

Five things you need to know today

Ken Buchanan, MBE, has died at 77

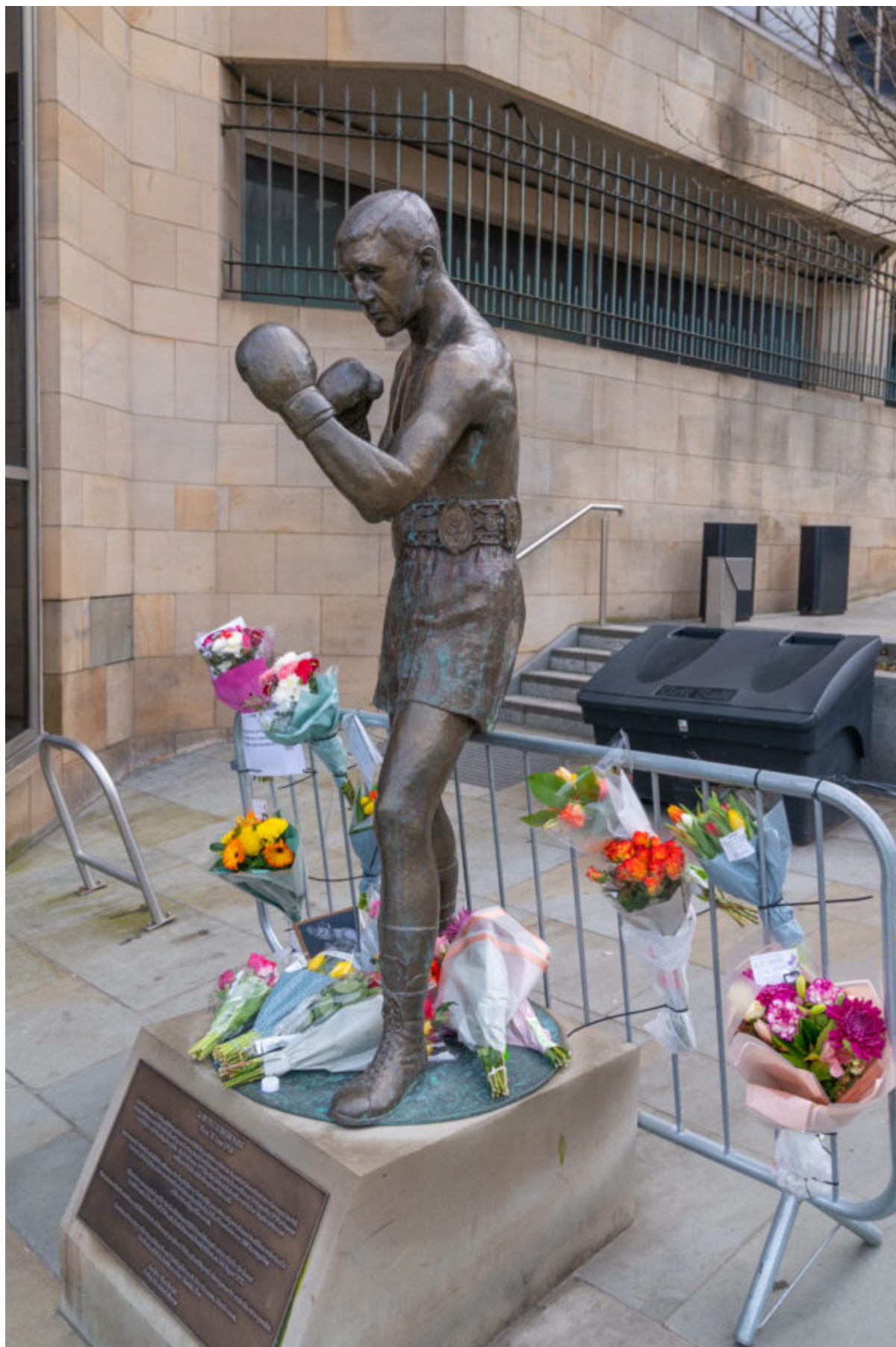
Edinburgh's own world champion, Ken Buchanan, MBE, died on Saturday aged 77. Read more [here](#).

