

# Witness appeal after attempted robbery in Saughton Road North



Police are appealing for information after a man attempted to rob a teenage girl around 9:50pm on Monday night.

The female was walking alone having visited a friend's house in the Stenhouse area, and as she made her way along Saughton Road North near to the junction for Broomhouse Drive she became aware of a man pushing a black pedal cycle who crossed the road and started to walk towards her.

He then stopped, engaged her in conversation and demanded that she hand over her mobile phone.

The girl refused and managed to get away before raising the alarm with her parents.

Local officers are now carrying out various lines of inquiry in an effort to trace the man and want to hear from anyone who can help identify him.

The male is described as white, aged in his late 20s or early 30s, around 5ft 6ins tall, gaunt facial features and wearing a black anorak jacket with the hood up and a scarf over his mouth.

Detective Sergeant Robbie Wallace who is based at Corstorphine Police Station said: "Fortunately, the girl was not harmed and did not surrender any of her personal belongings.

"However, this was a frightening experience for her to go through and we're extremely keen to trace the suspect.

“He was last seen heading in the direction of Stenhouse and I want to hear from anyone who saw him.

“I would also ask anyone who remembers seeing any suspicious activity around Saughton Road North on Monday night, or who has any other information relevant to this incident, to get in touch.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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## **TERLive! The City of Edinburgh Council meeting 10 March 2016**



Follow our live coverage of the council meeting this morning live from the City Chambers.

Do join in the debate – add your comments below in our comments section or in the live blog itself.

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## **Hibs launch the Club's**

# 2016-17 season ticket campaign.



Hibernian have launched the Club's 2016-17 season ticket campaign.

The campaign, titled 'Life With Hibs', poses supporters with the question of what life would be like with or without Hibs, with a promotional video on display on the Hibernian website and social media channels.

Current season ticket holders and supporters will also be receiving an e-mail or letter from Chief Executive Leeann Dempster, and all information is available on the microsite [lifewithhibs.com](http://lifewithhibs.com).

Season ticket prices for 2016-17 will remain at the same levels as 2015-16, and will not change at the end of the season. Child ticket prices are available from £25 in the Famous Five Lower, with savings also available for supporters who purchase by the Early Bird deadline on 8 April.

The popular 11 month payment plan is once again available to supporters, and season ticket holders will also enjoy a series of discounts including 10% off booking fees for parties and celebrations at Easter Road Stadium. Please note the online payment plan will be available online later this week – supporters can still take up this option at the Ticket Office.

Due to changes in the format of the Scottish League Cup, the Cup Top Up option will not be available in season 16/17. The club are going to take a 'time out' to reassess and review how cup matches are integrated with the season ticket in 17/18. In the meantime all season ticket holders will enjoy a 10% discount for all home cup matches.

Chief Executive Leeann Dempster said: “There have been some unforgettable matches at Easter Road Stadium this season, and we are looking forward to an exciting end to the season.

“Season ticket holders are vital to the success of this football club – quite simply the more season ticket holders we have the stronger our playing squad will be.

“Whilst there is still a job to finish this season, our preparations for next season start now. The early commitment from season ticket holders allows us to commit early too. We can plan early, recruit early, sign early. It gives us the certainty we need to shape our squad and build the team.

“Going forward we are planning a strong and competitive playing budget – I’m sure that is what supporters want to know, the question always is can we maintain quality? The answer to that I believe is yes but it is important for supporters to understand their role in this too.

“The revenue generated by supporters who buy season tickets is quite simply the main driver of our budgets.

“We enjoyed growth in season ticket numbers this year, and we look forward to more supporters joining us in 2016-17.”

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## **Police appeal following suspicious incident near Braidburn Park**



Police are appealing for help from the public to establish the

circumstances surrounding an incident which occurred in the south of the city.

A 15-year-old girl was walking home along Comiston Spring Avenue and had just reached to entrance to Braidburn Park when a male emerged from the entrance and placed his hand on her arm as the pair passed one another.

After being startled by this, the girl stumbled before picking herself up and running home.

Local officers are now urging anyone who can help with their inquiries to come forward.

The male is described as being around 6ft tall with an athletic build and wearing dark clothing with the hood up.

Detective Constable Mike Brown from Corstorphine CID said: "At this time we are trying to determine exactly what has happened and whether any crime has actually been committed.

"The girl was listening to music at the time of the incident and so didn't hear if the male required assistance or was in any distress or suffering any injury.

"As such, we would ask the male involved to get in touch and give us an explanation as to the circumstances.

"We would also ask that anyone who was in the area at the time and saw anything relevant to this investigation to contact police."

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# Five things you need to know today



**Council Meeting**

**Merchant Company**

**Are you a candidate at the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections?**

**City of Literature projections**

**The 80s are back!**

Today's council meeting will begin at 10am under the stern gaze of the Lord Provost, the Rt Hon Donald Wilson.

