

Five things you need to know today



Lord Provost's Community Garden Party

Hermitage Garden

Royal Edinburgh Summer Fete

Colinton Library will be making a volcano today!

Charge your phone at the new bus shelters

If you haven't got your garden party invitation from the Lord Provost by now then sadly you are probably not on the list. But there are many others invited to his Community Garden Party on Friday afternoon at Lauriston Castle. The Lord Provost will use the event to present some awards.

He will present the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service to Lifecare Edinburgh and Duddingston Kirk Lunch Club.

The guest list will feature dedicated workers from the city's third sector, some community council members and those who have received the British Empire Medal. The idea is to say thank you to all for the work they do to help communities across Edinburgh.

The event is sponsored by Virgin Money and over 400 people will be entertained with afternoon tea, live music from local groups and choirs, and tours of the castle led by Lauriston Castle Living History Group. Mark Kirkham the Edinburgh Sketcher will be sketching away and local worthies like Sir Tom Farmer, Lynne McNicoll OBE and Gordon Aikman BEM are all expected.

The Lord Provost first held his Community Garden Party in 2013 when Anna McLuckie entertained guests. She has since appeared on The Voice on the BBC.

Here is the programme of events



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Last week, the Hermitage Garden, a horticulture project for autistic young people and adults, based at the Hermitage Golf Course, Braid Hills Drive and run by Autism Initiatives, was vandalised for a second time this month. Ian Murray MP has visited the site and offered help to clear the mess up.

[Read more here.](#)



Wednesday the 29th at 2:30-3:30 we will be making our very own volcano in Colinton library, come along and see if you can survive the fizzy fury!

Posted by [Colinton Library](#) on [Monday, 27 July 2015](#)



Did you know that you can now charge your phone at the new bus shelters on Princes Street provided by advertising company JCDecaux in a deal with The City of Edinburgh Council.

Now you no longer need to run out of power on the move. Just sit down in the shelter and plug in to one of the USB ports you will find there.

USB charging points are available on 11 of the stops along the north side of Princes Street, and one outside Waverley

Station, which have been upgraded as part of a 10-year partnership with advertising company JCDecaux.

On Princes Street they will feature digital advertising screens providing tourism, local and Council information, forming part of the first network of interactive 'LiveTouch' screens in the city. (The Edinburgh Reporter features on one of these advertising The Life of Barney Thomson!)

Transport Convener, Councillor Lesley Hinds, said: "These shelters are being installed free of charge to the Council as part of the advertising contract with JCDecaux, who are also carrying out a cleaning programme across many of the city's bus stops.

"One of the great things about the new bus shelters on Princes Street is the phone charging points, which will help those travelling around or visiting the city to stay connected all the time. This will be particularly useful during the Festival, when more people than ever will be passing through Edinburgh."

Find out more about the bus shelter replacement programme [here](#).

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