

Five things you need to know today

Have your say on new homes for Craigmillar

The Council is looking for people's views on proposals to create new homes and commercial premises in Craigmillar's local centre.

The site sits on the south side of Niddrie Mains Road and is currently occupied by several small businesses and a Tesco Express store.

Plans are being put together to create a mixed-use development with new affordable homes above commercial premises. This will link with the recent Seacole Square development and deliver up to 125 new net zero carbon homes with a new frontage on Niddrie Mains Road.

The plans continue the wider regeneration of the local area, which has already created over 1,250 new homes alongside the new local office, schools, shops and green spaces.

Residents can join a drop-in session to discuss the proposals at Craigmillar Library on Tuesday 12 November between 3pm and 7pm.

More information on the proposals will be published on the Council website on Tuesday 12 November, from which point visitors will be able to share their views via the Consultation Hub.

Views and comments can also be submitted direct to the Council by end of Friday 29 November 2024.

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***McScrooge* brings Laughter and Fun to All Ages**

Citadel Arts Group are delighted to have the chance to bring our successful mini-panto, *McScrooge* by Alan Mountford, back to life this festive season. They first performed the show ten years ago in Leith and have always dreamed of reviving it to bring more festive cheer to other groups of people, of all ages and abilities. With advice from Dawn Irvine of Deepness Dementia, Willy Gilder and Agnes Houston, Citadel Arts Group has adapted *McScrooge*, making it dementia-friendly with increased audience participation – in the spirit of panto – and more music. The main change is that the arts group has brought Tiny Tim onstage as a puppet created by the inspirational Freda O'Byrne.

The play opens on November 14th in Assembly Roxy as part of the Dementia Arts Festival. Then it tours around Edinburgh taking in care homes: Marionville Court and Ferrylee; dementia day care centres Corstorphine Jubilee Club and the Seagrove Centre, where audiences will include local primary school pupils from Carrick Knowe and St Ninians; Abbeyhill Primary, the Ripple (Restalrig Lochend Community Hub) and even Blossom Tree Nursery at Fairmilehead.

The public performances are as follows: 4 November, 2pm at Assembly Roxy, 2 Roxburgh Place; 29 November 1.30pm in the Ripple, 198 Restalrig Road South and on 9 December at 2pm in Leith Dockers Club, 17 Academy Street. All performances are free but please reserve a place from lizhare@blueyonder.co.uk

Citadel is grateful to the People's Post Code Lottery and Garfield Weston Foundation for supporting these performances.



Get into the Palace for £1

Special £1 tickets go on sale today 5 November 2024 for The Palace of Holyroodhouse.

In 2025, a **new scheme of £1 tickets**, available to those receiving Universal Credit and other named benefits, will be launched at the royal residence, initially available between 1 January and 4 April.

Those eligible can bring up to five members of their household along with them to explore the Palace for £1 each. The scheme is part of Royal Collection Trust's charitable aim to find welcoming and inclusive ways for everyone to enjoy the Palaces and the Collection.

In addition to £1 tickets, a range of concessionary rates will continue to be available. These include half-price entry for children and discounts for young people, while visitors who purchase standard tickets directly from Royal Collection Trust can convert them into a 1-Year Pass, allowing free re-entry for 12 months.

The Palace of Holyroodhouse is open to the public year-round.

[Ticket information here.](#)



Palace of Holyroodhouse

Relaxed Opening Hours day at Dynamic Earth

[Dynamic Earth](#), Edinburgh's Science Centre and Planetarium, is holding a **Relaxed Opening Hours Day** on **6 November**, offering visitors an extraordinary opportunity to explore the wonders of our planet in a calm, sensory-friendly setting.

Dynamic Earth's Relaxed Opening Hours Day provides an inclusive environment for all visitors. Designed for those who would benefit from a more relaxed visit such as those with Additional Support Needs (ASN), but open to everyone.

These sessions prioritise sensory comfort through sensory adjustments without compromising on the overall Dynamic Earth experience. Whether you're visiting with family, friends, or solo, Relaxed Opening Hours Day creates a welcoming space for everyone to experience the wonder of Dynamic Earth.

Dynamic Earth's approach encourages visitors to learn and explore at their own pace, giving everyone the chance to fully enjoy everything this world-class science centre and planetarium has to offer. This is why Dynamic Earth offers sensory adjustments throughout the entire day.

[Full details here.](#)

The Forth Act at Craiglockhart

The Forth Act are presenting the above play at Napier University's Craiglockhart Campus (The Siegfried Room), from 21-24 November. Get your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blithe-spirit-tickets-1015966742877>