

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



First Minister's talks with the Prime Minister

Time to be a-mazed

Lorne Street housing – has a solution been found?

Recycle here

New coffee shop



A fair and final deal on the fiscal framework accompanying the Scotland Bill has to be in place by February, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon agreed with Prime Minister David Cameron at a meeting in Downing Street today.

The fiscal framework is crucial to determining Scotland's budget once new tax powers are devolved and both parties have now agreed that the arrangement should be a fair deal for both parties.

Read more [here](#)



Prepare to get lost in the magical Christmas Tree Maze! Described as “A joy for children and adults alike – can you make your way to the centre and back again? Inside you'll also discover the Elves' workshop, where Santa's little helpers will be waiting for you with a wee treat.” the maze is in Princes Street Gardens at [Santa Land](#).

Tickets are date-specific but there are no time slots –

admission is on a first come, first served basis. Please allow extra time if you plan to attend during busy periods.

All tickets must be purchased online or at the box office prior to entering this attraction.



Another of our local councillors has written a column for us about the plight of the tenants at Lorne Street who are under threat from their landlord.

Read what Councillor Gavin Corbett has to say [here](#).



Edinburgh residents looking to make space for visiting family members over the festive period can have bulky furniture items collected for free through the National Re-use Phone Line. The free service, managed by Zero Waste Scotland, collects unwanted items such as wardrobes, chests of drawers, sideboards, tables, sofas and beds that are in re-usable condition and takes them away to be used again.

The service is a hassle-free way to move items on that you no longer want in a way that's good for both planet and pocket. The free service also ensures items in good condition go on to have a longer life, which reduces their impact on the environment.

Local residents can simply call **0800 0665 820** to pass their items on. Items are collected by local re-use organisations which sell the furniture to support good causes. The phone line is open from 9am to 5pm and you can donate online at any time at www.reusephonenumber.com.



Another former police box is to become a coffee shop following an application by the owner of the box at 8 Orwell Terrace.

Owned by the same people who run the Waverley Cafe this will be the next in their little chain.



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