

# Five things you need to know today

## Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council

The next meeting is at 6.30pm on 26 November at Custom House on Commercial Street. The meeting is being convened to discuss:

Western Harbour 24/05114/FUL – proposed residential development of 104 apartments

Bangor Road PAN

BT Hubs

Leith Connections (Henderson St, Hawthornvale to Seafield)

Water of Leith Basins

Landscape/greenspace reinstatement – tram corridor

Leith Chooses

A reminder that comments are invited on the planning application at Western Harbour Ponds until 29 November. A spokesperson for Friends of Western Harbour Ponds said: “On 4 November 2024, prospective developer FM Group’s application for planning permission on plot A1, the woodland plot, went live on the City of Edinburgh Council’s planning portal. Residents of neighbouring properties would have received notification, but ANYONE can comment – the deadline for comments is **Friday 29 November.**” [Read more here.](#)



Courtesy Save Western Harbour Ponds

## Pirate Radio Special

**Callum Easter** will be broadcasting live this weekend on Saturday in a **Pirate Radio Special**, inviting fans to tune in and get a taste of what to expect when he plays the [Queens Hall in Edinburgh on 2 December](#) as part of this year's Soundhouse Winter Festival.

This one-off temporary broadcast, will be transmitted live at Leith Depot in Edinburgh. It will also be available to fans by tuning into **87.8FM** at the following times/places:

**Saturday 23 November 2024**

Around Morningside and near Calton Hill 7-9pm

Around Leith Walk 9-11pm

[Find out more about the Soundhouse Winter Festival here.](#)

# Christmas is coming

Bad weather will affect opening of some of Edinburgh's Christmas. The Polar Ice Bar and Coorie Inn on George Street will not open until the afternoon of 26 November.

But Santa Claus and his elves are ready to welcome families at St. Andrew Square where they can find **Santa's Stories**, a letter writing station and a post box with a direct line to Santa's workshop. Santa's Stories begins Saturday 23 November in the Piccolo Spiegel tent, with each visit ensuring kids get the opportunity to meet Santa himself before the big day, and take home their own present.

Also in St. Andrew Square, [the all-new Christmas Tree Maze](#) opens on Saturday 23 November, until 24 December. This immersive holiday experience, with tickets from £5, offers one of the **UK's largest illuminated Christmas Tree walks**.

Time to lace up your skates! [Edinburgh's premier outdoor Ice Rink](#) opens on George Street from the evening of Friday 22 November right through until Saturday 4 January 2025. With a covered rink, it could be the perfect festive activity, rain or shine for you.

**Edinburgh's Christmas is now open** featuring a jam-packed programme of festive family fun. Get ready for bright lights, Christmas tunes and mulled wine as the festive season kicks off. Last weekend's opening in East Princes Street Gardens welcomed 100,000 visitors during the weekend.

**There is more to entertain you at Ross Bandstand (all free) this weekend.**

Edinburgh Sings 24 November at 2pm – [details are here](#)

Silent disco on 23 November in the late afternoon – [details here](#)





Last weekend the Snow Queen and the elves spread their festive cheer © 2024 Martin McAdam



Santa's Stories will welcome families for a visit with the main man himself, plus kids can take a trip round the

Christmas Tree Maze in St Andrew Square, both opening this weekend, alongside Ice Skating on George Street which also opens its doors this week. Photo Ian Georgeson

## Leith Creative Trail

The Leith Creative Trail is a map of all the markets and open studios that are happening on Saturday 30 November until Sunday 8 December.

You can pick up a map at any participating venues or by [downloading it online](#) as a pdf. Venues include:

- Out of the Blue, Drill Hall
- Portland Street Studio Jewellers
- Heart of Newhaven
- Art Glass Studio 34
- Leith Makers
- Glass Lab
- Silverhub Studios
- Custom House
- Mote 102
- Edinburgh Open Workshop
- Portland Street Pottery
- Leith Police Box
- Out of the Blue Abbymount Studios
- Akvile Su & Wojtek Kutyla
- Leith Market
- Coburg House





from 11am to 1pm. Take your bike along and Dr Bike will give it the once over.

Also a family friendly bike ride around the area is planned (depends on the weather which does not look the best..). And there will be two cargo bikes to try out. No need to book a place just drop in.

And children are welcome but must be over 8 years old and accompanied by an adult.

[More details here.](#)



Bikes recovered by Edinburgh Police at Fettes HQ. PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter