## Farewell to Oor Wullie – or maybe you would like to take one home?

This weekend you can see all 61 Oor Wullie statues which have been out on the Edinburgh streets in one place. They have been gathered together for a farewell in St Andrew Square for everyone to see them one last time.

The free event will run from 9am-8pm on Friday and Saturday and 9am-5pm on Sunday. All Edinburgh sculptures are there for you to see in the Square, and there will also be the opportunity to spot three limited edition mini sculptures which have never before been seen by the public.

Plenty of fun activities to keep wee ones entertained and exclusive Wullie merchandise is also on offer.



Matthew Chisholm doing his Oor Wullie impression



Magdalena (6) and Apolena (5) Volfova visit St Andrew Square



Peyton Watt from Edinburgh said she loves this figure best

On 19 September at Prestonfield House there is an invitation only event when all of the lifesize sculptures and four of the mini ones will be up for auction. The aim of the Oor Wullie Bucket Trail has always been to raise vital funds for children and young people in hospital across Scotland.

If you are not at the event then you will be able to place a bid by <u>registering online</u>. The event will be streamed live online. Bidding is expected to start between £4000 and £5000 per large sculpture.

Tom Gilzean's family have set up an <u>Everyday Hero fundraising</u> page to try to raise enough money to buy Tom's Oor Wullie sculpture at auction next Thursday.

All proceeds will go to Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (ECHC) to fund vital medical equipment and research, family

support services and innovative play programmes for children and young people at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

Something FREE for you to visit in St Andrew Square this weekend Farewell Oor Wullie <u>#OWBBT</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/t5MTwlNebu</u>

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Roslyn Neely, CEO of ECHC, said: "This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to buy a piece of Scotland's unforgettable summer and own a unique work of art, whether for your home, garden or business.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has got involved with Oor Wullie's BIG Bucket Trail so far and we are very excited to now be wishing Scotland's favourite son a very fond farewell as he goes off to auction.

"Whether from prospective buyers at Prestonfield or from those bidding live online, all funds raised from the sale of the sculptures will help us to continue our vital work of supporting children, young people and their families to have a positive hospital experience."