Members of the public have been laying flowers at the statue of the boxer which was given a temporary home on Little King Street at St James Quarter only last August. Ken was there to see the statue unveiled by two former Lord Provosts, Frank Ross and Donald Wilson.



Ken Buchanan has passed away Ken Buchanan Statue unveiled by former Lord Provosts Donald Wilson and Frank Ross for world champion boxer Ken at the top of Leith Walk (Little King

Street) with Jim Watt PHOTO Alan Simpson Photography



Statue of Ken Buchanan MBE. Photo © 2023 Martin P. McAdam
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KEN BUCHANAN MBE

Born 28 June 1945

Ken Buchanan of Edinburgh is regarded as one of Britain's greatest ever boxers. A genuine international star who topped the bill ahead of Muhammad Ali at Madison Square Garden, he defeated Ismael Laguna in Puerto Rico on 26 September 1970 to become world lightweight boxing champion. On 12 February 1971 he also defeated Ruben Navarro in Los Angeles to become undisputed lightweight champion of the world.

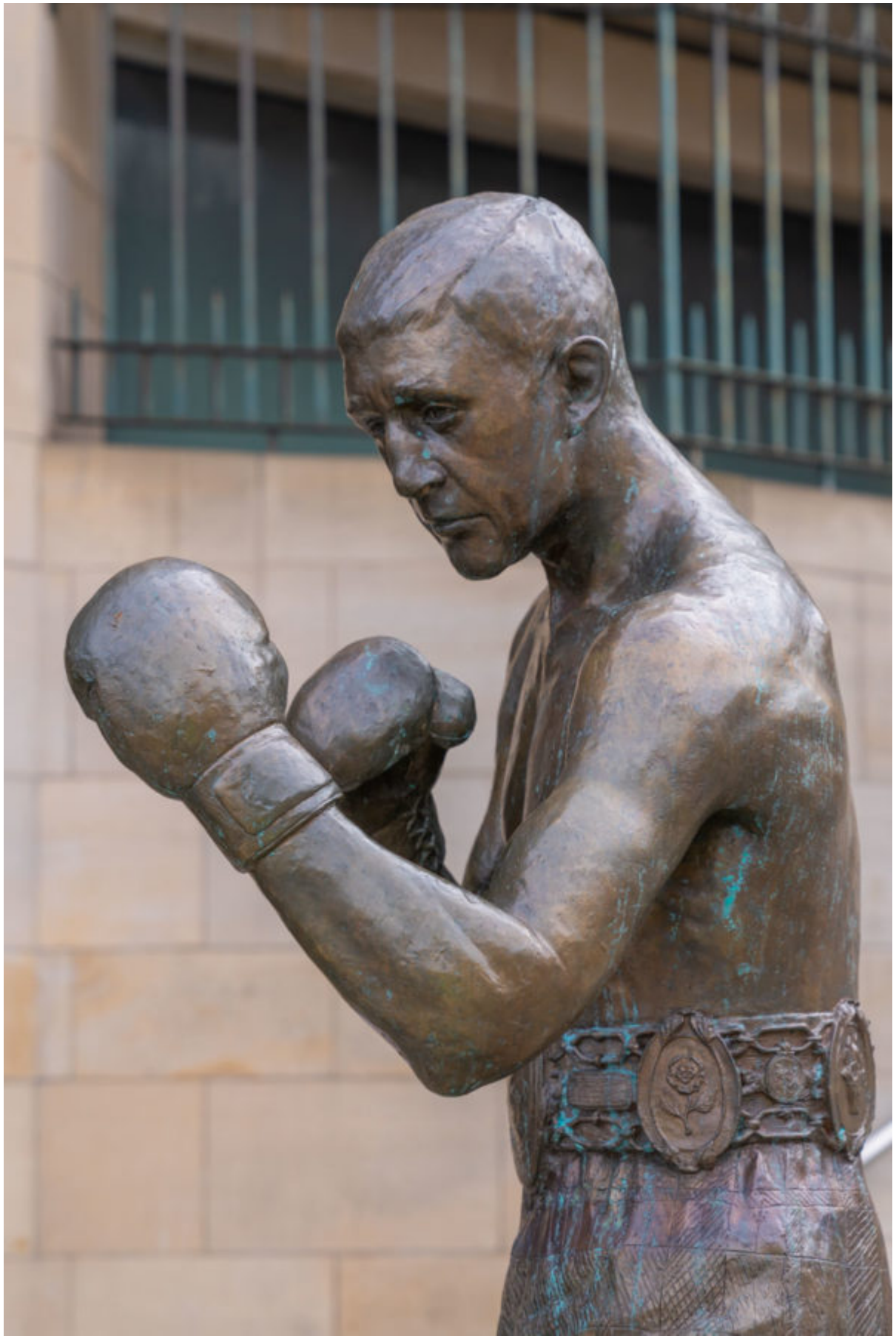
An immensely talented and skilled craftsman who fought the very best of his generation and gave pleasure to millions as Scotland's first truly global fighter, Ken was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in the year 2000 in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