You are reminded that he is running in the London Marathon later this year, and that you can support him by donating [here](#). The Lord Provost is raising funds for the [One City Trust](#). He explained: "The One City Trust, of which I am President, fights against inequality and exclusion in Edinburgh. I am passionate about the need for all the citizens of this great and affluent City to be included in its success and opportunities and I hope I can raise a significant amount."

Today's meeting will include ratification of the new Depute Council Leader, Councillor Frank Ross who was elected as SNP Group Leader on Tuesday evening. [Read more here.](#)

The Council papers for the meeting are [here](#) where, for some of you, the most important motion is this one from Councillor Munro:

*By Councillor Munro – Hibernian Football Club – Scottish*

## *League Cup Final*

*"Council congratulates all at Hibernian Football Club on achieving a place in this year's Scottish League Cup final.*

*Council instructs officers to work with the club to ensure that Edinburgh can fully support them on cup final day, Sunday 13th March."*



Members of Edinburgh's business community gathered this week to hear the highlights, insights and lessons learned from a successful Scottish businesswoman with a distinguished career which has ranged across many leading Scottish firms and organisations.

Linda Urquhart, Chairman of leading law firm Morton Fraser, was the guest speaker at a business breakfast at The Merchant Company whose 500 plus members represent 43 different professions in the Capital.

The event was held at The Merchants' Hall in Hanover Street and guests heard Linda give an overall view of her career highlights which included ten years as Chief Executive at Morton Fraser before taking up her present role as Chairman. She is a former solicitor and partner in the firm and is now a non-practising member of the Law Society of Scotland.

A former Chairman of CBI Scotland, Linda is a board member of CBI and Scottish Enterprise, Chairman of Investors in People Scotland, co-chair of the Scottish Government's Fair Work Convention, a non-executive director of Adam & Company (the Scottish private bank) and Edinburgh Airport Limited, and a member of the Edinburgh Business Forum. Linda is also a Trustee of Marie Curie and of the Royal Scottish Academy Foundation, and an Ambassador for Girlguiding UK.

Linda received an OBE for services to business in Scotland in the New Year Honours List 2012.

Julie Grieve, Member of The Merchant Company Membership Committee, said:

“It was fascinating to hear Linda’s insights on her career and highlight the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships with clients and the business and the wider community.”



If you are standing in the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections for any seat in Edinburgh or Lothian then get in touch with us.

We aim to interview all of the candidates for Edinburgh and Lothian between now and the election itself and shall be publishing interviews as and when we get them after the Scottish Parliament dissolves on 23 March.

If you are a candidate for any party whatsoever then we need to hear from you!

Email [editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk](mailto:editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk) to book your election interview now!

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We went to Constitution Street the other evening to catch sight of the City of Literature projections on the Royal Bank of Scotland building opposite Creative Exchange. The Leith Poetry Projections are part of a worldwide range of poetry



from all the eleven cities of literature being exhibited from 3-13 March.

Sadly, someone had not checked the projector, as it was a bit skew-wiff!

We got some photos, but if you have better images then do share them with us on Twitter by emailing us at [editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk](mailto:editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk)

Edinburgh was UNESCO's first City of Literature in 2004. This is meant to recognise a city with a great literary past and the literary projects of today.



The 80s are back!

Tony Denton Promotions bring together four of the decade's most memorable artists to tour together for the first time ever.

The 80s Invasion tour features the cream of music from the some of the most popular artists – Big Country, Midge Ure, Nick Heyward & Curiosity Killed The Cat, who will be touring throughout March 2016.

The acts will perform their biggest hits – its all killers and no fillers – with record sales of over 20 million, 200 gold, platinum & silver discs and numerous awards between them this is THE 80's show not to be missed!

The tour takes in 15 dates culminating at Edinburgh's The Playhouse Theatre on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Book your tickets  
[www.atgtickets.com/venues/edinburgh-playhouse/](http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/edinburgh-playhouse/).

Playhouse T 0844 871 3014

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## Hearts Finally Get Their Man

Hearts today finally confirmed the signing of United States international Perry Kitchen subject to international clearance. The 24 year old left MLS side DC United when their season ended in November.

Kitchen, a midfielder, has been capped three times by the USA and Hearts Head Coach Robbie Neilson was delighted to finally get his man.

He told the official Hearts website "I'm really happy that we've managed to get Perry signed up.

"Everyone's worked really hard to get this deal over the line, so I'm pleased that he's now officially a Hearts player.

"Perry's a great talent and one I'm looking forward to working with. He's got a wealth of experience over in the MLS but he wants to test himself in Europe, and I'm delighted that he's chosen Hearts as the place to further develop himself.

"He's a winner and will show real drive and determination in the middle of the park. We want to provide a platform for him to perform, and I know he will also help our younger players to progress as well."

