

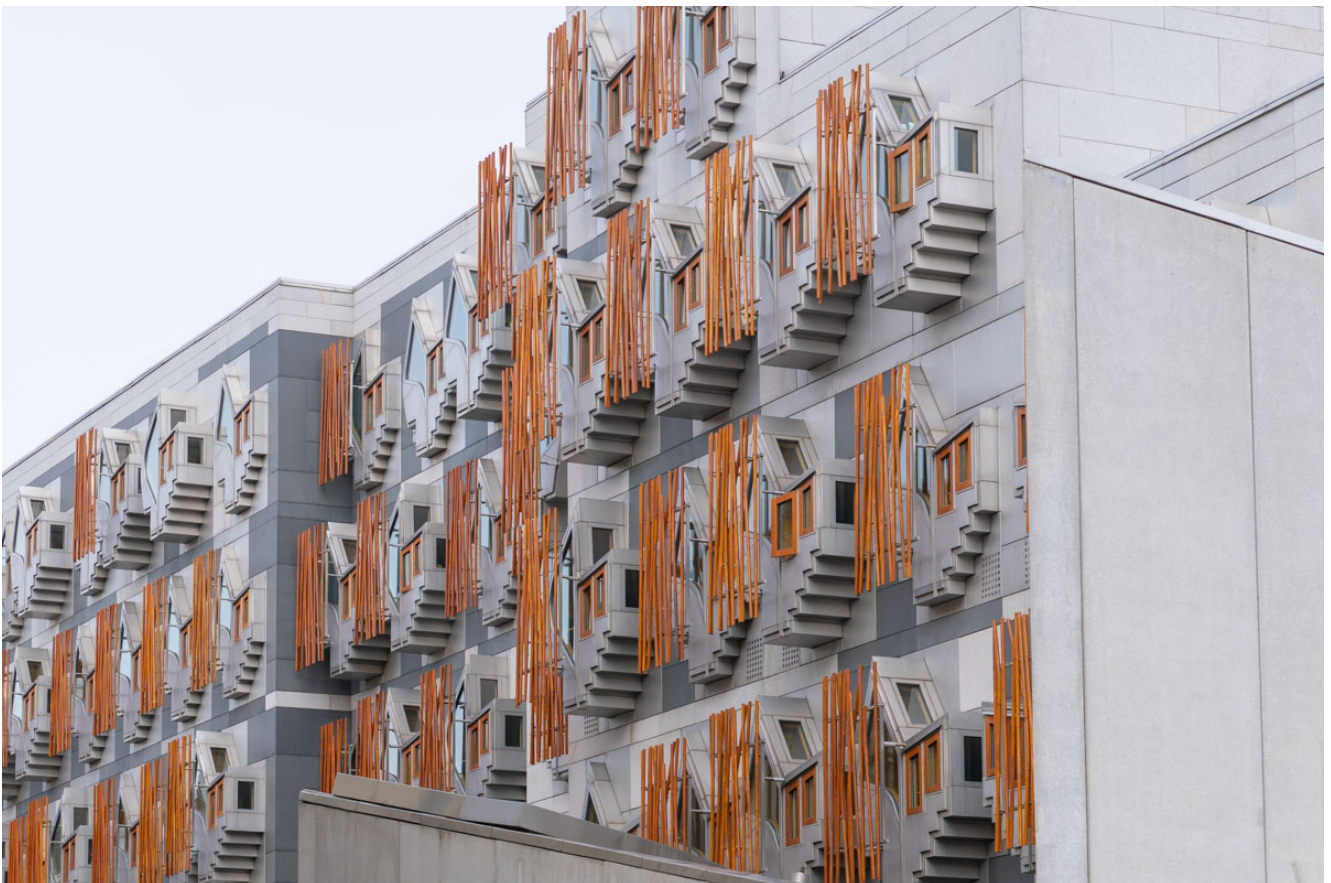
Five things you need to know today

Festival of Politics

Parliament may be in recess, but the 19th Festival of Politics will take place over three days, from 9 to 11 August at Holyrood. Extra events, run in partnership with the Edinburgh International Festival, will take place before, during and after these dates.

Featuring events on politics, current affairs, social and environmental issues, the Festival offers every Scot an opportunity to come to their Parliament and discuss the issues facing society today.

[The programme is here](#) and tickets are very reasonably priced.



Salmond is back

Former First Minister, Alex Salmond, is back on the Fringe in a show when the audience will have a vote on matters discussed, and the proceedings will be overseen by a variety of “Speakers” including actor Brian Cox, CBE, John Bercow the former Speaker and Dame Eleanor Laing who is the current principal deputy speaker in the House of Commons.

Tickets are on sale now. [Read more here.](#)

Edinburgh Projects make progress with UK Government funding

Funding has been awarded by the UK Government to two major projects in Edinburgh which are both making great progress.

The sum of £250,000 has been awarded to **North Edinburgh Arts** (NEA) to continue their project to build a new state-of-the-art hub. This award means that NEA now have 80% of their fundraising target for the capital programme. This will be added to the pot which has been donated by Foundation Scotland, The Garfield Weston Trust, The William Syson Trust, The Robertson Trust, The Binks Foundation, and the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund. Work continued apace and will be completed early in 2024. At present there is a welcome cabin in front of the site for everyone to visit and learn more about the project or join NEA.

Lesley Hinds, Chair of North Edinburgh Arts said: “North Edinburgh Arts is delighted to receive funding from the Community Ownership Fund. This funding from the Westminster Government shows the confidence they have in NEA and its future in the expanded facilities at MacMillan Hub.”

And the sum of £90,000 was awarded to **Portobello Town Hall** for essential repairs and renovations needed to provide a suitable space for the community to host a variety of events. This is additional funding that the Town Hall had not really expected. They had applied for money to help with accessibility measures such as lifts, ramps and motorised doors. The funding is £75,000 of capital which Portobello Town Hall will have to match and £15,000 of revenue staff costs for the project.

Get back to sewing

The Edinburgh Remakery are running a Sewing Machine Skills workshop at the Lend and Mend Hub in Wester Hailes on 21 and 28 July. Suitable for beginners and those who want to refresh their skills. Book a place by email WesterHailes.Library@edinburgh.gov.uk



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At the Wester Hailes Lend and Mend Hub



**Friday 21 July
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or
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1pm - 4pm**

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Places are limited, so please email to sign up for a session
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For more information about the Lend and Mend Hub Please contact
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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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