

Five things you need to know today



North Edinburgh News Cooperative – Mother's Day event

Development at Hermitage Golf Course

Spring clean for Barnardo's

It's Good 2 Give Arctic Trek

Best buses

The Edinburgh Reporter is proud to be one of the founding members of the North Edinburgh News Cooperative which is a wholly digitally based news initiative. If you live in North Edinburgh (or even if you don't!) come along to the Muirhouse Community Shop from 10.00am this morning. Bring your mum and get a family photo taken. All for free! Come on down to Pennywell Road and meet the team.



A public event as part of the pre-application consultation for project at Hermitage Golf Course will take place on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at the Hermitage café on Braid Hills Drive, Edinburgh. The event will take place between 12pm and 8pm and there will be presentations by the project architect on the proposed design at 1.15pm and 8pm.

The event will be attended by members of the project design team and there should also be a chance to see disc-golf being played. Teas and coffees will also be available.



With spring in the air, charity shop bosses are hoping 'spring-clean fever' will encourage customers across Edinburgh and the Lothians to donate clothes they no longer need or wear to their local Barnardo's stores.

As well as calling for customers to spring clean their wardrobes in aid of Barnardo's Scotland, from 28 March to 25 April, shops are launching a quality denim event at great value prices where shoppers may well find a designer bargain.

Barnardo's Scotland Area Business Manager for shops in the east, Deriel Loftus, said: "As the weather begins to warm and holiday season looms, we are in great need of donations of spring/summer stock such as dresses, light blouses and tops, sandals and summer hats. We hope that families planning to spring clean their homes now will also be spring cleaning their wardrobes. And we would be more than happy to receive and recycle unused clothes, shoes and accessories.

"When they drop off their donations, they'll also be able to have a browse of our denim stock and might even bag themselves a bargain at the same time!"

Barnardo's Scotland relies on the income generated from their shops to help support their work. All money raised in their shops goes towards community-based services with children, young people and families in the local area. Barnardo's Scotland has 78 shops across Scotland, to find your local shop visit their [website](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/shops) at www.barnardos.org.uk/shops.

The hardy fundraising troupe who went to the Arctic for Edinburgh based charity [It's Good 2 Give](http://www.itsgood2give.org) have raised £126,000 for the cancer charity set up by Lynne McNicoll who herself

climbed Kilimanjaro last year.

Well done to all of them!

They are on their way home now and will no doubt be resting up this weekend with a few do not disturb signs!

Lothian Buses has maintained strong passenger satisfaction across its services in 2014, according to a bus passenger survey.

The research, which was carried out by the independent watchdog Passenger Focus, found that 94% of Lothian Buses passengers continued to be satisfied with the overall service of the bus company.

Lothian Buses also exceeded last year's results around the price of fares with 83% of its bus passengers saying they were satisfied with the value for money.

Sarah Boyd, Head of Operations at Lothian Buses, said: "We are really pleased to be recognised for the high quality service we continue to provide our passengers across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

"What matters most to our customers is that we give them the best possible means of travelling in and around the city and this survey is further evidence that we are delivering on their expectations. For that we have to thank our hard working and dedicated staff, who deserve to be proud of this latest achievement."

Other areas where Lothian Buses were rated highly:

Availability of seating and standing space on the bus (94%)

Cleanliness and condition of vehicles (89%)

Punctuality of bus (89%)

Lothian Buses reported in December that bus passengers were up from 115.4 million in 2013 to 118.4 million in 2014.

The company recently announced a number of service improvements, which aim to maintain high satisfaction rates.

The Bus Passenger Survey was carried out between 10 September and 30 November 2014 and received 1,227 survey responses from Lothian Buses passengers.

The [survey](#) is designed to provide results that are representative of bus passenger journeys made within each area that is at the level of a transport authority. All passengers that took part in the survey were aged 16 or over.

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