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# Alan Stubbs explains his reasons for traveling to La Cala ahead of cup final



Alan Stubbs has revealed that the players were taken to La Cala for a training camp ahead of the Scottish League Cup Final presented by Utilita, because of potential issues with the pitches at the Hibernian Training Centre.

The recent weather has seen the pitches at East Mains become soft and heavy, and Stubbs believed that the correct decision was to ensure that the players were ready and prepared for the final on Sunday with no interruptions due to issues with training pitches.

He also explained that the staff will be getting the players' body clocks right by training at the same time as the game and eating the correct foods at the appropriate times.

Speaking to Hibs TV he said: "I think the most important thing is that we wanted to have no problems this week in terms of the weather, the training pitches, which, unfortunately because of the weather over the last few months, every one has had a knock-on effect with their pitches and training facilities.

"Recently we have found it difficult with our training pitches to get on them, because they have been really heavy. Going into Sunday's game I didn't want any interruptions in terms of turning up and wondering whether we would get onto the training pitches or not in such an important week.

"We decided to come away because first of all we can control what the players are eating. We can get the right food into

them at the right time each day.

“We are training each day at the same time as the game so their body clocks are right for that.

“We have a really good pitch that we are training on. We can take our time on set pieces and practices we are going to put on and not having to worry about the weather with the rain or snow or wind.

“Basically we didn’t want any interruptions whatsoever.

“I’ve been to this area before with Everton and the facilities here are very good. We are getting well looked after.

“It’s good to have all the players together with a little bit of team bonding.

“We are really looking forward to the final. It’s going to be a great day for everybody but we are under n illusions about how difficult it’s going to be. I think both teams will fancy their chances of getting a result on the day.”

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## Councillor Frank Ross – ready to be Council Leader?

✖ Councillor Frank Ross will become the third leader of the SNP group in this five year term when he takes over as Deputy Council Leader on Thursday afternoon. But he is perhaps the one who could become the city’s SNP Council Leader at next year’s Council elections. He is modest enough to say that he would first of all have to be re-elected by the people of Corstorphine, but if the pundits and pollsters are to be believed, the SNP caravan rolls on, and that effect may

trickle down to council level.

The group started out with leader Councillor Steve Cardownie who demitted office saying that he needed more time with his family, and who was replaced only last year by the fiery Councillor Sandy Howat who took one of the Meadows/Morningside positions.

Only a few weeks ago Howat's outburst at the full council meeting left those listening to him short of breath. (He can fit more words into one minute than most!)

The council is made up of the SNP group in coalition with the Labour Group led by Councillor Andrew Burns, and despite some evident struggles over trams and the like, the coalition has appeared to work well in most quarters since 2012.

But the SNP group leader used the last full council meeting to grandstand about government financing of local authorities. Councillor Burns is of the view the the local authority funding model is 'broken'. He told The Edinburgh Reporter that this year's budget was the most difficult he had ever been involved in, and he had written a response to the Deputy First Minister's letter (sent to the council after The City of Edinburgh Council budget was set on 20 January).



Outgoing SNP Group  
Leader Cllr Sandy  
Howat

Councillor Howat took about five minutes to tell all the other 57 councillors his own views on the terms of that letter.

You can watch him on the council webcast [here](#) at 49.00.

He said: "What I really want some clarification on is our budget, because I am heartened to read in Councillor Burns' reply to Mr Swinney that I am not in any disagreement on the

potential social values of the policies being pursued. That's why we are a coalition because we share those values and I will come on to that in a moment.

"But I am also quite concerned that he talks about it 'under duress', because two weeks ago we all stood here categorically and set a budget, a budget while we knew our financial position, a budget when we knew the settlement of the government passed down to us on December 16th, and a budget that we all welcomed. Indeed in that budget we also welcomed the improved investment in health and social care allowing us to move £5.9 million demography money. It's clear in our budget.

"I am a bit confused as to why Councillor Burns then feels the need to write a letter which talks about children who are going to be suffering. He also talks about pulling the rug from under Scotland's young people. Did we do that when we set the budget? If we did, then why did we set the budget?

"If I go back to that budget motion and actually refer to Appendix 1 at the very start it says that 'to ensure that every child has a first class education' is one of our most important pledges; pledges we as a coalition agreed on. We currently spend £234 million on education, and we will be increasing this funding by £1.8 million a year.

"Where in our budget (that we set in agreement with great emphasis on delivering stability in this capital city) where in that budget did we set a budget that brings suffering to our children? Where in that budget have we set details that pulled the rug from under those children? I didn't feel duress then, I don't feel duress today. I unfortunately feel the politics of desperation coming through from the Labour Party.

"I would also like clarification of what that is. I'd seek some clarification that Councillor Burns has spoken to the

Labour Party branch manager recently regarding their opportunity to take forward a one penny rise in income tax, a flat one penny rise across all levels. I would like to see if he agrees with this – that there is hardly a nurse, policeman, teacher or council worker in Scotland who won't be paying this tax increase.

