

# Five things you need to know today

## Melville Crescent

We [published an article](#) about the work being done at Melville Crescent just as the street had been cleared of roadworks connected to the City Centre West to East Link (CCWEL) and the new cycle lanes and parking spaces created there at the beginning of April. But, according to comments on local Facebook groups not many people are aware of what is happening there. So here is the information you will need to know if you are out and about on Melville Street and Melville Crescent.

Funding of £2.1 million has just been provided by Transport Scotland to create the new public realm arrangement on Melville Crescent which was actually approved in 2018.

The new layout will include:

- Wider and resurfaced footways using sandstone slabs in keeping with the World Heritage Site.
- Re-introduction of setts on the road along Melville Crescent – re-using the setts which currently lie hidden under the existing asphalt surface.
- Improved and additional crossing points
- New lawn areas and street trees
- New cycle parking and benches

Work began on 22 April 2024 and it will continue for nine months. The contractor is the same one which carried out the work on CCWEL – Balfour Beatty.

[Read the report to Committee in March 2018 where the design was approved following consultation](#)



## Dr Bike Sessions – free care for your bike

Tomorrow and next Saturday 27 April take your bike to St Margaret's Park in Corstorphine where there will be a Dr Bike session provided by Graeme Hart of Harts Cyclery from 10am until 3pm. Situated next to the Dower House Café you can have a coffee while someone checks over your bike for free. It is part of the council's Corstorphine Connections project which is a trial road safety project which aims to make the area safer for those walking, wheeling or cycling.

Read more in the Corstorphine Connections newsletter below.



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## Pepper is reunited with owner – after 19 days away from home

This is no shaggy dog story. Pepper was missing for almost three weeks from his owner's home in West Lothian before being found by "dog wrangler" Hazel Gowans who runs Search Dogs for Lost Dogs Scotland.

[A good news story – read more here.](#)



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## Lift off at dance festival

### Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongpoo Festival which showcases international dance on a teaching, learning and performing platform. The still new festival is on at The Scottish Storytelling Centre and other Edinburgh venues from 25-30 April.

New dance commissions and residencies will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in artfests, workshops (both in person and live-streamed), buses, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a variety of activities by Caroline Brockbank of Caribbafish, and a mature showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Ukrainian language schools in the capital.

Dyana Nedelova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongpoo festival seeds of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

"In a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border restrictions, we were inspired by a poem by Ian MacMillan that captured the zeitgeist."

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# **Oxgangs Crescent improvement Project**

The council is holding a drop in event next Wednesday when local people can find out what is proposed for Oxgangs Crescent. The event is being held at Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre from 4 to 7pm.

# Oxgangs Crescent

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## Landscape Improvement Project

Come along to our drop in event



We would like to share further design ideas for the area behind St Marks Church as part of a landscape improvement project.



We invite you to join us for a chat, share your thoughts and hear more about improvements to the following:

- Bin stores, bin lorry access and accessibility
- Vehicle access and car parking
- Improvements to help with flooding
- Potential for play areas

**Oxgangs**

**Neighbourhood Centre**

71 Firrhill Drive, EH13 9EU

**Wednesday 24th April**

Time: 4pm - 7pm



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