

Five things you need to know today



Community Council meeting

Run for Barnardo's Scotland

First Fringe tickets go on sale

Friends of Starbank Park

Edinburgh's Hogmanay survey



Portobello Community Council meets on Monday evening – 25 January – in Portobello Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome.



Missed the boat for the Virgin Money London Marathon this year? Never fear, there is still a chance for you to take part in the run of a lifetime by running the Edinburgh Marathon for Barnardo's Scotland!

On Sunday 29th May, an estimated 30,000 runners will take to the streets of Edinburgh egged on by thousands of cheering spectators.

Johnny Wells from Edinburgh, who has previously taken part on the challenge, said: "I wanted to mark getting older by doing something that would challenge me and so I could check I still had it, whatever it is.

"Although at times it was hard to arrange the training schedule around my other commitments, I look back with fond memories on my training runs, being outside, discovering new

parts of Edinburgh and many awe-inspiring views I wouldn't have seen otherwise.

"On the day, I had lots of self-doubt at the start but just went at a steady pace, high fiving every child with their hand out and accepting many jelly babies from spectators. Come the end, I was still going strong and managed a sprint to finish off a great day out supporting Barnardo's Scotland."

If you would like to take up one of the places or are already running for Barnardo's Scotland, contact Jordyn on 0131 446 7021 or jordyn.armstrong@barnardos.org.uk or visit www.barnardos.org.uk/edinburghmarathon. All runners will receive a running vest and sponsorship pack on registration with Barnardo's Scotland. Registration must take place before 4th May.



The first Edinburgh Festival Fringe tickets go on sale on 28 January so get yourselves ready now and click [here](#) for more information. If you'd like a programme delivered straight to your door, [pre-order one online](#) and the nice people at the Fringe Office will send one to you the moment it launches.



The Friends of Starbank Park have begun a crowdfunding campaign to create a Hans Christian Andersen inspired nature trail. More news [here](#) – but they are already halfway to their target so a little from you will go a long way!

Edinburgh's Hogmanay have a survey running on their website and you could win a unique experience for next year if you take part.

The prize is pretty good (even if you live in Edinburgh!)
Click [here](#) for the survey


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