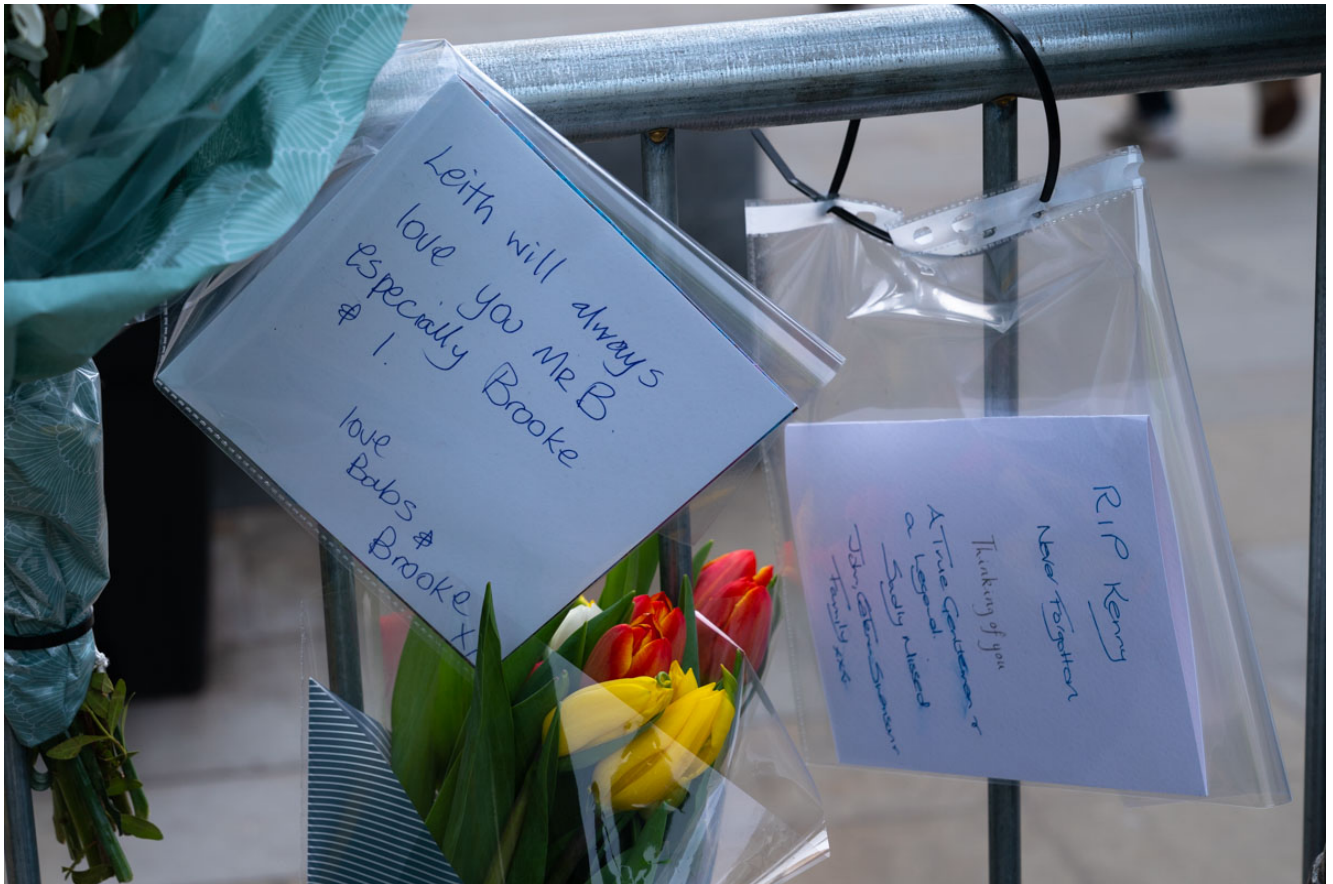
This statue was commissioned by the Ken Buchanan MBE Foundation and was unveiled by the former Lord Provosts of the City of Edinburgh, Frank Ross and Donald Wilson, on 14th August 2022.

