

# Five things you need to know today

## New coffee house

A new place to visit has just opened on The Royal Mile in a Category A-listed building in Edinburgh's Old Town Conservation Area and World Heritage Site.

The new John's Coffee House and Tavern invites visitors to "step into history while enjoying the best of Scotland's culinary offerings".

<https://johnscoffeehouse.com/>

[Read more here](#)



# Book a table at the Ripple Easter Fayre

Book a table at the Ripple's Easter Fayre indoor car boot sale. Contact: [diane.gordon@theripple.org.uk](mailto:diane.gordon@theripple.org.uk)

Tables £10/£15 per sellers. Crafters and artisans also welcome.



# The Ripple

HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

Are proud to announce our...  
**...Easter Fayre!!**

You can expect to see:

- 🐣 Table sale of pre-loved and new goods
- 🐣 Baking stalls
- 🐣 Raffle
- 🐣 Tombola
- 🐣 Easter activities
- 🐣 Filled rolls, teas and coffee available from our cafe



## Friday Community Café

At Bellfield (the former Portobello Old Parish Church on Bellfield Street) there is a community café each Friday morning from 11am until noon. The idea is not just to have coffee and cake – although that is also on offer – but to

share skills. This Friday everyone attending can learn how to make fabric hearts. Hot soup and rolls are available from 11.30am.

# FRIDAY COMMUNITY CAFE



## SKILL SHARING

- 11am - 12pm, every week
- No experience needed
- Free to all
- Join us for cake and a coffee and learn a new skill!

### THIS WEEK'S SESSION:

## Fabric Love Hearts!



# OneCity Trust funding

The Lord Provost's charity, OneCity Trust which is billed as the inclusion charity, has confirmed that their 2025 grant funding programme will be opening soon.

Last year grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 were available to applicants.

When details are available they will be [posted here on the charity's website.](#)

## Dobbies Community Gardens

If you have a community garden within 20 miles of Edinburgh then you are invited to apply to Dobbies Community Gardens where support for green spaces is available.

Dobbies has offered help and assistance to around 350 groups in the last year.

Dobbies' Operations Director, Nick Anderson, encourages groups in Edinburgh to apply. He said: "There are so many fantastic local groups near our Edinburgh store and Dobbies Community Gardens gives us the opportunity to give something back.

"We want to hear from all types of groups, whether it's a school looking to build a sensory garden, a charity group trying to expand their fruit and vegetable growing project or a community group looking to rejuvenate an unused space.

"Our store colleagues are looking forward to hearing from local groups who would benefit from their support this year. We're always looking to inspire the next generation of gardeners or offer a helping hand to those groups looking to freshen up their communal garden areas."

All nominated projects will be invited along to the Edinburgh store for the free-to-attend Grow How session on Saturday 3

May, 10:30am, where one winning project per store will be announced.

To find out more information about Dobbies Community Gardens and to fill out an application form, visit [Dobbies Community Gardens | Dobbies Garden Centres](#)



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