” ‘These are the very people the SNP claimed it wanted to help and instead they will be hit the hardest.’ I am not quoting myself. I am quoting Gordon Brown some years ago. Sometimes he was right, and sometimes he wasn't quite so right shall we say.

“So who is this penny tax going to be hitting the hardest. Is it going to be hitting the council workers we're here to look after and deliver transformational change? I am concerned if we have this combined action, this combined purpose because the language that has been used lately has been theatrical.

“My question is again for clarification. From the point of view that when you look at the Oxford Dictionary the definition of a coalition is a temporary alliance for combined action. I am very much in favour of combined action to deliver the shared outcome we all want for the people of this city. Does Councillor Burns share those same actions or is he concentrating on it being a temporary alliance?”

Councillor Burns briefly thanked Councillor Howat for his speech, for that is what it was, rather than a question as it ought to have been, of his Leader's Report, the point under discussion. So perhaps with the benefit of some hindsight the stage was already set for a new broom in the SNP group?

The Edinburgh Reporter had a brief chat with Councillor Frank Ross this morning, and it is clear that he has had to make some key personal decisions before even deciding to stand as possible group leader. Having done so, he was voted in at last night's AGM with a decisive 11-6 in his favour, so it

appears to have been a canny move.

The main decision he had to make was simply whether to stand at next year's council elections. He had told The Edinburgh Reporter some time ago that he planned to be a councillor for one term only, and would then return to the business sector. That position has now radically changed.

As the city's Economy Convener Ross has had much to celebrate, in the Edinburgh Guarantee and the delivery of the council development at Atria on Morrison Street. He said to us today that all of this could be luck or a combination of luck and hard work on his part.

Ross said: "I am honoured to be elected as leader of the SNP Group. As a group we have annual elections for every single post which is unique, but as a democracy to have annual elections is a strength.

"I shall now stand as a candidate next year in the council elections. So having changed my mind I came forward as a candidate and got the support of the group in that decision.

"Now I have the chance to shape the SNP manifesto for the council elections next year. Perhaps I have been fortunate, perhaps I have done a good job as Economy Convener. I have handed off my diary to my successor Councillor Gavin Barrie, and will spend the next day or two briefing him on the portfolio.

"We now have fifteen months left until the Council elections. But, remember, this is a coalition which has survived the referendum campaign on different sides of the question.

"We have a big job to do here in Edinburgh. We are a growing city. Our population increases by 1% a year. This has a huge impact on infrastructure, and we have a job to do across the whole of Edinburgh."





Councillor Michael  
Bridgman

Councillor Michael Bridgman will become convener of the regulatory committee in place of Councillor Barrie.

Councillor Alasdair Rankin will remain as Finance Convener where he has, according to the new group leader, developed a very good working relationship with his Vice-Convener Bill Cook. This key role is one that the new group leader is keen to highlight as one of the best features of the coalition.



Councillor Bill Henderson

Councillor Bill Henderson will now take on the role of Convener of the Police and Fire scrutiny committee.

Sandy Howat will now be relegated to the back benches, but The Edinburgh Reporter believes this will not be the last we hear of him.

He always has a lot to say!

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## **TEDx Bruntsfield – places still available!**



Tomorrow evening a TEDx event will be taking place at St Oswald's Hall, Boroughmuir High School in Bruntsfield. And you still have time to book a place.

David Dempster headteacher of Boroughmuir High School told us

how excited he is about this: “TEDx is an international global brand where people give inspirational talks to the wider community. For us to be involved in this is a fabulous thing. There have not been many in Scotland but one of our parents, Theo Priestley works in technology and knows about these things. He came to us and explained that TED had a local brand TEDx.

“This is smaller and more focussed on individual communities. Theo offered to organise it for us. Now an offer like that is one that a headteacher cannot say no to.

“It has been some time in planning but now it is happening tomorrow evening with eight speakers who are going to speak to our parents, teachers, pupils and the wider public who are also welcome.

“We would like as many people from the local community as possible to come along. It is a really great opportunity for the school and community to put on a special show.

*Exciting event at Boroughmuir High School tomorrow evening!  
Book here <https://t.co/jocHPuFokn> [pic.twitter.com/aThh08U4ot](https://pic.twitter.com/aThh08U4ot)*

*– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [March 9, 2016](#)*

“After the main event nine pupils will take part in an IGNITE event when they get the opportunity to speak for only five minutes with fifteen powerpoint slides.

“It is very rigorously timed, and our nine pupils are giving talks on a range of subjects from fairytales to drumming to the numbers 2 and 73.

“TEDx is such a great model for inspirational speaking and the IGNITE platform has developed from that.

“This has been inspirational for the school community. We

don't think any other school in this part of the world has organised such an event. If it works then we will be keen to repeat it, and although it does take a lot of organisation we are sure it will be worth it."

