

# Five things you need to know today

## Planning application for new statue attracts comment.

The charity, Statue for Elsie Inglis has applied for planning permission for a “monument to be erected on the Royal Mile to commemorate Dr Elsie Inglis”.

This will, if approved, be placed opposite two plaques which are high on a wall next to 219 High Street.

The site is appropriate as it is where Dr Inglis set up her hospice where she pioneered maternal care.

But the design for the new statue is causing a great deal of [comment](#). So far there have been 262 comments, 158 of which are supportive.

We spoke to Natasha Phoenix who is a sculptor and leads a Facebook group called [ELSIE ON THE MILE-we choose a breastfeeding mother with Elsie statue](#).

[Read more here.](#)

## Spring Clean Up

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| <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful's #SpringCleanScotland takes place 21 March – 21 April</p> |
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People across Edinburgh are being encouraged to sign up for a national challenge to address the country's litter emergency. Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful's annual Spring Clean takes place between 21 March and 21 April. Ninety per-cent of people agree that litter is a problem across Scotland. The #SpringCleanScotland 2025 mass litter pick brings together people from across Scotland to help tackle our country's litter emergency. Last year 45,000 people across Scotland rolled up their sleeves and, equipped with litter pickers, bags and gloves, made a positive difference to their own neighbourhoods. But this year we're urging people to get involved and contribute to an even bigger national response. Now, Keep Scotland Beautiful is calling for people across Edinburgh to get involved. With 81% of people agreeing they want to see increased action to clean up litter in their communities, #SpringCleanScotland 2025 is the perfect chance for people to get involved and take action to reverse the deterioration in environmental quality in Scotland's neighbourhoods. More than 15,000 people have already registered to take part during the month-long event, which kicks off this Friday. [You can register your own clean up or find one to join on the Clean Up Scotland map.](#)



# Edinburgh World Heritage Event – Geology City

**Thursday 20 March 6pm to 8pm**

Edinburgh sits draped across a varied landscape of craggy hills and deep, damp scoops. It is easy to take this landscape and its underlying geology for granted, as simply the stage on which Edinburgh's story has played out. But geology has had a profound influence on the city: arguably the city is only here because of Castle Rock and the long ridge underlying the Royal Mile. And geology has provided building material and energy, as well as placing the city at the heart of the development of ideas on how the world works.

Dr Angus Miller is a Teaching Fellow and Course Organiser at the Centre for Open Learning at the University of Edinburgh. Alongside that, he runs Geowalks, helping people to explore

Scotland's geology and discover the rich story of our rocks and landscapes.

[Tickets here.](#)

## The Caledonian puts out call to artists

The Caledonian Edinburgh is inviting Scottish artists and designers to submit entries for a unique art installation in their newly refurbished food & drinks destination, [The Court](#). The selected artist will receive a **£10,000** commission to create a hero piece that will become a focal point of this space.

While the hotel's rich history is acknowledged, we encourage artists to think beyond heritage and rail travel themes, creating a unique and engaging work that complements the newly re-imagined space's energy and atmosphere. Visual excellence, storytelling, conceptual thinking, technical craftsmanship, subject depth, and understanding will be several of the aspects that the judging panel will take into consideration when successfully awarding the commission.

Entries should fit within a wall space of 8200 cm (w) x 3600cm (h), with one piece of art or a series of pieces.

### Submission Details:

- Entry Period: Open until 31st March 2025
- Eligibility: Open to all Scottish artists (entry is free)
- Selection Process: Reviewed by The Caledonian Edinburgh's Ownership and Leadership Team

Artists are invited to visit and view The Court and seek inspiration and insight to their piece.



To submit an entry for the competition, artists can send their proposal, chosen media, length of commission required, and samples of their previous work to [marketing@edinburghcaledonian.com](mailto:marketing@edinburghcaledonian.com) and this will be shared with the team for review.



## Litter picking with Wester Hailes Growing Communities

The details are below. Meet at Clovenstone Community Garden at 2pm on 19 March.



# Litter Picking

*With Wester Hailes Growing Communities*

**Organised by:** Alan Gordon (Senior Community Gardener)  
& Dr Scott Arthur MP

**When:** 19th March 2025 @ 2pm

**Where:** Starting from **Clovenstone Community Garden**  
we will be litter picking along **Greenway Path** and  
finishing at **Greenway Community Garden**

*Come and join your local MP and help keep our community tidy!*



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