

# Five things you need to know today

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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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## Indie News Week event in Edinburgh

This takes place between 3 and 9 June – and there is an event taking place in Edinburgh.

Come and join us and our other partners on The Scottish Beacon for a lively discussion on the future of local journalism in Scotland. This event will bring together journalists, community members, and industry experts to explore the challenges and opportunities facing local news outlets. From the rise of digital media to the impact of social media, we'll delve into how journalism is evolving Scotland's communities. Don't miss out on this insightful event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/no-news-is-bad-news-the-future-of-local-journalism-in-scotland-tickets-879456507087?aff=erelexpmlt>

## **Drem to Gullane path**

The local community council have now voted to make the delivery of this path a priority. The Drem-Gullane path campaign is now almost 20 years old. It will be a great day when the walking cycling and wheeling path is opened to take people safely from one village to the other.

[Read more here.](#)



Local campaigners have fought for 19 years to persuade East Lothian Council to create a safe off road path from Drem to Gullane for walkers and cyclists. PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter

## Community Hero awards

Ian Murray the Scottish Labour candidate for Edinburgh South handed out two community hero awards before demoting office as the MP last Thursday.

The first award he gave to Neil Roger from Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links (FoMBL) for all the work he has done to improve the area with tree planting and much other work.

The second he gave to David Dempster the headteacher at Boroughmuir High School who is retiring after 41 years in



education.

## General Election 2024

If you are a candidate at the General Election then time is running out for you to be grilled by us – get in touch today and we can conduct interviews on the phone, on Zoom, in person or on the run.

But we need to know who you are and what you are going to do for our voters.

And if you are a voter then we need you to send us the question that you would like us to put to your candidate.

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