

Women's Capital Cup – all to be played for in Edinburgh

Hibs Women and Hearts Women will challenge for the Capital Cup

Hibernian and Heart of Midlothian will both play for the Women's Capital Cup, all part of a new community engagement project supported by Edinburgh fund managers, Baillie Gifford.

The Women's Capital Cup will become one of the most important games in the calendar for the women's teams.

The first fixture will be played at Easter Road on Sunday 27 November, 2022 and the return fixture takes place at Tynecastle on Sunday 26 February, 2023. The trophy will be lifted by the winner of each game.

To mark these occasions, and thanks to the generous support of Baillie Gifford, supporters from both sides will be able to attend the games free of charge.

Ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to attend, both clubs will work with local community groups to ensure that the broadest cross section of communities become involved, fostering greater inclusion and diversity in Scotland's national game.

Supporters at each fixture will also be able to back the work of each team's charitable foundation, further strengthening the work that the Hibernian Community Foundation and Big Hearts do in their local communities.



Hibernian FC Chief Executive Ben Kensell commented: “We are delighted to launch the Capital Cup alongside Hearts as we look to enhance and grow women’s football in Scotland.

“It was a really proud moment for everyone at Hibernian FC last season to see 5,512 supporters at Easter Road for the Edinburgh Derby – a record crowd for a domestic women’s fixture in Scotland – and it was great to see so many supporters at Tynecastle too.

“Thanks to the support of Baillie Gifford, we hope to not only see more supporters in attendance at these games, but to inspire the next generation of female footballers.”

Andrew McKinlay, Chief Executive at Heart of Midlothian, said: “Hearts is delighted to unveil the Capital Cup alongside Hibernian and with thanks to the support of Baillie Gifford.

“The fixtures between the two teams have been well attended by both sets of supporters.

“These games have already shone a light on the huge appetite for Women’s Football in the Capital and we are excited to see how far we can grow attendances and support the wider growth of the game in Scotland.”

Women’s football is the fastest growing participation sport in Scotland, bucking a trend that has seen levels of physical activity amongst girls drop substantially in recent years.

With Baillie Gifford’s support, Hibs and Hearts are also joining forces off the pitch to create an innovative community initiative that will inspire more to get involved and provide unparalleled access to ensure that Edinburgh’s diverse communities can all take part.

