

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



- **Edinburgh's Christmas**
- **Edinburgh LIVE!**
- **North Edinburgh at the weekend**
- **Winter print edition**
- **Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre**

Today it really is Christmas in Edinburgh with the official launch of the Edinburgh's Christmas programme set to wow us all later this morning. Keep an eye on our [Twitter](#) account here to find out what is going to be big news this December!



Today we have set up [a Live page](#) to accumulate all the news that we can find about Edinburgh. Take a look – it will be updating all the time with news from a variety of sources from 8am!



Yesterday there was lots on in North Edinburgh with the Inverleith Festival of Walking and Cycling taking place in Inverleith Park and the Harvest Festival in the Botanics. Sadly we missed the music in the Botanics, but we did see lots of lovely flowers and vegetables. You can see them on our Facebook page [here](#).

The purpose of the Festival of Walking and Cycling is to show people how easy it is to incorporate some exercise in their daily routines.

Enjoyed the Inverleith Festival of walking and Cycling today! pic.twitter.com/qxjZzflMFG

We met members of the Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club who are always looking for new members to come along to try out orienteering. Their next scheduled event is on 15 October 2016 in Holyrood Park. Find out more by emailing events@esoc.org.uk or take a look at their website by clicking [here](#).



We met up with local MSP Ben Macpherson who explained that while he is not too keen on bikes, he does walk everywhere to keep fit!

Matthew co-founder of Veloeye explained to us that 650,000 bikes are stolen in the UK every year and only 5% of those are returned to their owners.

He has developed an app which runs alongside a QR code on a tamper proof sticker which is put on your bike in a visible position. (We now have these on our bikes!) When you scan this it will help you by uploading all your details to the site. If your bike is ever stolen all the details on the system will allow you easy access to send out a message on all forms of social media and hopefully help you get your bike back.



We met Councillor Lesley Hinds who is Chair of Inverleith Active Travel Group who funded the event who explained that this was the second year they had held the event. She said : "What we want to do is encourage active travel. There are lots of organisations here and lots of activities. I think this is a real success and I hope we can do this every year so that we get more people walking, cycling and using public transport."

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– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [September 18, 2016](#)

We also asked her about the new 20mph zone in the city centre. She said that she thinks that this – which is Phase one of the plan – is quite a success, but they are learning from the first rollout. “We must remember that 20mph is about residential and shopping areas. Arterial routes are still at 30 and 40mph. It is about making our streets safer for our children, our elderly and in our communities.”

Councillor Nigel Bagshaw said: “It is great to see so many people here, all celebrating cycling and walking. Hopefully we can get more of it going on in Inverleith and across the city as a whole.”



Our summer newspaper was a bit of a success, and so we have decided to publish another one in time for Christmas. If you have an organisation or business which you would like featured in the next print edition then do get in touch with us now!

You can read the Summer edition here:



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We had a meeting to discuss content yesterday and we have lots of ideas but would love you to be a part of it. Get in touch if you would like to be a sponsor, advertiser, writer or distributor! (5,000 copies is a lot of newspapers!)
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At Oxbgangs Neighbourhood Centre there is a lot going on this autumn!



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