Book your place here on [the TEDx website](#).

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## Hibs CIS Cup winners 2007 – Where are they now?



Nine years ago Hibs won the CIS League Cup beating Kilmarnock 5-1 at Hampden Park. They hope to repeat this achievement on Sunday when they face Ross County.

Today the Edinburgh Reporter looks back at that historic game and reveals what has happened to the players and staff involved.

The game took place on Sunday 18th March 2007 and was the 60th final since the tournament began. 52,000 supporters attended the game, with the vast majority supporting Hibs.

Hibs reached the final after beating Peterhead 4-0, Gretna 6-0, Hearts 1-0 and St Johnstone 3-1.

The Easter Road side took the lead in the 28th minute when the captain Rob Jones sent a powerful header past Alan Combe from a David Murphy corner.

The half time score was 1-0 then Hibs ran riot in the second half. Abdessalam Benjelloun made it 2-0 in the 59th minute then Steven Fletcher added a third seven minutes later.

Gordon Greer pulled one back in the 77th minute but another goal by 'Benji' then a fifth from Fletcher secured the trophy.

The Hibs team that day was:

Andrew McNeil who joined the club as a youngster from Southampton. He spent three years at Easter Road before moving to Montrose. He is currently playing in the Championship with Morton.

Steven Whittaker moved to Rangers where he made 150 appearances before moving to Norwich City where he remains. He was also won 30 international caps.

Chris Hogg arrived from Ipswich Town having played for England's Under 15s, 17s, 18s and 19s. He played 143 league games for the club before moving to Inverness Caledonian Thistle. He is now a lead coach with Ipswich Town Academy.

Rob Jones was the captain of the team. The 6ft 7in centre half arrived at Hibs from Grimsby Town and played almost 100 league games before moving to Scunthorpe. He then moved to Sheffield Wednesday and Doncaster where he was caretaker manager for a spell before moving to Hartlepool last month on a contract to the end of the season.

David Murphy was a popular left back who joined Hibs from Middlesbrough. After playing over 100 games for the club, he moved to Birmingham for a reported £1.5m. He was an unused substitute when Birmingham won the English League Cup by beating Arsenal 2-1. Injury hampered his career and he was forced to retire on medical advice in March 2014. He will be a guest of Hibernian at this year's final.

Ivan Sproule will always be remembered for scoring a hat trick in a 3-0 win over Rangers at Ibrox. He joined the club from Northern Ireland part timers Institute for a fee of £5,000 and after 71 games he moved to Bristol City for around £500,000. He returned to Hibs under Colin Calderwood and played another

44 games before moving to Ross County. He currently plays for Linfield in Northern Ireland. He won 11 international caps including a substitute appearance in a famous victory over England.

Guillaume Beuzelin joined Hibs from Le Harve and quickly won the hearts of the supporters with some classy performances. He played 99 league games for the club before moving to Coventry City. He is currently coaching with Hamilton Academical.

Scott Brown joined Hibs as a youngster and made over 100 appearances before moving to Celtic for £4.4m. He is Celtic and Scotland's captain and has won numerous honours at Parkhead. He currently has 49 international caps.

Lewis Stevenson has the chance to become the only Hibs' players ever to win two major cup competitions with the club. He played in midfield that day as a 17 year old but now has made the left back position his own. He recently made his 300th appearance for the club.

Steven Fletcher joined Hibs as a youngster and made over 150 league appearances, scoring 43 goals before a big money move to Burnley. He later moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers then Sunderland. He is currently on loan to French club Marseille. He has 25 international caps and has scored eight times for Scotland.

Abdessalam Benjelloun arrived at Hibs from Maghreb Fez and scored 11 times in 81 league games. He moved to Charleroi on loan then Roeselare also on loan. In 2011 he signed for Ismaily SC then a year later he signed for Wydad de Fes. In 2014 he moved to FUS Rabat and now plays for FAR Rabat in Morocco.

The used substitutes that day were Sheldon Martis who currently plays for Curacao, Kevin McCann who now plays for Falkirk and Merouane Zemmama who has retired from football.

The unused subs were Simon Brown who has also retired and Michael Stewart who is a TV pundit.

Manager John Collins left Hibs by mutual consent in December 2007. He is now Assistant Manager of Celtic.

The Kilmarnock team featured Alan Combe who is now a goalkeeping coach at Easter Road, Colin Nish who later joined Hibs and Scotland striker Steven Naismith.

Former Hearts and Kilmarnock manager Gary Locke made an appearance from the bench.

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# Five things you need to know today



- University of Edinburgh shed the light on human cells
- At the Filmhouse on Sunday
- Earth Hour dining
- Edinburgh Leisure opening new action attraction
- Argos Toy Exchange raises millions for Barnardo's

Scientists at the University of Edinburgh have been studying the way that human cells divide. They have now identified key steps which ensures that cells divide correctly as they repair and grow.

