

# Letter to the Editor – the Glories of Edinburgh – Burgh Forgotten

A letter has been received from one of our readers decrying the neglect of our off road paths

Madam,

Miles and miles of paths, hidden from roads, mostly tree-lined, 100% shielded from four-wheel drive vehicles are certainly one of the most appreciated “glories of Edinburgh”.

In daily use by mums with prams and walking toddlers, pedestrians strolling with dogs, couples chatting, cyclists cruising, runners exercising, even seniors seen zinging along on zimmers. Yet these paths are often reduced to half-width by leaves turned into sodden mud, entwined with ivy vines, out-of-control brambles and the general muck of weeds.

Does the City Burgh take no responsibility for keeping clean and tidy these paths of many miles? (50 miles?)

Paths that are in daily use by thousands of rate paying members of the public.

NO RESPONSIBILITY to clean and clear path obstruction from leaves, muck, mud and snow tidily to the robust edging stones laid many years ago.

These paths could be kept safe, secure and clean at all times during the year – as A PRIORITY – as a THANK YOU to past burgh forethought.

Yours etc

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