

Five things you need to know today

Wildlife

Photographer Alan Simpson spotted something quite rare at the weekend when out near the River Tweed.

Take a look at this photo below – and read more about the creature usually only spotted at night with more photos [over here](#).



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Picture Alan Simpson

A brown long-eared bat beside the river Tweed out and about unusually in daylight.

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Lift off at dance festival

Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP HEPBURN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongonastes 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.

Five dance commissions and audiences will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in ardhais, woolshaps (both in person and live streamed), tours, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a craft fair all led by Gairne Brockbank of Corribhàidh, and a matinee showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Christian language schools in the capital.

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

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

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Become a friend of Hidden Door Festival



Hidden Door Festival is run by volunteers on a not for profit basis and they are asking for just a wee bit of help. A spokesperson said: “We’re still making plans for a full festival later this year, and to support that we’ve launched a new Friends of Hidden Door scheme.

“Our volunteer-run charity is entirely funded by ticket sales, sponsorship and fundraising. All income goes straight into our festival and paying our creative contributors. For just £4 a month you can help us open more spaces and support even more artists and creatives.

“In return, you’ll get:

- early access to exclusive events
- regular newsletters with advance announcements
- 10% discount on tickets with priority booking
- the opportunity to donate to a cause you love
- flexibility to pay monthly or annually
- 25% Gift Aid boost for UK taxpayers on their contribution
- a special ‘Friends of Hidden Door’ pin badge

“Have a look at our fundraiser [here](#).”

Heritage restoration event in Granton

On 4 May join the discussion behind developments at Granton Waterfront as a variety of groups invite ideas and comments on

heritage restoration in Granton – particularly the Granton Lighthouse, Granton Station Platforms, Madelvic House and the Granton Castle Walled Garden. The council already has the funding but wants to know what locals think about the heritage in Granton. There is an online survey running from 1 May and on 4 May there is a drop in session at Granton Station from 11am to 2pm. Staff from Granton Station will also be there to talk about WASPS in Granton. [Consultation will be live here from 1 May.](#)



We want your thoughts – Heritage restoration in Granton

Granton Station - a brand-new working space with events and activities for the community

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Update April 2024

Issue #22

Welcome to the Granton Waterfront newsletter. In this issue, we bring you updates on important and upcoming events and developments in your area.

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WE WANT YOUR THOUGHTS!

SATURDAY 4 MAY 2024
11AM - 2PM
Granton Station
Granton Station Sq.
Edinburgh, EH3 1FU

Find out about our building, repair and activity proposals for Granton Lighthouse, Granton Station Platforms, Madelvic House and the Granton Castle Walled Garden and share your thoughts and ideas with us!

DROP IN ANYTIME!

Our online survey will run from 1 - 29 May 2024

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Granton has an interesting history and heritage and has been an important centre for the maritime, energy and car industries. There are distinctive historic buildings and heritage landscapes across the area that the community have told us are important to them and we want to preserve, develop and refurbish for the people of Granton and the surrounding area – and further afield - to enjoy. In May 2023, the Council received funding to develop plans for the heritage and restoration of four key historic buildings: Granton Lighthouse; the Edwardian former Granton Gasworks railway station building's platforms; Madelvic House, which is 'B' listed from the 1890s, and Granton Castle Walled Garden

We are currently developing ideas and proposals for the refurbishment of these building and structures and activities in and around them and we are keen to hear your thoughts on these and on heritage in Granton generally. Our online survey to get your thoughts and ideas on this project will be running from 1st May (see QR code above) and we will be holding a drop-in session at Granton Station, Waterfront Broadway, on Saturday 4 May from 11am-2pm so that you can see plans, talk to us and give your feedback. Staff from Granton Station will also be on hand to talk about Wasps in Granton. We are hoping to see you there!

Confusion reigns

The new road layout at Charlotte Square is designed as a temporary layout in an effort to reduce vehicle traffic in the city centre. The lanes next to the central area are not for cyclists – or so The Edinburgh Reporter has been told by the Transport Convener, Cllr Scott Arthur.

The signage does lead to confusion however.



