Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report is finally here

After nine years of investigation, including evidence sessions and time to write the report and have it printed, the day finally came on Tuesday when the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report was finally published. All media and the council received the report at the appointed hour of 11am and yesterday was a scramble trying to read as much of the 957 pages as we could.

We ran a live article where we were able to break down Lord Hardie's findings into bite sized chunks.

We also interviewed the Council Leader to get his first thoughts — although it is clear that the council will discuss the report at council and at the Transport and Environment Committee. Cllr Cammy Day said the council is committed to learning lessons from the findings and recommendations in the report.

Read more here.

Read all of yesterday's coverage and coverage of the <u>proceedings of the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry here</u>.



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Picture Alan Simpson

Nine years after the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry was ordered by First Minister Alex Salmond Lord Hardie has issued his report which has cost £13.1 million.

The four volume report contains criticisms of several organisations whose acts or omissions were principally responsible for the failure to deliver the Edinburgh Trams Project on time, within budget and to the extent projected.

Cargo Bike Community Event

This will be a fun event on Saturday afternoon when anyone can have a shot on a cargo bike. For more details click on the





Cargo Bike Community Event Join us! Free event!

Saturday September 23rd 2-5 pm Montpelier EH10 4NA, in front of Bruntsfield Primary



Don't be shy, give cargo bikes a try! Kids Arts & Crafts Face Painting

Music & Cakes
Stalls from BANZAI, Critical Mass
and Dig In

The Bike Station: Dr Bike—Free

bike health checks



Smoothie Bike







Check out BANZAI online BanzaiEdinburgh.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee mornings

Local politicians Deidre Brock MP for Edinburgh North and Leith and Ben Macpherson MSP are jointly holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday.

The event will run from 10.30 am - 12 noon in the Anchor Room West at the Heart of Newhaven Community Centre.

All are welcome to come along and join them for a cup of coffee or tea, to help raise funds for a vital cause. Newhaven Connections Cafe will also be offering some delicious cakes, traybakes and other treats.

If you'd like and are able to contribute, you can make a donation via the <u>event page</u>, with all proceeds going directly to Macmillan Cancer Support through JustGiving — there will also be a donation box there on the day. Every penny will go towards helping people affected by cancer live their lives as fully as possible.

Deidre Brock MP said: "Many of us have personal experience with the challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis, either first-hand or through our family and friends. I know the support offered by Macmillan has been an invaluable lifeline for lots of folk in the constituency during difficult times. So come along for a blether and a cuppa, and let's raise some money for a fantastic charity."

Ben Macpherson MSP said: "Along with my colleague, Deidre Brock MP, we are grateful to Macmillan for what they do to support people in the constituency, and across the country. Cancer can affect anyone at any time and the support that Macmillan provides can be life changing. Please do come along on Friday 29 September at 10.30am to the Heart of Newhaven to have a cuppa and a chat, and if you can, consider donating to this invaluable organisation."

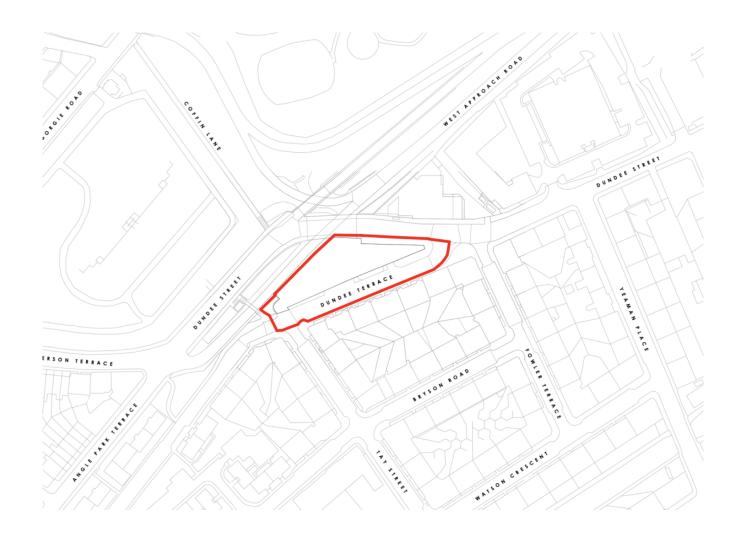
If you are holding an event for Macmillan please do let us know.



Dundee Street student flats

There will be a public consultation event on 25 September from 3pm to 7pm in relation to Glencairn Properties' Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) for purpose built student accommodation, retail/commercial space at 185/187 Dundee Street and 4/5 Dundee Terrace. Another public consultation event will be held on 23 October 2023.

See the plans here on the council website.



Our September issue

Our September newspaper is freshly published and on the streets of the capital.

Our cover story is about the Lord Provost and Council Leader who took riding lessons to allow them to take part in the Riding of the Marches.

<u>See all our photos of this year's event (and past years) on our website here</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>.

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Lord Provost saddling up in September

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

THE EDINBURGH Riding of the Marches will take place on 10 September in a canter back to the Royal Mile after a three year gap, and this year the Lord Provest, the Provest Consort and the Council Leader will all be on horseback.

The spectacle is more than just a bunch of horseriders taking over the city centre. This is a reenactment of city centre. This is a reenactment of the ancient custom of marching the boundaries, a symbolic tradition of inspecting the Common Land of Edinburgh which dates back to at least 1579.

This year the entertainment on the Royal Mile will begin at 12.30pm with music and stunt performances. The riders will complete their morning of high-energy alloos, starting at

of high-energy gallops, starting at the Drum Estate in the south of the city, before making their way through the streets through Holyrood Park and proceeding up The Royal Mile from Holyrood Palace at around 3.30gm.

And in a break from recent tradition, the Rt Hon Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant, Robert Aldridge, who will be joining the event for the first time, will be making the journey up the Royal Mile on horseback, accompanied by the Lord Provost's Consort, Colin Cunningham, and by the Council Leader Cammy Day. Clir Day admitted to bribing the

horses with treats. He said: "I have been taking riding lessons. I have done a little horse riding more than 20 years ago so I would say I am a real beginner.

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