

Five things you need to know today

Ban on pavement parking to be enforced this month

After a long delay of more than a decade the necessary legislation to prevent pavement parking is now in place and Edinburgh will be the first city in Scotland to enforce the rules from 29 January.

[Read more here.](#)

Paolozzi

It is almost 100 years since Sir Eduardo Paolozzi was born in Leith and the National Galleries of Scotland will commemorate the centenary with a birthday party at Modern Two which will last from 27 January until 21 April 2024.

Meantime you can watch a 2017 film made by Phil Jupitus about the artist.



Paolozzi at Modern Two. Photo: © 2020, Martin P. McAdam
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5K Journey over the Forth Road Bridge

On the evening of 2 November 2024 the Forth Road Bridge will be open for everyone to take their own 5K journey. The bridge will be closed to all traffic and everyone is invited to walk, jog or run across the bridge to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the bridge opening on 4 September 1964.

The occasion will be an opportunity for charity fundraisers to be sponsored for their efforts – while enjoying the bridge in all its bus-free glory.

[Anyone interested has to sign up to the ballot here.](#) There is an entry fee of £38.50 which includes transport to and from the bridge. The successful applicants will be notified by 8 April.



The Forth Road Bridge
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Useful information

If you are struggling to make ends meet then this is a handy list of places you can go to get a free meal in Edinburgh. There is no need to register – just go along.



Free Meals in Edinburgh

There are many places in Edinburgh where you can get a hot meal for free. The places listed below are drop-in (you do not need to register before going).

Monday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: hot meals. **17:30,** City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Tuesday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Soul Food: hot meals for **OVER 60s.** **12:30 -** Wolpole Hall at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, LUNCH, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW. **17:30** Carrubbers Christian Centre, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Social Bite: A two course meal. **15:00 - 17:00.** Vesta Bar & Kitchen 7-8 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4PA.

Wednesday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.



Thursday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: hot meals. **17:30 -** Mustard Seed Church, St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 170 Easter Road, EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.



Friday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Soul Food: breakfast, **10am-11am.** Mustard Seed Edinburgh, St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 170 Easter Road EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Empty Kitchens Full Hearts: Soup and a roll, **13:00 - 14:00** 3-11 West Granton Road, EH5 1HG.

Weekend

Saturday

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: families meal, **16:30 - 18:30,** St Margaret's Church, 170 Easter Road, EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Sunday

Soul Food: lunch. **14:00 -** Central Church, Central Hall, West Tollcross, EH3 9BP. **17:00 - 18:00,** Oxfangs Community Church, Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre, 71 Firhill Drive, EH13 9EU. **17:30** Life Church, 2 Davie Street, EH8 9EB.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge. **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

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