Cells make identical copies of our DNA and this is handed on to the next generation of cells (called daughter cells) when a

cell splits.

The university believes that the findings will be invaluable when the process does not work as planned, which makes people susceptible to cancer and other conditions.

They have pinpointed a set of proteins which link up the cell's genetic material to others helping the cell to divide into identical pairs.

This dividing machinery is associated with cancer, and the DNA's connection to it must be firm and accurate to ensure equal distribution of DNA to the new cells, without loss or damage.

A team from the University of Edinburgh used yeast cells to study the molecular machines involved in cell division. They used chemical agents to spot proteins that interact, and then used molecular analysis to identify the proteins involved.

They found that two proteins – named Dam1 and Duo1 in yeast – help cell structures correctly attach to parcels of genetic material. These packages are drawn towards opposite ends of a dividing cell before splitting in two. While the yeast proteins are not identical in humans, cell division is common to many species, and the results aid understanding of the process in people.

Two other proteins – known as Ask1 and Spc34 – were found to help build these structures to enable the cell to divide correctly.

Dr Julie Welburn, of the University of Edinburgh's School of Biological Sciences, who led the study, said: "This discovery helps clarify some of the detail involved in this very complex – yet fundamentally important – process of cell division, and resolves a longstanding puzzle."

Their study, published in Open Biology, was supported by the

Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK and the European Commission.



If you are a fan of the documentary film then you might like this South American film being presented with a Q & A afterwards on Sunday afternoon. [Ticket details here.](#)

*The legendary Chilean filmmaker Patricio Guzmán explores the watery Patagonian Archipelago and its meaning in Chilean history – from its use by Chile’s Indigenous peoples to its function as a grave site for Pinochet’s desaparecidos – in this visually stunning follow-up to 2010’s Nostalgia for the Light.*

Get ready now for Earth Hour on 19 March. At [Kyløe](#) they are turning the lights out for an hour during the evening. WWF encourage people across the world to turn out the lights for an hour to raise awareness of the many issues facing our planet.

The restaurant will turn off the lights inside for an hour, along with the Rutland Hotel next door which will also go dark both outside the building and in the reception.

General Manager of Kyløe and The Rutland, Steven Simpson, is thrilled to be involved, “It’s great to get involved with something on a global level, the full team are keen to get on board too and Alasdair the panda has taken up temporary residence and seems to be settling in well! It’s important that companies take part in such events and set example for others to follow. I am very proud of our participation and the teams’ enthusiasm and hope we get the opportunity to support other events in the future.”





Edinburgh Leisure is opening a new visitor attraction at Edinburgh International Climbing Arena just in time for the Easter holidays.

Clip 'n Climb will offer a fun and accessible climbing experience on brightly coloured walls designed to offer a range of physical and mental tests. It is a £500,000 investment by Edinburgh Leisure to bring the challenge based attraction to the capital. The great news is that there are seven new jobs created as a result.

This means that you will be clipped onto an automatic belay system which allows you to start climbing immediately without the need for a partner. The system is safe for everyone from toddlers to octogenarians.

Remko Plooi, Director of Operations at Edinburgh Leisure said: "The beauty of Clip 'n Climb is that unlike traditional climbing no previous experience or training is required, apart from our statutory 10 minute briefing at the start of each hour's session.

"It offers the challenge of climbing in a safe, accessible environment and it really does appeal to everyone from 4 to 84 years and beyond – something the whole family can participate in. The introduction of Clip 'n Climb at Ratho compliments all the other activities we have on offer: soft play, climbing in the amazing arena, a fantastic gym and let's not forget the cafe and guarantees a great day out for the whole family.

"And we also see it as something that will have a huge appeal to adult groups including hen and stag parties and companies looking for a team building event."

Clip 'n Climb sessions last 1 hour, have a maximum of 20 people and are available to book at [www.eica-ratho.co.uk](http://www.eica-ratho.co.uk)

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Argos have run a Toy Exchange which has raised over £4,000 for children's charity Barnardo's Scotland. Over four years the programme has raised a total of £2.5 million.

In Scotland the charity received over 6,000 bags of toys worth approximately £75,840 during the six weeks of the charity initiative.


**Martin Crewe, Director of Barnardo's Scotland, said:** "Barnardo's partnership with the Argos Toy Exchange has been a huge success, with our shops in Edinburgh receiving 356 bags of toys.

"The sale of these toys throughout the year will raise vital funds which will enable us to continue work with some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Scotland.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part and donated their pre-loved toys and supported Barnardo's Scotland."

**Amy Whidburn, Head of Corporate Responsibility for Argos, said:** "As a family retailer, we are delighted that the money raised is going to help support some of the country's most disadvantaged children.

"We know that the money raised can have a real impact in supporting Barnardo's Scotland's vital work and we would like to thank our customers for their generosity in raising £2.5 million across the UK over the last four years."

