

Children are invited to travel back in time with new Kids' Historic Trail

The Greater Grassmarket BID launches its free Kids' Historic Trail

The Greater Grassmarket Business Improvement District (BID) has launched a new, free Kids' Historic Trail, following the success of their adult version of the Historic Trail which was launched last year.

✘ The Kids' Historic Trail, suitable for children aged six and above, features 11 hotspots in the Grassmarket and takes around an hour to complete.

The Trail aims to educate children on the history of the Old Town, whilst bringing characters such as Half-Hangit Maggie, Burke and Hare, Dr Thomas Guthrie and William Mitchell, the Tinklarian Doctor, to life through the audio guide.

Whilst the Kids' Historic Trail follows many similar characters and stories of the original trail, it is tailored for children with an easy-to-follow map and child-friendly audio guide. The map also features a colouring competition which kids are encouraged to enter. There will be a monthly draw and the winners will receive a family meal at Mamma's Pizza worth £50. Kids can pick up their free map, earphones and crayons from a range of traders in the Greater Grassmarket.

The Greater Grassmarket BID aims to work with local schools and holiday clubs in order to provide a free educational day-out for school groups.

Norrie Stewart, Grassmarket BID Project Manager, says: “We originally launched our Historic Trail last year and it has been hugely successful whilst continuously bringing visitors to the area. To ensure we’re catering for the whole family, we’ve decided to create a more child-friendly version so that younger kids can enjoy the Trail as much as the rest of the family.

“We’ve included some fantastic tales of Edinburgh which will be of interest to children, and we’re sure they will feel as though they’ve travelled back in time with our interactive audio guide.

“We’re encouraging families and school groups to enjoy a fun day out discovering the Old Town’s History with our Kids’ Historic Trail, finding out what life in the Grassmarket was really like hundreds of years ago!”