

# Edinburgh councillor blogs – Councillor Maureen Child

✘ Councillor Maureen Child represents the Portobello/Craigmillar Ward on The City of Edinburgh Council.

*Dear All*

*Sandy's **Easter Eggstravaganza!** Launch of the Pizza Oven and Tin Man is **TODAY** Thursday 24 March, 3pm – 4.30pm at Sandy's Community Centre. Fun for all the Family at Sandy's Community Centre, 76 Craigmillar Castle Avenue (Phone 661 4064) BBQ (50p per burger) Tin Man Wood Burning Oven Splat Stevie! Egg painting and race Taste some pizza fresh from the new pizza oven! Egg hunt round the woodland and much, much more!*

*Portobello has two Under12 boys selected to play basketball at an international tournament in Andorra in May for Under 12s Basketball Scotland. They both play for the Kings (Edinburgh Basketball Club) and they are the only two Under12s selected from Edinburgh! The boys need to raise money to help fund the training and the trip. The boys will be doing a **basketball marathon on Monday 28 March (Easter Monday) from 10.30 at Rosefield Park**. The Porty boys Michal and Jude will be playing several hours and would welcome tour help and support through the day. You can come and play with them and leave few coins in the basket. They set up a*

*fundraising*

page: [https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/anne-budo?utm\\_id=2](https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/anne-budo?utm_id=2).

The Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership has decided to run with another **You Decide!** this year to decide on the **Community Grants Fund** to give out small grants to local projects and get people together who want to do good things to make their neighbourhoods better. Details can be found on the

webpage <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/portobello-and-craigmillar/about/you-decide!/> . The event will be on Saturday 14 May in Portobello Town Hall and the closing date for applications is Friday 22 April.

After a very successful event with **Portobello Timebank** a few weeks back, some of us are intending to do some **more Brunstane Burn clearing** on Saturday 2 April. All welcome to join in, meeting at Brunstane Station at 2pm. You'll need your wellies and old clothes! See here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/610781262414333/>

**Portobello Market** is back again in Brighton Park on Saturday 2 April, 9.30am – 1.30pm. Throughout the morning, from around 9.30/10am, there will be an ongoing Easter egg hunt (until they run out!). Prepare to come along next weekend for a fantastic array of locally produced foods, plants, crafts and campaign advice from Amnesty and RSPB.

**Castlebrae Community High School's** Spring newsletter is out now with lots of cause to celebrate: See more here: <http://www.castlebrae.org.uk/cb/wp-content/uploads/2016>

[/03/Newsletter-Spring-2016.pdf](#)

A glimpse of the relatively recent **history of Craigmillar** was on TV recently and here's a link to what was broadcast and the whole movie: <https://www.facebook.com/andrew.crummy.3/posts/10156811836450294> And it's just two years since the Helen Crummy sculpture was opened outside Craigmillar Library. See here for photos of that day: <https://www.facebook.com/andrew.crummy.3/posts/10156811870565294>

Another date for your diary: The next meeting together of Craigmillar **community growers** is on April 28, 11am-1pm, at the Greendykes organic allotment poly tunnel, Craigmillar. Teas and coffees will be provided. Bring anything you would like to swap, gardening books, leaflets, tools, seeds, vegetables and salad, jams and pickles. More details from Karin Chipulina Community gardening development worker Craigmillar Community Grows The SPACE 11 Harewood Road Craigmillar EH16 4NT 0131 659 2949. The Garden Globe project at the Jack Kane Centre is ready for a new growing season, so if you haven't visited recently, so go and have a look: <https://mobile.twitter.com/jkmc3/status/712207885908971520/photo/1>

Every now and then there is a spike in **crime** or anti-social behaviour but we can and do have success in solving or preventing more happening and keeping each other safe. One of Police Scotland's excellent school link officers succeeded in tracing and reporting multiple culprits responsible for smashing forty windows at a local school at an estimated cost of £5,500. Best when this kind of behaviour is nipped in

the bud, with the help of people prepared to report at the time and tell what they know. The police also succeeded in catching four burglars in the act of turning over a house, thanks to the swift action of a member of the public on phoning 999 immediately when she/he saw someone acting suspiciously. Effective policing needs out eyes, ears – and intelligence – in all senses of that word. .

Reasons to **join your local Council library**, even though you've got access to e-books? Do you know you can read any newspaper through them? <http://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk/pressdisplay?platform=hootsuite> Having trouble choosing books? Looking for something a little different? Try this:<http://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk/recommendations?platform=hootsuite>

Keep Scotland Beautiful are concentrating on **combating dog fouling** in a campaign: "Grab, Bag and Bin it" both in the countryside and the town. Dog fouling facts and what to do about it:<http://www.keeptscotlandbeautiful.org/media/341880/ditch-the-dirt-fast-facts.pdf>

**Art Walk Porty** was a great success last year and now they have a fantastic new idea that has received funding. See here: <https://www.facebook.com/portobello.online/posts/10153730052033705>

Best wishes for a very Happy Easter Weekend!

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