

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Edinburgh streets to become 20mph zones

Gilded Balloon Comedy

Best Small Shops

Learning Fair in Wester Hailes

Edinburgh's Christmas hailed a huge success

The council is looking at ways of reducing the speed on our streets which will also reduce traffic congestion and the effect of any collisions which might still occur.

Is your street affected? Have a look here on the interactive map which the council has produced:

[Read more here](#)

On Saturday night The Gilded Balloon will take to the Festival Theatre stage and do everything they can to make you laugh your January blues away.

Tickets are an outstanding bargain at £10 and the show on Saturday will include Dylan Moran, Raymond Mearns, Stuart Mitchell and Larry Dean.

[Tickets here](#)

Mike Crockart MP for Edinburgh West is calling on small shops

in his constituency to enter the All Party Parliamentary Group on Small Shop's 'Best Small Shops Competition'.

Small shops can submit their application to the competition via www.bestsmallshops.uk setting out in no more than 500 words why they are the best small shops including; innovation in your business, community engagement and entrepreneurial activity.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a Parliamentary Reception on 25th February 2015, 1pm to 3pm where the winner will be announced.

Mr Crockart said:

"Edinburgh West is home to many fantastic small shops, all of whom are more than worthy of winning this competition.

"This competition is the perfect opportunity for the small shops of Edinburgh West to get the recognition they deserve for the role they play in supporting the local community and creating jobs all year round.

"I want to encourage every small shop in Edinburgh to enter this competition and I would be absolutely delighted and immensely proud to see an Edinburgh business being announced as the winner in Parliament on the 25th February."





So Edinburgh's Christmas is over and the organisers have announced the numbers which are even better than last year. Many residents appear to have taken advantage of the 20% discount on offer to those with an EH postcode, but there must have been many visitors from elsewhere in Scotland and beyond as 3.6m tickets were sold overall.

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