training classes.

Once the puppy's training is complete, they will be partnered with someone who is severely or profoundly deaf and give that person greater confidence and independence. Hearing dogs are life-changing and volunteering with us is extremely rewarding.'

Each volunteer family will be required to care for and train the puppy with the help of a Hearing Dogs trainer for a sixteen month period, and the charity are also looking for volunteers who can provide short term puppy care.

1 in 6 people in the UK suffer from hearing loss. Hearing dogs transform the lives of deaf people by alerting them to important sounds they cannot hear, such as the alarm clock, doorbell and smoke alarm.

For more information visit  
[www.hearingdogs.org.uk/scotlandpuppy](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/scotlandpuppy) or email  
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