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Midmar

Foot of the Walk improvements begin today

Teacup Travels filmed in Edinburgh

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A second rally was held at Midmar Paddock where locals are very much against the land being sold for development.

[Post](#) by [Friends of the Hermitage of Braid & Blackford Hill](#).

Local MP Ian Murray has set up a petition on his website to save the Midmar Paddock which you can access [here](#).

The next phase of the Leith Programme is due to get under way this morning focusing on upgrading the junction at the Foot of the Walk.

Contractors MacLay Civil Engineering Ltd, who are carrying out the project on the Council's behalf, have begun preparing the site for the works, which are expected to take 15 weeks to complete.

Aimed at simplifying and improving the junction, the redesign will see four improved pedestrian crossings installed at the bottom of Leith Walk, Duke Street, Great Junction Street and Constitution Street.

Once fully operational the junction will allow pedestrians to cross more easily than at present, enhancing the overall accessibility of the area in line with the design principles of the [Leith Programme](#).

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: “We’ve been delighted with the positive feedback we’ve had on how much the Leith Programme has already transformed the look and feel of Leith Walk and we know residents and businesses are keen to see the Foot of the Walk brought up to a similar standard.

“As always, every effort will be made to keep noise and disruption to an absolute minimum and we appreciate the public’s patience while this next phase of work is carried out.”

Traffic management arrangements have been drawn up in order to minimise disruption to traffic flow as far as possible. These are anticipated to come into effect from Monday 16 February 2015.

Constitution Street will be closed at its junction with Leith Walk for the duration of the works and local access to this area will be via Laurie Street, Queen Charlotte Street, or Bernard Street.

Meanwhile, three-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation at the main Leith Walk junction to control traffic flow.



The second programme in the five week series called Teacup Travels will air on CBeebies tonight at 5.45pm and it features one of Edinburgh’s best known buildings.

 The Head Gardener’s Cottage in Princes Street Gardens was

used as Great Aunt Lizzie's home. The programme was filmed and produced entirely in Scotland by Edinburgh-based Plum Films and it follows the adventures of Charlotte and Elliot who imagine themselves following in their Great Aunt's footsteps. Every adventure is inspired by a real artefact from a UK museum.

Watch a trailer at this link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/teacup-travels>

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