

Davidson to interview Tony Blair in first episode of new podcast

Ruth Davidson, Conservative MSP for Edinburgh Central, will start to host a new podcast this weekend with a conversation with former Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The programme will be broadcast on LBC this Sunday, 13 September 2020.

Ms Davidson will donate her fee to Maggie's Cancer Care Centre in Edinburgh.

Maggie's Cancer Care Centre provides free support to "help people take back control when cancer turns life upside down."

Ruth Davidson said: "Some politicians take time out at weekends by hitting the gym, reading books or going hillwalking. I'm excited to spend an hour on LBC talking to fascinating people about their life, their work and the change they're making to the world.

"From scientists to celebrities, artists to athletes and all sorts of world-beating figures in between, I'll be asking them to share their story – the hard times as well as the good.

"As someone who used to work in radio before they entered

politics, I'm looking forward to getting back behind a microphone. Podcasts are new to me, and a bit different, but I hope this one sees lots of downloads so we can raise money for Maggie's in Edinburgh.

"COVID has been so hard on people suffering from cancer – and on the charities which support them – and every little bit of fundraising help can make a difference."

Laura Lee, chief executive of Maggie's Cancer Care Centre, said: "We are delighted that Ruth Davidson continues to be such a strong supporter of Maggie's Edinburgh.

"Maggie's will be a beneficiary of Ruth's fee for this great new show on LBC. We hope the programme is a great success and want to say huge thanks for your ongoing support."

Photo of Ruth Davidson taken at the Edinburgh International Book Festival by John Preece