

# Five things you need to know today

## Council consultation

A council consultation on parks ends on Friday. One of the rules has been highlighted by Spokes as possibly problematic for cyclists.

The cycle campaign group has responded to the consultation saying that rule 4.19 which restricts padlocking or securing cycles to railings, gates, poles or posts may put some people off cycling to parks.

They have pointed out that some cycles – such as cargo bikes or assistive bikes for those who cannot cycle on their own – are not suitable for standard cycle racks and it might be necessary for their owners to secure the bikes elsewhere.

But there is of course more to the consultation than just cycling. [The consultation is to be found here, and it closes on Friday.](#)

The Council plans to bring in a revised set of Management Rules for Public Parks, Beaches, and Green space. These rules are made under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. The Culture and Communities Committee met on [22 April 2022](#). The Committee support discussing changes with the public. They also seek additional suggestions for new rules. Since then, further work has been carried out. A revised [draft set of management rules](#) have been developed.

There are laws to support your enjoyment of the outdoors. These are the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC). Management Rules are important guidelines. They set out how people should behave in parks and

other public spaces. Having rules means that the Council does not need to ask the Scottish Ministers for permission to make sure everyone uses our spaces properly and safely. The management rules shall apply to the city's public parks, beaches, and green spaces. This will include the Pentland Hills Regional Park. This is in line with the [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#).



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## **Elsie Inglis statue**

The planning application for a new statue of Elsie Inglis – and the first one of a woman on the Royal Mile – has to be determined by 25 April 2025. Comments closed on Friday 4 April and there are 647 of them. Of these comments 408 support the statue and 237 pose objections to the statue. Meanwhile we will keep an eye out for the statue being discussed, as it no doubt will be, at a Development Management Sub-Committee.

There is also an Elsie Inglis related event on at Surgeons

Hall Museum with a lunchtime talk on 30 April at 1.15pm and although it has sold out online [The event webpage is here](#) in case of cancellations.

### Design Development

#### Proposed Statue Description

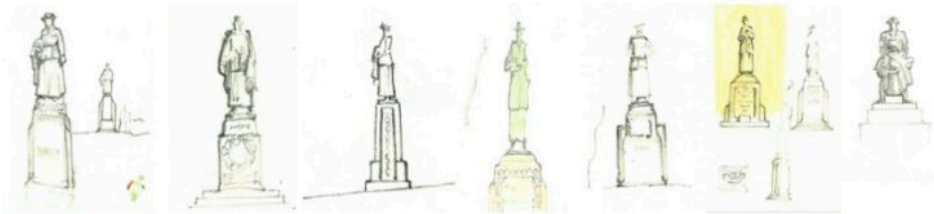
This statue is envisioned to belong in the realist tradition and is designed to form a lasting, fitting and serious monument to the most famous female medic in Scottish history, Dr. Elsie Inglis (Eliza Maud Inglis, 16<sup>th</sup> August 1864 – 26<sup>th</sup> November 1917, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, MBChM, Serbian Order of the White Eagle (First Class), Order of Saint Savia (III Class)).

The proposed monument comprises a statue, a pedestal and a plinth. The statue and pedestal shaft will both be cast in phosphor bronze, the two joined by mechanical and welded means. The bronze assembly (of statue and pedestal shaft) will be mounted on a very low granite plinth.

The statue will be patinated in a gentle verdigris and the pedestal will be richly decorated with Celtic knotwork including some enamelled coloured passages evoking the characteristic idiom of architectural and sculptural adornment of the 1920's era, in which the city of Edinburgh excelled. The proposed work, positioned on the Royal Mile, will be stylistically linked to works by the sculptor Charles d'Orville Pilkington-Jackson who was responsible for much of the adornment of Lorimer's Scottish National War Memorial within Edinburgh Castle. The proposed piece depicts the subject in the uniform of her medical field service on various fronts in World War I.

The Location for the proposed monument was chosen through its proximity to the Women's Clinic "The Hospice" she opened and ran at 219 High Street. This work will appear on a stretch of pavement that commences with the Adam Smith monument further up to the west, with both figures facing east (downhill).

Development sketches



Precedents



Scott Monument - Sir George Thompson



John Bull - Alexander Dalrymple



Scottish National War Memorial - Pilkington Jackson

Clay Model studies



Pendergast Monument - Alex Morrison Williams



Robert the Bruce - Pilkington Jackson



Royal Artillery Monument - Margaret Charles Jagger



## Swan Lake

It was the perfect setting at Inverleith Pond for a photo call with ballet dancers from the newest production to come to the Festival Theatre – if a little cold! The production is on now at Festival Theatre.

[Read more here.](#)



Pic Greg Macvean

## Charity funding

The council has opened its Community Grants Fund with funding of up to £5,000 per application available to bring community ideas to life.

Cllr Val Walker, Culture and Communities Convener, said: “Community-driven projects have the power to transform neighbourhoods and improve lives. Our communities are the lifeblood of our city, and we are committed to ensuring they have the resources they need to turn their ideas into reality. The Community Grant Fund offers a valuable opportunity to make a meaningful impact. I’m excited to see the incredible projects that will emerge from this round of applications.”

[Read more here.](#)

# RNLI put out safety message

The lifesaving charity, RNLI, is encouraging everyone to stay safe this April, especially when visiting coastal locations, such as Cramond Island.

Cramond is a tidal island that can be reached by low tide via a causeway. However, once high tide arrives, people on the tidal island no longer have a safe passage back to the mainland and get stuck on the island, or on the causeway.

Individuals crossing the causeway to Cramond are encouraged to check the safe crossing times beforehand and arrange suitable plans to return back, but unfortunately, many members of the public have been caught off guard and have needed rescuing by the RNLI.

[Read more here.](#)