The trustees of the Foundation would like to thank all the many people of Edinburgh and beyond whose generosity made this statue possible.

Trustees and secretary of the Foundation: Owen P Smith (Chairman), Peter Swanson, John Swanson, Jim Black and Mick Grubb; secretary Alastair Clive

Sculptor: Alan Herriot
Casting: Powderhall Bronze





Leith will always
love you Mr B.
Especially Brooke
#1.

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Babs &
Brooke X

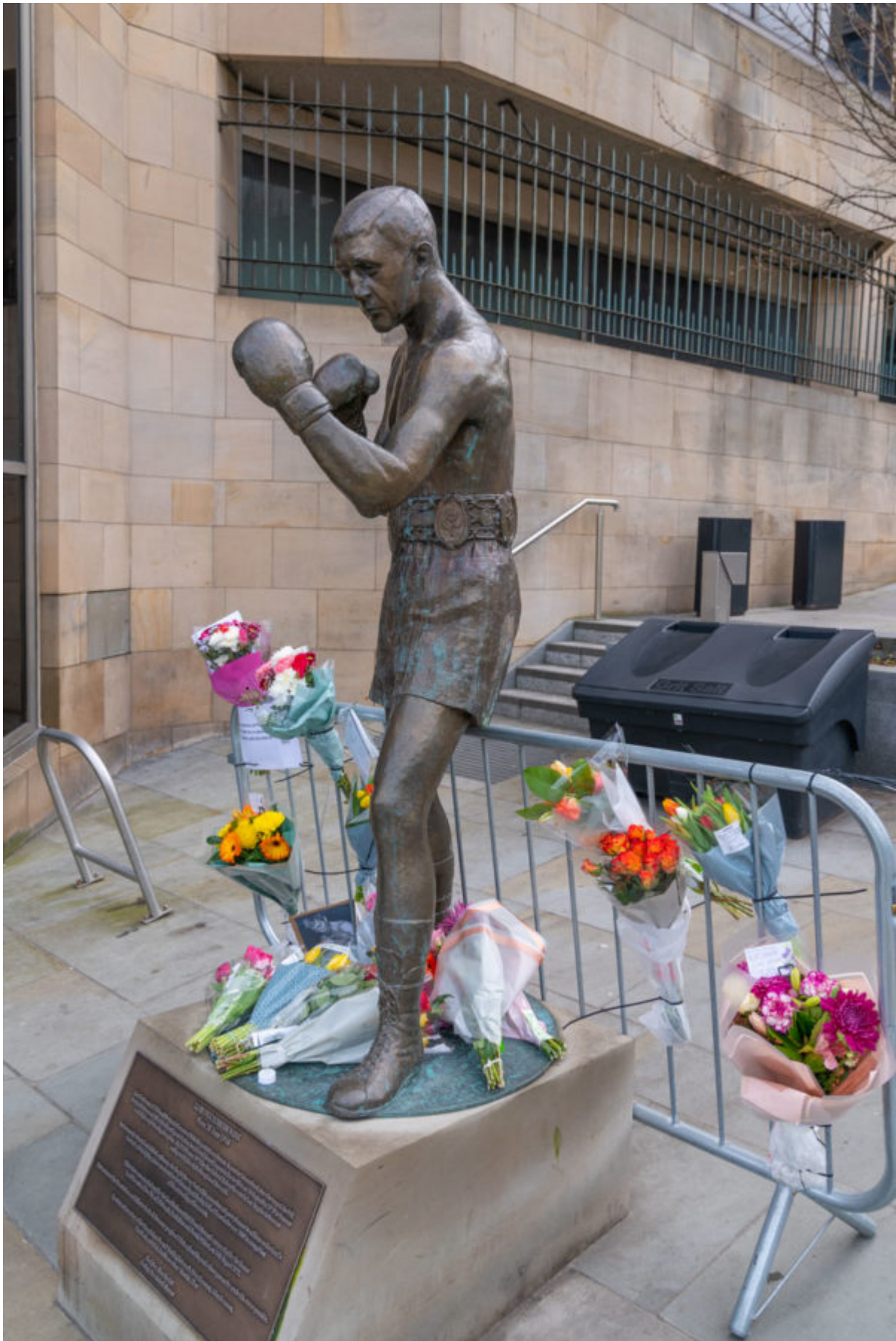
RIP Kenny

Never forgotten

Thinking of you

A True Gentleman &
a legend

Sadly missed
Don & Susan
Family and









Haymarket Terrace closed to eastbound traffic from today

Haymarket Terrace is closed to eastbound traffic from today. The closure will be from just east of Magdala Crescent to the east side of Rosebery Crescent in front of Haymarket Station. This road closure will be in place from today until November 2023.

Westbound traffic can turn right into Coates Gardens.

While work is being carried out on Haymarket Terrace, SGN will renew and divert their gas main between Coates Gardens and Rosebery Crescent to allow the CCWEL project to progress. This will take 12 weeks to complete from 3 April and has been co-ordinated with the CCWEL team led by Balfour Beatty to help reduce disruption as much as possible.

SGN will issue a separate letter to customers and businesses

directly affected by the gas main diversion works including information on any disruption to supplies.



Haymarket Terrace will close to eastbound traffic for CCWEL roadworks and SGN will instal a new gas main. Photo © 2023 Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com



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Council Consultation

Anyone in Edinburgh who owns listed buildings or properties in conservation areas are being asked by the City of Edinburgh Council to give their views on the challenges they face when trying to maintain, repair and adapt their historic homes in response to climate change and the cost of living crisis.

A [ten-week online consultation](#) has begun to gather residents' views on their experiences when adapting their properties to make them more energy efficient and protect against any flood risk.

The survey includes questions about the size and age of properties. What kind of issues have been experienced – from mould to roof repairs, poor ventilation and drainage issues. It asks what kind of work has been carried out and what kind of barriers home owners have experienced when trying to carry out work. There are also questions about the Council's current

