

# Five things you need to know today

## Edinburgh Bus Users' Group AGM

The Edinburgh Bus Users' Group held their AGM on Thursday evening with guest speaker David Biggs the former Transport Convener.

Professor Begg said that bus journey times are adversely affected by longer journey times which have risen by about 20 per cent in the last decade.

[Read more here.](#)

## Swiftmania

Taylor Swift fans were already queuing up in the early afternoon on Thursday to gain access to Scottish Gas Murrayfield for the full concert experience. If you are going tonight or tomorrow you may wish to get there early to be ahead of the crowds.

[For more information have a look at the Forever Edinburgh website here.](#)

Were you there? Tell us about your experience.



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## David Gray appointed at Easter Road

As our Callum Napier predicted in the June issue of our paper David Gray has been appointed manager at Easter Road on a permanent basis. [Read more here](#) on Page 22 – and read the announcement of the new appointment [here](#).



New Hibs head coach David Gray Photo Alan Rennie

## Support local independent news

Today is the final day of Indie News Week in the UK. Many of our colleagues running news outlets similar to The Edinburgh Reporter have been involved in events this week. We are taking part in the Scottish Beacon event at the Grassmarket Community Project all day today when we will be part of the discussion about the [role of local news in Scotland's communities](#).

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**IT IS NOW TEN YEARS** since Edinburgh Trams began running the passenger service

from Edinburgh Airport to York Place. Actually on the first day the service began at the Gyle Stop with many people trying to be the first passengers to get on board.

Edinburgh Trams have now carried more than 60 million passengers in the last decade on a fleet of 27 trams and employ around 300 people in Edinburgh. Except during Covid

tram income has risen year on year. In 2014 the half year income was £4.782 million and this rose to £23.9 million in 2023.

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## Leith Gala Day

Leith Gala Day takes place on Saturday with a parade, the opening of the Victorian Swing Bridge and entertainment in Leith Links.

The Gala Day also marks the beginning of the week-long Leith Festival 2024.

[There is more information here about some of the events.](#)



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