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# BBC Radio 1 DJ to host after party at Musselburgh



One of the most prestigious meetings on the Musselburgh Racecourse calendar is The Edinburgh Cup.

Now it is a definite for your diary with the after racing party to be hosted by Greg James of BBC Radio1 on the decks, ensuring that everyone has a great time.

The DJ will host the party in the Stage Marquee at the five star racing attraction just a few miles from the city centre.

Greg James (from BBC Radio 1) said: "I'm delighted to be hosting the after party at the Edinburgh Cup. The event combines a selection of my personal interests including horse racing and DJing, so I'm really looking forward to getting involved and enjoying the day with everyone.

"Edinburgh is one of my favourite cities and I've heard a lot about Musselburgh Racecourse so I'm thrilled to have been invited."

Sarah Montgomery, Senior Operations and Commercial Manager at Musselburgh Racecourse, echoed his excitement and is delighted he will be there.

Sarah said: "As guests go, Greg James (from BBC Radio 1) is a real hot favourite. Not only is he one of the best-known radio DJs in Britain, but he has the perfect sporting credentials to fully appreciate the quality racing at the event.

"He is always having a good time, which we are sure will make

him hugely popular with the thousands of attendees.

“We are delighted to officially confirm he will be attending and are very much looking forward to welcoming him for a fantastic day of racing and socialising.”

Fast-growing drink brand Edinburgh Gin has also agreed a £10,000 deal to claim the headline sponsor slot at the meeting following on from the success of last year’s race day – when racegoers enjoyed more than 14,000 measures of gin.

Sarah added: “The combination of our VIP guest, first class racing and Edinburgh Gin’s reputation for quality will ensure the day is a complete success. Whatever way you look at this, it is a fantastic partnership all round – not least for our racegoers who between them polished off more than 500 bottles in total during last year’s raceday.

“Edinburgh is the gin capital of the UK and Edinburgh Gin is a flagbearer for this thriving Scottish sector, but it is also premium brand which our racegoers love. We have heard our guest DJ is a gin lover as well so we are sure he will have a great time.”

For more information on the full list of fixtures, including a number of seasonal highlights, and to book tickets visit: [www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk)

Or you can enter our competition which closes on 10 March 2016 to win two tickets to the races on Good Friday! [Click here](#)

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# Young Hearts Reach Youth Cup Final

Hearts Under 20s team are through to the final of the Little Big Shot Youth Cup after defeating Dundee United 2-0 at Tynecastle on Tuesday evening.

More than 700 fans saw goals in each half from Alistair Roy and Angus Beith secure the win which takes Hearts through to the final where they will face Motherwell.

Hearts last reached the Youth Cup final in 2014 when they lost a penalty shoot-out to Rangers. Five of that side – Liam Smith, Callum Paterson, Jordan McGhee, Billy King and Sam Nicholson – are now regulars in Hearts first team (although Billy King is presently on loan to Rangers).

**Hearts:** Mason, Jones, L. Henderson, Baur, McGhee, Beith, Morrison, Buchanan, Roy (I. Smith, 61'), Zanatta, Moore.

**Dundee United:** Booth, Tumility, Robson, Ballantyne, Souttar, Knoyle (Davie, 82'), Johnson, Allardyce, M. Smith, B. Smith, Coote.

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## LBTT on second homes 'to protect first time buyers'



As widely expected The Scottish Government has introduced legislation this evening to increase the charges on second homes from 1 April. This will affect those buying second homes

for themselves or on a buy to let basis.

Following this afternoon's Stage 3 debate, MSPs have this evening voted in favour of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

The supplement was proposed by Deputy First Minister John Swinney to protect first time buyers in Scotland from potential distortions to the property market in the wake of the Chancellor's announcement in November 2015 of a similar charge being introduced by the UK Government from April 1 2016.

The LBTT supplement is three per cent of the total price of the property price for all relevant transactions above £40,000 and is payable in addition to the current LBTT rates. It will take effect from 1 April 2016.

Mr Swinney said: "Our priority is to make sure first time buyers have the greatest possible chance to get a foot on the property ladder.

"That is why I decided to act to avoid any potential distortions that could arise in Scotland from the new higher rates of stamp duty land tax payable on the purchase of additional residential properties, announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement on 25 November 2015.

"This is particularly relevant to the purchase of additional residential properties, at the lower end of the market, which could make it more attractive to invest in such properties in Scotland compared to other parts of the UK.

"Our LBTT additional homes supplement will ensure that opportunities for first time buyers to enter the housing market in Scotland remain as strong as they possibly can.

Revenue Scotland will administer the higher rates introduced by this Bill, with support from Registers of Scotland (RoS).

