

Five things you need to know today

Roadworks

There are many sets of roadworks which are starting off today as you can see in the handy list below.




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Our article [here](#) lists all roadworks and road closures and [@EdinTravel](#) is a good source of up to date information for anyone using a car van or truck to get around in the capital.

Porty Pride

Porty Pride takes place next weekend. Many of the events will take place at the fab new venue Portobello Town Hall which has just opened after being bought for the community.

The Town Hall was one of nine Scottish projects which received an additional £90,000 in UK Government funding from the Community Ownership Fund announced on Friday. The sum is for “essential repairs and renovations needed to provide a suitable space for the community to host a variety of events”. The Town Hall project group said that they had applied in April for funding for accessibility measures: lifts, ramps, motorised doors. The funding now awarded is £75,000 capital which Portobello Town Hall have to match and £15,000 revenue staff costs for the project.

UK Government Minister for Scotland Lord Offord said: “It’s great news that a further nine Scottish projects are sharing £2.3 million from the UK Government Community Ownership Fund.

“Through the fund we are now supporting 24 community groups across Scotland to breathe new life into the places where they live, work and play to the tune of £5.2 million.

“In total we are directly investing more than £2.4 billion in hundreds of projects across Scotland as we help grow our economy and level up the country.”

Support the Makers Will have a stall at Porty Pride Makers Market on Sunday with lovely gifts and goodies made by their suppliers.



Portobello Town Hall. Photo: © 2023, Martin P. McAdam
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Beach Wheelchairs

This small Scottish charity has operated since 2015. Since then the organisation has hired out their specialist wheelchairs over 1000 times. Their mission is to get people back on the sand enjoying the beautiful beaches. There is a wide range of wheelchairs and equipment at North Berwick, East Lothian and Portobello. Here is what it looks like to go for a paddle. The organisation was advertising summer jobs in May but positions may now be filled.

Steps to Hope need new volunteers

Feel free to get in touch with the charity Steps to Hope who

need help in their soup kitchen.

You could be a cook or help to serve food and organise the soup kitchen.

Send the charity a private message on [Facebook](#) or send them an email info@stepstohope.co.uk

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The King's Men

The Royal Company of Archers
competed in The Edinburgh Arrow,
displaying their skills as The King's
Bodyguard in Scotland

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

EDINBURGH USUALLY hosts events during Royal Week in early July, but this year the Royal Honours of Scotland will be presented to His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla during their first visit to Scotland since the Coronation. Thousands are expected to line the Royal Mile on 5 July.

The Honours of Scotland consist of the Crown, the Sceptre and the new Elizabeth Sword crafted in memory of the late Queen. The State Sword is too fragile for public use, so a new one has been made. The Stone of Destiny will also be in St Giles' for the service which will be broadcast live on TV.

The Royal Company of Archers are the Sovereign's Bodyguard in Scotland and each year are invited by the Lord Provost to compete for the Edinburgh Arrow on Bruntsfield Links. Our photo shows archer Ian Davie taking his turn.

Alan Simpson, OBE, DL, is a captain in The Royal Company. He said: "The Edinburgh Arrow was won by Colonel Charlie Wallace which was very satisfactory as he is the Secretary who does all the work. He was central in organising all the parades in September last year for the Queen's funeral, then for the Coronation and he has been working flat out on the parades to welcome His Majesty to Holyrood Palace and to St Giles as well.

"Everybody was delighted that he won. The person who wins the most points wins the arrow and Charlie 'hit the clout' twice - which is no mean feat from 180 yards."

In total during Royal Week there will be around 250 archers on parade.

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