

Five things you need to know today

Sewage leak – advice is not to swim

Scottish Water announced at the end of last week that they were responding to a pump failure at their waste water pumping station in McDonald Road in Broughton.

They explained that their teams were “currently working to resolve the issue and will be installing temporary pumps and generators over Friday night and the weekend”.

The water company confirmed that they planned to turn the generators on after the work was complete on Saturday.

At the same time a spokesperson for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) said: “On Thursday 13th July, we were notified by Scottish Water of an issue with the McDonald Road Waste Water Pumping station in Broughton that has the potential to impact water quality at Portobello West and Central bathing waters.

“As a precaution, SEPA has updated the signage at the beach to advise members of the public to avoid bathing and paddling.

“We will continue to liaise with Scottish Water until the issue is resolved.”

Scottish Water have now updated us about the pump failure. A spokesperson said: “Our team repaired the fault at the McDonald Road waste water pumping station over the weekend and it is now back up and running.

“SEPA issued a precautionary advisory information notice to the public for Portobello Beach as a result of the fault on

Friday.

“In addition to the repair, Scottish Water have also installed further contingency measures at the site to increase resilience during bathing season.”

SEPA say that they will issue an update on the position about swimming in the sea “as and when necessary” – but no update has been made yet.



Portobello New Years' Day 2022

Lismore RFC

Lismore Rugby Football Club are looking for any women players to join their training sessions from Tuesday evening. The first training session takes place tonight at Inch Park Community Centre.

WOMEN'S TRAINING RETURNS

Tuesday 18th July, 19:00 - 20:30
Inch Park Community Sports Club, Edinburgh

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Pantries are good for you

The Local Pantry network has just published a report explaining that each time a member visits their Pantry they can save on average £21.

Pantries are community-based membership food hubs, which enable members to make substantial savings on their shopping. The new report, *So Much More*, provides the greatest detail yet on the impact they are having in many low-income neighbourhoods, in terms of household savings, reduced

isolation, improved health and reduced food waste.

[Read more here.](#)



Consultation on traffic into Edinburgh

The council are consulting on transport using the Broxburn to Maybury transport corridor to come into the city.

The consultation will run over the summer about a project to connect communities with major employment, education, healthcare and leisure opportunities.

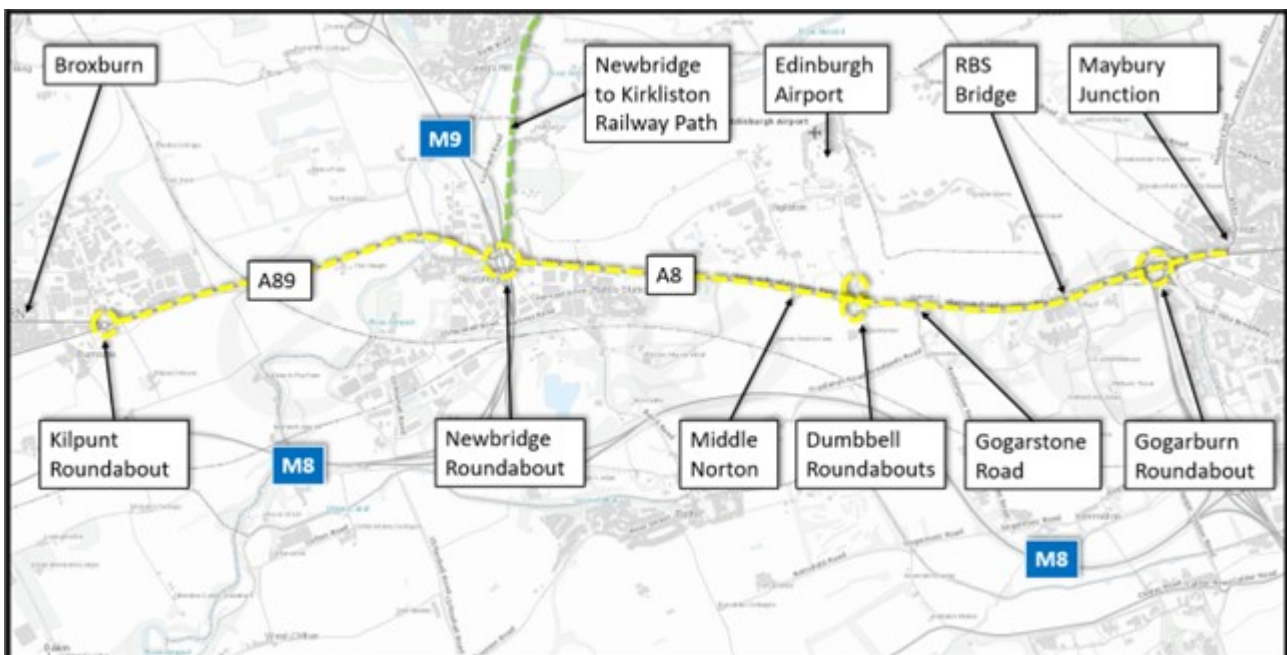
This really means they are looking at ways of improving public transport and active travel links on the west of the city between Broxburn and Maybury. Anyone who cycles that route knows it is not cycle-friendly at various points.

Although much of the introduction to this is complete

transport geek speak this is in essence what the council is aiming for:

- Reducing bus journey times by 15% in the next six years
- improving quality of cycling infrastructure to reduce cycling times by 10% in the next six years
- reduce walking times for pedestrians on the A8/A89 corridor

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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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