

Five things you need to know today



Southside Community Council will meet soon

Honour for 19th century vet

Charitable status for Historic Environment Scotland

EH1 Festival

Young Scot have advice for students under 18

A new community council is to be formed in Southside following a successful nomination period.

Eleven members have been elected to the community council, which is being reformed after four years. There will also be members from two local interest groups – The Causey Development Trust and the Southside Association.

The first meeting of the community council will be held in the near future, where the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed, as well as the approval of a Constitution.

This meeting will be chaired by the Returning Officer (Councillor Jim Orr), with support from Committee Services officers of the Council. Following this, the community council will be able to make arrangements for its future meetings.

Communities and Neighbourhoods Convener, Councillor Maureen Child, said: “Congratulations to the new members of Southside Community Council, I’m delighted that these individuals can now come together to support the needs of, and make improvements on behalf of, their local community.

“Community councils are a great way for local people meet and to share ideas for improving the area in partnership with their own local Councillors.”

The city’s community councils are involved in each of its 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships ([external link](#)) and work with the Council and other organisations to represent the views of local people.

Find out more about community councils on the [Council website](#).

A pioneering veterinary scientist – described as being a hundred years ahead of his time – is to have a blue plaque unveiled in his honour later this morning.



Photo courtesy of Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Professor John Barlow (1815-1856) was an eminent scientist at the Edinburgh Veterinary College and a leading figure in the city’s scientific community.

John Barlow was Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the Edinburgh Veterinary College – now the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh – where he was the first to introduce the microscope into veterinary studies.

An event to commemorate Professor Barlow’s life and work takes place on Monday (14 September) at his former home in Edinburgh. A blue plaque will be unveiled at 1 Pilrig Street, where Professor Barlow lived with his wife and three children.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, The Rt. Hon. Donald Wilson, and Professor Brendan Corcoran, Deputy Head of School at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, will be in attendance. They will be joined by Professor Barlow’s great grandson,

Antony Barlow, and other members of the University of Edinburgh.

Professor William Williams, founder and Principal of the New Veterinary College in Edinburgh, said in 1893: "Professor Barlow was a pioneer of veterinary science, a man living one hundred years before his time. The others were rule of thumb practitioners, while he brought the light of science to bear upon the profession."

The new national heritage body for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has received charitable status from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The move marks another important milestone in the establishment of the new organisation, which will legally be known as Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and takes up full operational powers on October 1st, following the merging of Historic Scotland and The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) into a new public body.

[Read more here](#)

EH1 Festival takes place next weekend. Here is one of the acts. Read about the others on their [Facebook](#) page.



Young Scot have a great deal of advice for those of you who are students under 18.

The temptation is to be drawn along with your new peers. The advice from Young Scot is that you do not need to be, and if you are 18 you can have a dry Freshers' Week. Read more [here](#). Sign up here for a daily email from The Edinburgh Reporter !

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