

Five things you need to know today

Our main photo today shows that Edinburgh's Christmas is making progress ahead of the start date on 17 November.

And now that it is autumn, the usual annual disruption on Bonfire Night has come to the fore.

Bonfire night disorder

Police Scotland have issued an appeal for information either to them direct or through Crimestoppers to find out who was behind the violence in Niddrie on Sunday evening.

Officers are convinced that the acts were "orchestrated" by adults although carried out by masked youths.

[Read more here.](#)

Local MP Tommy Sheppard said he was appalled by the scenes from Sunday night:

<https://twitter.com/TommySheppard/status/1721477739536933111>



Taco Bell refused permission for a cheese melter

Yes you read that right. In a decision which will be discussed on Wednesday the council looks likely to refuse Taco Bell permission to change a previous planning approval for certain kitchen equipment to be used in its new outlet on Picardy Place. Planning officers say the cheese melter would cause smells which could not be extracted and would annoy neighbours.

[Read more here.](#)



SCV0 The Gathering

The Gathering 2023 staged by The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) takes place at the EICC today and tomorrow. Among many sessions for social enterprises of all sizes, there is a Paths for All walk at lunchtime and Taiko drumming by Nemo Arts to entertain. This is a couple of days for networking and getting to know what government – both Scottish and UK – can offer.

[The full programme is here for today's sessions.](#)

Pedal on Parliament AGM

The AGM of Pedal on Parliament, the cycling infrastructure campaign group, will be held on 9 November at 7.30pm at the

Augustine United Church George IV Bridge EH1 1EL.

The organisation is looking for new people to help run any future campaigns, and the meeting will be an opportunity to assess whether POP is still needed and whether it should still continue.

“If you have ideas, energy, enthusiasm and a reasonable amount of spare time (especially during the months of February, March and April), and want to make a difference to cycling in Scotland, then please come along if you can, or join us online – either way, [please do book](#) to let us know you’re coming. Because a cycling-friendly Scotland won’t organise itself.”

[Booking details here – you can also book online.](#)

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