

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



More work on Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme to start soon

Laing's the Jeweller open on George Street

Hello from the Burgh side

Petition against cut in music tuition

Rare visitor to Figgate Park



New work is set to begin on the multi-million pound Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme (WoLFPS) following the signing of a contract by the City of Edinburgh Council.

[McLaughlin and Harvey Ltd](#) has been appointed to design and construct the second phase of the scheme, and around 1.2km of flood defences will be built along the Water of Leith at Murrayfield and Roseburn.

Once completed, the defences will provide protection for local homes and businesses against flooding.

Construction works are now set to begin in January 2016 and are scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2018.

Transport and Environment Convener, Councillor Lesley Hinds, said: "I am pleased that we are about to begin the second phase of the project, which will provide protection for hundreds of properties at risk of flooding.

"We are working closely with the community and stake holders, and I'm confident McLaughlin and Harvey Ltd will deliver the

second phase efficiently.”

Work will include the construction of new walls and embankments alongside flood gates along the waterway, while two new bridges will be built over the river at Baird Drive and Saughtonhall Avenue. As part of the development, contractors will carry out landscaping to improve the appearance of the surrounding area.

A site office will now be established with construction work to commence in January.

The [Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme](#) (WoLFPS) is a key infrastructure project to help protect hundreds of properties in vulnerable areas of the city from future flooding.

Following the completion of the first phase, which included defences at Veitches Square, Stockbridge Colonies, Warriston, St Mark’s Park and Bonnington, funding was approved for the second phase in September 2014.

A Public Information Day will also be held at Roseburn Primary School from 4pm to 8pm on 13 January, where local residents can meet contractors and Council officers to find out more about designs and plans.

Find out more about the Water of [Leith Flood Prevention Scheme](#) on the Council website.



Following their recent announcement that they were about to move into new premises on the corner of George Street, Laing the Jewellers opened the doors on Friday at their new flagship store.

A spokesman said: “The stunning store windows will give us the opportunity to showcase our diamonds, jewellery and watches in their full glory in a store that can do justice to their beauty. With the original beauty as our starting point and a £1.3 million refit, we have what we believe will be the best

shopping experience for jewellery, diamonds and watches in Scotland.

“Michael, Richard and the rest of the Laing team simply cannot wait to welcome you into the new store.”

We must have been good this year to have the best present of all, our new store at 72 George Street is now open!
pic.twitter.com/Crj1TENMm6

– Laing Edinburgh (@LaingEdinburgh) [December 19, 2015](#)



Saskia Eng has recorded a parody of the hit Adele song Hello directed at the Forth Road Bridge. You can watch it here!

[Hello \(from the Burgh side\)](#) Sometimes its good to have a bit fun so this is just for fun ☺ but it may only make sense to uk people on this page .. its a parody to Hello called Hello (from the Burgh side) and its at the Forth Road Bridge

Posted by [Saskia Eng](#) on Thursday, 17 December 2015



According to the Scottish Chamber Orchestra The City of Edinburgh Council has proposed a 75% cut to the budget which funds Edinburgh’s instrumental music tuition service and all of the Edinburgh Schools orchestras and ensembles.

They have set up a petition to try and make the council change its mind which you can read [here](#).




Look at this lovely wee duck that someone spotted in the Figgate Park!

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Posted by [Figgate Friends](#) on [Saturday, 19 December 2015](#)



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