

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



The Festival at the Queen's Hall

Ways to connect with The Edinburgh Reporter

National Trust get TripAdvisor awards

Waverley Market

Floral Clock is finished!




Loading...



Taking too long?



Reload document

|  [Open in new tab](#)

[Download \[162.00 B\]](#)

How can you keep up with our news?

A variety of ways! First of all here on our site where we welcome comments from you on what we write about and how it's written. Then we have a few other outlets which we hope you might already know about.

[Audioboom](#)

[Vimeo](#)

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

[EdinburghReportage](#)

Sign up here for a daily email from The Edinburgh Reporter !

[mc4wp_form]



If you are reading this article on paper and would like to visit the website then scan the QR code above with a smartphone or tablet and you will be taken straight there.

Visitors to two Edinburgh attractions owned by the National Trust for Scotland have helped them win prestigious TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence for 2015.

The certificates are given to attractions that receive consistently good reviews on the trip planning website for the quality of their service and visitor experience. Visitor comments included:

Georgian House, Edinburgh
the individual guides were excellent"

"Extremely well done and

Gladstone's Land, Edinburgh

"It's a really great place to get a sense of the living conditions of the time"

“TripAdvisor is a fantastic tool for us as an organisation,” said Keith Halstead, Assistant Director, Property and Visitor Services. “While it is always satisfying to read good reviews, we also really value the constructive feedback that visitors tell us, as we can use it to keep the visitor experience constantly improving.”

Across Scotland, 34 Trust attractions won the Certificate this year.

Fringe by the Sea is a lovely way to combine music with a great day out in North Berwick.

They have already sold out their Joan Armatrading concert but they have loads of other things!

Click below to see exactly what is going on in the Spiegeltent!

 ***

This year's iconic [Floral Clock](#) design was unveiled yesterday in Princes Street Gardens by Lord Provost Donald Wilson. A tribute to Edinburgh's ten year anniversary as UNESCO [City of Literature](#), the clock strikes ten in celebration of the city's prestigious literary status.

The famous timepiece takes over five weeks to create and features a different theme each year. The first was planted in 1903 and over the years it has been inspired by themes such as Robert Louis Stevenson's centenary, Edinburgh's decade as a Fairtrade City and Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.

This new Floral Clock is a colourful display made up of more than 35,000 individual plants, including echeveria and begonia.



Lord Provost Donald Wilson marked the completion of the popular feature and watched gardeners make the finishing touches. He said: "The historic Floral Clock is an iconic feature in Princes Street Gardens and this year we are particularly proud of it, as it commemorates the 10 year anniversary of Edinburgh becoming the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

"The design is a fitting tribute to this very special accolade and helps us celebrate the past, present and future of Edinburgh's renowned literary heritage."

Edinburgh was designated UNESCO's first City of Literature in 2004 in recognition of the city's celebrated literary history and commitment to supporting contemporary writers today and in the future.

Ali Bowden, director at Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust said: "Writers, readers, storytellers, bookshops, book artists, libraries, literary organisations...these are the things that make Edinburgh such an amazingly creative, literary place.

"It was an honour to become the first UNESCO City of Literature in the world, and ten years on, Edinburgh continues to inspire new work, new writers."

As part of the year-long celebrations of the capital's UNESCO status, two public urban gardens have also been created in the city centre, and the Free to Fly book sculpture by a mystery paper artist will be on display in the Council's City Chambers.