

Edinburgh Trams right behind greener travel

The operator of Edinburgh's expanding tram network is joining forces with sustainable transport campaigners to champion traffic free streets across the city.

On Sunday 2 October Edinburgh Trams will back the [initiative](#) that aims to help raise awareness about air pollution while encouraging car owners to be less dependent on their vehicles.

Supported by The City of Edinburgh Council and organised by Crexcell, the event also sets out to help people to think differently when it comes to tackling climate change.

Neil Booth, Edinburgh Trams' Safety Manager (Environment), commented: "Car-free days provide a massive opportunity for cities to raise awareness of how pollution affects our lives, and highlight how congested roads can be used in different ways.

"At Edinburgh Trams we are fully committed to helping to make Edinburgh healthier, safer and more attractive for both residents and visitors by providing a quick, convenient and reliable alternative to driving into the city centre."

The tram operator already plays a significant role in reducing reliance on more carbon intense forms of transport by offering environmentally friendly travel for tens of thousands of people every day.

To help minimise carbon emissions in the city centre, people driving into Edinburgh can park their cars at Ingliston Park & Ride which has more than 1,000 spaces available, including electric vehicle charging points, before completing their journey by tram.

“Faced with the current climate crisis, we all need to work together to ensure a sustainable future for our city and following the completion of the Trams to Newhaven project we’ll be able to further meet the needs of Edinburgh’s residents and help them to adopt a greener lifestyle,” Mr Booth added.

Following World Car Free Day, which took place in September [this local event on 2 October](#) highlights the numerous benefits of citizens going car-free and further details can be found [here](#).

