

# Five things you need to know today

## Pop in event today on the future of Princes Street has been cancelled but there are two more this month.

The first of three pop in events is being held today for the public to have their say on the future of Princes Street, the Gardens and Waverley Station. The council has named the area the Waverley Valley although that seems to be a new name. It covers the gardens and the Ross Bandstand as well as the station which is run by Network Rail.

The council says it wants to create a “high quality public realm” while protecting the street and the heritage of the area as part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The first event is at the Central Library.

Thursday 16 January. 10am to 2pm. Central Library foyer, 7-9 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EG CANCELLED

Wednesday 29 January. 3pm to 7pm. Waverley Station main concourse.

Monday 3 February. 1pm to 5pm. City Arts Centre, 2 Market Street, EH1 1DE

[Read more about the plans here.](#)



## **Consultation on affordable housing in Craigmillar**

There is an information event on 21 January in Craigmillar Library to get the public's views of proposals for a mixed development of housing and commercial premises in the centre of the area.

The site is on the south side of Niddrie Mains Road where the Tesco Express store is. The plans include building affordable homes above shops linking with the Seacole Square development. There could be up to 125 net zero carbon homes built here with a new frontage on Niddrie Mains Road. There has been recent development in Craigmillar creating more than 1,250 new homes with a new local office for the council, schools shops and green spaces.

The drop-in session will be held at Craigmillar Library on

Tuesday 21 January between 3pm and 7pm. This follows an initial event held on Tuesday 12 November, as part of the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) planning process.

Everyone can share their views on the council's [Consultation Hub](#) from 21 January until Tuesday 4 March.



## February newspaper

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER... A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**THE YEAR STARTS** with good news for the team at The Biscuit Factory. Our photo above shows (left to right) Holly Dobbin, Murray Clarke, Fiona Hamilton and Michael Johnstone who run the old Crawford's Biscuits on Anderson Place. This is the first location in Edinburgh to be granted a S.50 planning certificate under the newly adopted City Plan 2030, and ensures that the premises can continue to be full of activity and

events throughout 2025.

Fiona Hamilton, Managing Director of the Biscuit Factory, said: "We are so happy to finally be able to move forward with my original plans for the Biscuit Factory. Through our events and bar management the Biscuit Factory has been able to supplement the rents of over 20 local businesses housed inside our walls allowing them to thrive, collaborate and support the Leith community and each other. With the Council's ruling we are now able to comfortably execute

our plans for building accessibility and environmental improvements as well as continuing to offer up a fantastic events space as well as a nice co-working space to enjoy a drink."

The newest attraction will be the new Factory Floor Café which will be open from Monday to Friday 7am to 3pm.

On 18 January the Open House with new neighbours PLATFORM\_ will be an opportunity to thank customers and clients for their support over the years, and will also be a

chance for locals to meet the many businesses which have their home in Bonnington.

On 25 January the Alternative Burns Night is an invite to everyone to join the fun with a haggis burger, whisky, poetry and ceilidh dancing.

And then in April the Biscuit Factory Beverage Festival returns for a second year hoping to build on the success of the first with beer, wine and spirits galore on offer.

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# Calton Hill Conservation Trust – litter pick

The Trust is holding a Litter pickup Saturday which will begin at 10am from outside the City Observatory on Calton Hill. It will last for an hour and a half. All are welcome and refreshments are provided.

*Our NINTH LITTER PICKUP is on Saturday (18 January) starting at 10.00 from outside the City Observatory on CALTON HILL. Lasting 90 minutes. Refreshments provided. All welcome – members & non-members. Write <info@caltonhilltrust.org> for more information. [pic.twitter.com/C5xRIMQ3Li](https://pic.twitter.com/C5xRIMQ3Li)*

– Calton Hill Conservation Trust (@focaltonhill) [January 12, 2025](#)