

Five things to do in Edinburgh this weekend

- **Walking Wedding Fair**
- **Castle Street Summer Fair**
- **Film in the City**
- **Read the Fringe brochure and book your tickets**
- **Sharing Secrets Festival**

Nestled beneath Edinburgh Castle, boutiques in the stunning picturesque streets of Victoria Street and the Grassmarket, are gearing up to host Edinburgh's first Walking Wedding Fair, this weekend.

Over 20 businesses, who are involved in the Greater Grassmarket BID (Business Improvement District), will be taking part in this first of a kind unique, free wedding event including Walker Slater Men's & Ladies stores, Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Fabhatrix, La Baratine, Godiva Boutique, Demijohn and Armstrongs Vintage Emporium.

Showcasing everything from the perfect location and 'his and hers' outfits to cakes and hats for the big day, visitors will have the chance to walk round the stores taking part, get some ideas and advice for their big day and enjoy some cake, fizz, special offers and enter a competition to win a wedding hamper, with proceeds going to the Grassmarket Community Project.

There will also be a chance to sample the impressive alternative wedding cheese cake at I.J Mellis Cheesemongers and visit The Red Door Gallery for locally designed bridal jewellery and ideas for wedding party presents.



The ultimate wedding location can also be viewed on Sunday,

12th June between 12noon and 5pm, as the Apex Grassmarket opens the doors of its stunning wedding suite, boasting the best Castle views in the city. Visitors will find an eclectic array of wedding 'Pop -up Shops' in the suite to give couples the chance to get even more inspiration and information on hosting their big day in the Old Town.

Paul Walker, Founder and Director of tailoring specialists, Walker Slater, said: "We are really excited about this first-time wedding event in one of the most beautiful settings in the City.

"It's a great chance for people to check out the boutique and specialists stores taking part and get some ideas for their big day."

Norrie Stewart, Greater Grassmarket Project manager, said: "Whether it's expert advice you are looking for on vintage bridal gown by Rowan Joy at Godiva, tailor-made Harris suits at Walker Slater or bespoke hats at Fabmatrix – Greater Grassmarket has is all covered for this fantastic alternative Walking Wedding Fair, which is sure to be a huge success."



Castle Street Summer Fair

"Castle Street Summer Fair takes place on Castle Street from June 6 – 12 and will reflect the quality of shopping on this beautiful street, a fine summer fair filled with quality gifts that are locally made or and ethically made and run up Castle Street from Princes Street to Rose Street."



Film in the City

Let's hope the weather holds for our outdoor cinema extravaganza in St Andrew Square Garden this weekend. The lawn

has just been repaired in time for you to sit on it and watch free films outside.

Take a deckchair, a picnic and your family!

[More details here.](#)



The new CEO of Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Shona McCarthy, launched its 2016 programme earlier in the week with 3,269 shows for you to choose from. Have a long lie and catch up on what is on offer for you in August.

[Read more here.](#)

Here is the full programme:



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Sharing Secrets Festival starts this weekend!

Learn to Knit and Crochet and [Welcome to Westfield](#) start off the Festival with the formal launch at Dalry Primary School on Monday morning. Come and join in for a Community breakfast with Cllr Cathy Fullerton at 8.45am at Dalry Primary to celebrate.

☒ A spokesperson said: “Many thanks to all who have helped pull together the programme and are volunteering their time to showcase the area as the creative hub that it is.

“As Dalry Primary are the instigators of the festival, some of the activity is just for the school children. However, the creativity inside the school will be seeping out with poems on the pavement, artwork hung around the area and open activities for parents and public at the school.

“There are activities for all ages – films, a puppet show, ceilidhs, performances, art and dance workshops, exhibitions, guided walks and much more. Activities will happen from Haymarket to Saughton Park.”

See the full [programme](#) for details of all events which run until 19 June 2016.

