



*The **community stall** will be taken by the Friends of the Pentlands and Juniper Green Parish Church.*

*The Friends of the Pentlands, is an all volunteer charity. It will be selling copies of the recently published *The Pentland Way: A Walk with History* by Bob Paterson which examines the route way-marked by the Friends from Dunsyre in the South West to Swanston in the North. Also on sale will be the 2016 calendar with photographs of various scenes in the Pentland Hills along with the book *Pentland Place Names: An introductory guide*. Free leaflets will also be on the stall.*

Members of Juniper Green Parish Church will be on hand to sell advent calendars,, Fair Trade gifts and provide details of Christmas services.

You can keep up to date by using these links:

JG Market: <https://www.facebook.com/Junipergreencc>

JGCC: <https://www.facebook.com/junipergreencouncil>

JGCC website: [www.junipergreencc.org.uk/](http://www.junipergreencc.org.uk/)



Balerno Green Belt campaign for Balerno and Lanark Road and in particular to try to save the green belt in the area. This is what they say on their website about a new planning application at Newmills:

“In a twin pronged attack on the Green Belt, developers CALA and Barratt have simultaneously submitted planning applications for major developments in our local area.

Residents have until Friday 4 December 2015 to comment on the proposals.”

[Read here about how to have your say.](#)



Mass Spectrometer unveiling at University of Edinburgh

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ScottishPower – as part of its charity partnership with Cancer Research UK -announced it has donated more than half a million pounds towards life-saving research at the Cancer Research UK Edinburgh Centre. The vital funds, donated over the past three years as part of a wider partnership which has raised over £8 million for the charity, have helped upgrade the centre's research equipment and provide support to PhD students.

More than £150,000 of the funding helped purchase a new mass spectrometer machine for the centre in Scotland's capital. This sensitive piece of equipment can measure the amounts of a wide variety of different molecules in samples – including blood, urine and tumours. Scientists are looking for molecules, or patterns of molecules, that could give doctors important clues as to what treatments are likely to benefit a patient the most. The machine could give doctors the ability to track a patient over time to understand how their cancer is responding, as well as helping researchers spot potential new therapeutic approaches.

The rest of the machine's cost was match-funded via a grant by the Medical Research Council and £400,000 raised by ScottishPower has helped fund three scientists undertaking PhDs in cancer related treatment research while supporting one scientist researching treatments for lung cancer.



Organisations in Edinburgh and the Lothians are being urged to take advantage of new grant funding to target litter prevention in their area.

Applications are now open to public, private and third sector groups to help tackle littering through grants of £500 to

£10,000, being made available by Zero Waste Scotland.

Research conducted by Zero Waste Scotland earlier this year suggests a number of factors contribute to littering behaviour in local areas. These include location, time of day, social situation and perception of different types of litter.

Building on the findings of this research, Zero Waste Scotland has produced a range of innovative design materials which aim to tackle litter problem areas. The designs can be used to make a number of communication tools to deliver suitable messages to prevent littering in different locations.

The grants will be used to cover the costs of producing these materials aimed at litter prevention in busy public areas such as beaches, town centres, residential areas, parks, schools and sporting facilities.

**Iain Gulland, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland, said:**

Scotland's national litter strategy, *Towards a Litter-free Scotland*, focuses on preventing litter being dropped in the first place, to reduce the need for clean up or enforcement. We want to use this grant funding to support organisations to deliver real impact in their areas, and build on our recent litter insights work in order to target littering behaviour before it starts.

"A great deal can be achieved when we look beyond clean up and work to prevent the problem occurring in the first place.

"For that reason, we strongly encourage organisations to look at any problem areas in their community that could benefit from this funding. By tackling the problem at its origin, we can help to make Scotland's communities safer and more pleasant places to live."

Funding is open to all sectors including local authorities, community councils and local businesses.

Applications should be made online at [www.zerowastescotland.org.uk](http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk)

A brochure is also available which showcases a range of materials and messages developed by Zero Waste Scotland on preventing litter. This can be viewed on the Zero Waste Scotland website.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Zero Waste Scotland to discuss possible projects to determine eligibility and for further information.

The final deadline for applications will be 5pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015. It is expected successful applicants will be informed during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



Running from **28 November until the 24 December – The Ethical Christmas Fair** opens with a wide range of exhibitors coming from Zambia, Kenya, India as well as local Scottish and Edinburgh based arts and crafts producers including Crafts South Africa, One World Shop, Shea Aroma Company and Gecko Galleries.

This event provides shoppers with the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for families and friends with the benefit of each purchase supporting the people who make the products from some of the poorest countries.

Watch out for the Ethical Fair **“Green” Santa**; local community choir **Wildfire** and **Edinburgh Got Soul Choir** and guest appearances from local dignitary Rt Honourable, Lord Provost Donald Wilson on Saturday 28 November and Fairtrade Ambassador, Hardeep Singh Kohli, on Sunday 29 November amongst the ongoing celebrations with a chance to meet the stallholders.

**Tania Pramschufer**, event organiser, [Hand Up Events](#) said: “We

are delighted to have The Ethical Christmas Fair and The Real Scottish Fair at Ocean Terminal this year, both will complement the already incredible shopping experience at Ocean Terminal.

**Michelle McLeod**, marketing manager at Ocean Terminal added, 'Ocean Terminal this Christmas season is all about creativity and giving customers a unique experience. The Ethical Christmas Fair brings creativity from around the world into one retail space. We have unique gifts from three continents, as well as more locally produced crafts from Scotland. It's a bit more than shopping, we are doing our bit to bring people together, to share stories, as well as products, from many different cultures. One creative world in one retail space'

The Real Scottish Fair runs in tandem with The Ethical Christmas Fair at the entrance of Ocean Terminal alongside Edinburgh's much loved community owned Gorgie City Farm.

Check out [www.handupevents.co.uk](http://www.handupevents.co.uk) for more details.



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