

Five things you need to know today

Festival Fringe 2023

The Fringe launches its programme today. Of course it is not the Fringe Society which performs the more than 3,000 shows, but brave performers, actors, musicians and comedians. If you can then make sure that if you are here in August you buy a couple of tickets.

[Read more here.](#)



[L-R] Cris Peploe, Claudia Cawthorne and Martha Haskins launch the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2023 Programme. Photograph by Peter Dibdin

Trams are the big news of the week

The trams have begun the public services between Newhaven and Edinburgh Airport – and all the stops in between. From Picardy Place to Newhaven is a very comfortable less than 20 minutes.

[Read more here about plans for the next part of the line.](#)



Opening of the line between Picardy Place and Newhaven on 7 June 2023 PHOTO Ross Nixon

Liz McAreavey, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, said: “We are delighted to see the launch of the extended tram service, which should really open up the local economy in Leith. Leith is already well known for its creative industries, new film studio and fantastic bars and restaurants. This new connectivity will be a great boost for the area and will bring renewed confidence as Edinburgh’s economy continues to grow.

“We can now look forward to an improved and green public transport link as the city moves towards its net zero

ambitions.

“In addition, the Forth Green Freeport will be transformative for the Port of Leith and surrounding areas. This all comes together to provide a positive and greener future for this vibrant part of the city”

Film in the City

Film in the City is sponsored by Essential Edinburgh and is back this month from 23 to 25 June in St Andrew Square Garden. There is a full programme of films for the whole family.

Take a blanket and wear layers – and take food and drink... And have a great time at the outdoor film event.

[Read more here.](#)



Community council meeting

The next Colinton Community Council meeting will be held in Colinton Bowling Club at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 13 June

The agenda, draft minutes from the previous meeting and from any intervening business meetings will normally be available on the night or beforehand online at www.colintoncc.org.uk/minutes

The meeting will be followed by Colinton Community Council's 2023 AGM

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RHS artists find their inner sheep for show

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

IT'S JUNE AND that means it is time to get ready for the annual Royal Highland Show at Ingliston which is sponsored by Royal Bank of Scotland.

To publicise the event the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) commissioned "Flock to the Show", a public art trail made up of fibreglass sheep sculptures which are on tour in Edinburgh and Lothians.

Rosie (photographed left) had incredible fun getting to know these two sculptures at Port Edgar marina.

On the left is Eaha designed by Central Scotland artist Anna Bilyk and sponsored by Galloway MacLeod. Anna said her inspiration came from a mixture of landscape and process. She said: "The images are all inspired from travels and surrounding landscapes brought together and merged into a type of visual story. The style of the design comes from the process and style I use to design images for lino printmaking."

On the right Davy Baa-wie was designed by Fife knitwear designer, Jennifer McHardy, and sponsored by Macklin Motors. Jennifer said she just loves David Bowie. She said: "he is a true music and style icon, the inspiration for my sheep design came from the iconic knitted jumpsuit designed by Kansai Yamamoto for David Bowie during the Ziggy Stardust era worn by him in 1974."

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