

More walking football sessions now available in capital



Walking football in the capital is, like many other parts of the country, soaring in popularity.

Edinburgh has four main walking football groups who are all reporting increased numbers at their sessions.

Hearts are one of the city's most established groups with over 100 players on their data base and around 50 turning up each week. The group, which meet on a Tuesday play out of the World of Football at the Corn Exchange during the winter months but have recently moved outdoors back to their spiritual home at Tynecastle during the "summer".

The Oriam group enjoy the benefits of playing in Scotland's superb national sports centre at Heriot Watt University campus on Wednesday and Fridays attracting an average of around 30 per session from over 50 registered players.

On Mondays the Spartans Connections, who offer football opportunities right across the community, play out of the

Spartans Community Football Academy with numbers ranging from 12 to 20.

Edinburgh City have seen a surge in players over the last few months since having to move from, the soon to be demolished, Meadowbank to the Corn Exchange at Chesser. The group, who play every Thursday, now have almost 30 per session from a data base of over 50.

The walking football scene is incredibly healthy in the capital with many participants playing 2 or 3 times per week across the city's groups which makes all the sessions friendly and newcomers and visitors to Edinburgh are most welcome at all the above groups.

Such is the demand that two new groups are about to be launched at Corstorphine Community Centre and Edinburgh South Community Club and for more details, contacts and times of all the above sessions check out the [Edinburgh Walking Football website](#)

Full details supplied by Walking Football Scotland Trustee Colin McKay.

Edinburgh City

Venue: World of Football, Corn Exchange, 11 Newmarket Rd, Chesser Ave, Edinburgh EH14 1RJ

Day/Time: Every Thursday from 11.00am to 12.30pm

Contact: Colin on 0771 971 4932

Hearts WF

Venue: Tynecastle, Wheatfield Street, Edinburgh (World of Football, Corn Exchange until 15th May 2018)

Day/time: Tuesday – 12.00pm to 13.00pm

Contact: Alan White on alan@homplc.c.uk

Heriot Watt WF

Venue: Riccarton Campus, Edinburgh EH14 4AS

Date/time: Wednesday – 12.30pm to 13.30pm and Friday – 14.30pm to 15.30pm

Contact: Michael Webster on m.webster@hw.ac.uk Phone: 07803826405

Spartans Community WF

Venue: Spartans Community Football Academy, Ainslie Park, Edinburgh, EH5 2HF

Date/time: Monday – 12.00pm to 13.00pm

Contact: Garry Betts at garrybetts@spartanscfa.com

Corstorphine Community Centre

Venue: United Reform Church, Glebe Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 7SQ

Date/time: Wednesday – 10.30am to 11.30am

Contact: Charlie at 0772 532 3769

Edinburgh South Community Sports Club

Venue: Drum Park Estate, Edinburgh

Date/time: Monday – 11.00am to 12.00pm

Contact: community@escfc.co.uk

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