

Five things to do in Edinburgh on Saturday

There will be lots to do today in the Grassmarket! That's a promise. But it's not our promise it is the promise of the Business Improvement District Greater Grassmarket.

Step back in time with the [Greater Grassmarket](#) Vintage Weekend!

The Grassmarket will be transformed into a vintage wonderland on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April, 12pm – 5pm (market trading from 10am).

Admire a range of classic cars and bikes, watch the models work the catwalk showcasing local vintage fashion, and browse the market (for local pre-loved treasures such as vinyl records, pre-loved clothing and accessories, and bric-a-brac). Local boutiques such as [Armstrongs Vintage Edinburgh](#) and [Godiva Boutique](#) will be trading at the Vintage market throughout the weekend, as well as collaborating in the fashion show.

There will be a range of 30-minute long vintage variety shows with performances including cabaret style magicians, acrobats and French can-can dancing showgirls. There will also be live music at 4pm each day from rockabilly kings '[The Shiverin' Sheiks](#)'. Children can also enjoy street entertainment taking place all day throughout the Grassmarket.



Norrie Stewart, Grassmarket BID Project Manager, said : “Not

only is the Grassmarket home to Armstrongs, Britain's largest vintage emporium dating back to 1840, but there are over 50 independent retailers located in the Greater Grassmarket, with many specialising in vintage fashion and accessories, or antique goods.

"We want to celebrate the rise of vintage goods and encourage everyone to get involved, whether it's through browsing the local market and shops, watching the fleet of classic cars drive through the historic Old Town, or enjoying the retro entertainment with friends and family."

✖ Go and see a film.

Our film reviewer Adam Zawadzki has a corker for you this week.

Their Finest stars Gemma Arterton and Bill Nighy and is designed to make you laugh. Set during World War II this film follows Catrin Cole (Arterton) and her professional career as a script writer on such films, charting the working relationships and personal friendships she makes in due course

Read Adam's review [here](#).

Join a [protest rally](#) at The Mound. Speakers will include :

- Richard Dixon, Director of Friends of The Earth Scotland who will be talking about the challenges ahead and the opportunities represented by a new climate bill to help ramp up the ambition of government.
- Lesley Hinds, Convenor of The Edinburgh City Council Transport and Environment Committee and Board Member will be speaking about how Edinburgh can achieve Zero Carbon.
- Rhythms of Resistance will help us make some noise with a drum performance.

– Donald Campbell from the Broad Alliance Against Fracking will be speaking about where we are at with the campaign to halt further development of Fossil Fuels and encouraging people to take part in the Scottish Government Consultation.

– Alan Munro from Divest Lothian will be speaking about how they have been lobbying local councillors and candidates in upcoming elections on the issue of divestment from fossil fuels.

– Ellie Murtagh will be speaking about the work of the 2050 Climate group and how we can all help with the changes needed to transition to zero carbon.

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