planning guidelines and the impact of climate change.

Cllr James Dalglish, Planning Convener, said: "In Edinburgh we have an ambitious target to be net zero by 2030. We recognise that to make this happen we need to make sure that all homes are well insulated and energy efficient. The cost of living crisis is also making this need more urgent as many people are struggling to afford essentials such as heating, food and rent.

"As well as making sure we meet our net zero target, as a local authority we also have a responsibility along with our partners Edinburgh World Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland to protect our internationally renowned built heritage, particularly in conservation areas and the Old and New Towns World Heritage Site.

"We recognise that people who live in and own their own property in these areas face additional challenges as our current planning guidance has more restrictions on how a property can be adapted and which materials can be used. Making that guidance more flexible could impact our built heritage and this consultation seeks to look at how we can strike a balance between addressing climate change and protecting Edinburgh's historic environment."



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New York bound

Samba Drumming band Pulse of the Place will lead Tartan Day Parade in the Big Apple

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

THE 25TH NEW York City Tartan Day Parade will be led down Sixth Avenue on 15 April by Portobello's own Gail Porter accompanied by

around 30 young people from Edinburgh. They will all be wearing World Fair Trade Tartan which Tania Pranschuler Director of Hand Up Events uses to promote Scotland in its tenth year as a Fair Trade Nation.

As part of the band's fundraising efforts thirty young drummers accompanied by Gail, marched across the Forth Road Bridge, drumming all the way. And, in what is being called Bridge to Bridge, they

will also parade and drum over the Brooklyn Bridge when they are in the US.

Pulse of the Place, based in the capital, is a youth samba drumming band and has been in existence for

about 15 years. Previously, the group has been part of the entertainment at the 2012 Paralympics, and has toured to places such as Brighton Manchester and Liverpool.

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