

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Planning application for site on King's Stables Road

Edinburgh on Film

Botanics at Christmas

University staff donate food to homeless

Sign up for an evening class

A city centre site, which has lain vacant for a number of years, is set for major regeneration, creating a landmark development and breathing new life into a neglected part of the Grassmarket.

[Read more here.](#)



We try to do our bit to preserve a little of our city's history by filming as much as we can around Edinburgh and putting our interviews and other films on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#) but if you have not yet discovered the British Film Institute Player then you are in for a treat.

They have a great film about Edinburgh in 1933 [here](#) which you can watch for free along with many others. They also have other films which you can pay to view. Something to bookmark for the holidays ahead!



Take note if you are planning a festive walk. The Royal

Botanic Garden Edinburgh is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Garden & Gateway opening hours :

November to January: 10am – 4pm

February and October: 10am – 5pm

March to September: 10am – 6pm



(l-r) David and Jennifer Gosling, volunteers at the Salvation Army Church and Jennie Anthony, allocations administrator for the University of Edinburgh

Staff from the University of Edinburgh have been getting into the Christmas spirit by donating almost 200 food items to homeless people and others across Edinburgh.

Jennie Anthony, Allocations Administrator at the University of Edinburgh's Accommodation, Catering and Events service, appealed to colleagues to donate food as part of this year's Christmas Food Hamper Appeal. The annual appeal, organised by the Salvation Army charity, aims to provide the vulnerable and homeless across the UK with food over the Christmas period.

Mrs Anthony put a call out colleagues at the beginning of December for packaged, non-perishable food items such as pasta, chocolate, tinned soup and sweets for the homeless community and other vulnerable groups in Edinburgh.

After a steady stream of donations from staff across the service, she gave the food items to husband and wife, David and Jennifer Gosling, church leaders at the Edinburgh City

Salvation Church.

Mrs Anthony said: "Christmas is a time for sharing and helping those most in need, and that's why we were delighted to be able to give this donation of food to the Salvation Army to provide essential help to those who really need it in December.

"Most of the food items handed in we take for granted every day, but may mean the world to someone who doesn't have regular meals to look forward to. All of the staff at the University of Edinburgh's Accommodation, Catering and Events services really rallied around this appeal and we hope that it helps the Edinburgh City Salvation Church to spread some happiness this Christmas."



Yes we know they are called Adult Education Classes now and not evening classes, but they do mainly take place in the evening and they are opportunities for self-improvement and socialising.

Here is the brochure:



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