**Table 1 : Residential property rates**

Property value	LBTT rate**	LBTT rate + supplement*
Up to £40,000	0%	0% + 3% = 3%
£40,000 to £145,000	0%	0% + 3% = 3%
£145,000 to £250,000	2%	2% +3% = 5%
£250,000 to £325,000	5%	5% + 3% = 8%
£325,00 to £750,000	10%	10% +3% = 13%
Over £750,000	12%	12% +3% =15%

*\* Supplement only payable on transactions above £40,000. The 3% supplement would be applied to the whole purchase price and not just the proportion of the price above £40,000.*

*\*\* the supplement is capable of applying to transactions to which non-residential rates apply where the transaction includes the purchase of a dwelling*

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## Changes to leadership of SNP group at City of Edinburgh Council



Changes have been made at the top of the SNP group on the council this evening, and since the group is in coalition with the Labour Group, the city has a new Council Deputy Leader.

Councillor Frank Ross has replaced Sandy Howat as their Group Leader at the group's AGM. Ross will now become 'Council

Deputy Leader', following this week's Council Meeting on Thursday.



Council Leader –  
Andrew Burns

The council leader, Councillor Andrew Burns said: “At a personal level, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed working with Sandy over the last 12-months, and wish him all the very best for the future.

“Internal political Group changes do happen, and the ‘Edinburgh Labour’ Group will continue to work constructively with the whole SNP Group on the Council – it’s important to stress that the local Labour/SNP Coalition will continue, as we collectively understand the importance of continuity and stability for Scotland’s great Capital City.

“And I do now look forward to working with Frank, as the Council Deputy Leader, and both of our respective Groups continue to have every intention of ensuring this unique Coalition remains in place right through to May 2017.

[Our Coalition-agreement](#) remains unchanged, and our focus remains on doing what is best for Edinburgh.”

Councillor Ross has been Economy Convener during this administration, and has been widely credited with bringing jobs and investment to Edinburgh.





# Police Scotland celebrate International Women's Day



Police Scotland is celebrating International Women's Day today with senior officers and staff members making a [#PledgeForParity](#) as a commitment to gender parity in the future.

DCC Rose Fitzpatrick, ACC Kate Thomson and ACC Val Thomson all made a pledge to encourage officers and staff to strive to: challenge conscious and unconscious bias; value women and men's contributions equally; call for a gender balanced leadership; help women and girls achieve their ambitions: and create inclusive, flexible cultures.

The international occasion comes in the wake of events throughout 2015 to celebrate 100 Years of Women in Policing, which saw officers and staff, both past and present, come together to reminisce and renew friendships, and also to encourage women in Scotland to consider a career in Policing.

Police Scotland created a time capsule to commemorate the celebrations, and the casket has been installed in the museum at Police Scotland College, Tulliallan, to be opened in 2115.

International Women's Day means different things to different people. For some it's a celebration, for others it's a call to action to accelerate gender parity, and for many it's an opportunity to align and promote relevant activity.

Whatever your objective, International Women's Day is the perfect moment for gender-focused action.

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# Man's body found on A899 Broxburn to Livingston road



A man's body has been found on the A899 Broxburn to Livingston road, near Junction 3 of the M8.

The discovery was made around 2.30pm this afternoon and police have thanked the public for their patience after the road was closed to traffic.

Enquiries into the circumstances are ongoing

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Police in West Lothian responded to the A899, near Livingston, at around 2.30pm on Tuesday, March 8, following the discovery of a man's body.

"Inquiries at the scene are ongoing and further updates will be provided when available.

"The slip road from the M8 westbound at Junction 3 to the A899 is currently partially closed, but vehicles can still exit the M8 and use the Deer Park roundabout.

"This is leading to some minor delays and the public are thanked for their patience at this time."

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# Joanna Lumley visits Edinburgh to 'Spark Something Good'



Joanna Lumley OBE, today joined forces with M&S employees and customers across the city to help launch the retailer's *Spark Something Good* initiative in Scotland.

The campaign, which aims to inspire and motivate M&S employees and customers to take action for social good by donating time to their local communities, saw Joanna jump at the chance to visit Edinburgh to volunteer at some of the capital's key charitable projects.

Joanna first surprised volunteers and staff at the Oxfams Neighbourhood Centre and then rolled up her sleeves and got to work in the centre's garden, where volunteers were busy installing new gates and planting a new herb and vegetable garden.

Edinburgh is the first city in Scotland to host an M&S *Spark Something Good* event, following the successful launch of the initiative in London last summer. It will see 24 projects take place across 24 cities in the UK and Ireland, over the course of 24 months.

The Yard, an organisation which supports disabled children and young people, were also delighted to receive a visit from Joanna. She offered a hand with painting to improve the playground area and spent time with service users to hear more about the positive impact the charity has on their lives.

[The Edinburgh Reporter News](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Celine Sinclair the Chief Executive of The Yard told us it was thrilling to welcome Joanna: "Having a celebrity at The Yard is completely thrilling for our staff team and also for our children and families to know that there is that level of interest in the charity. It does help us create a better profile within the local community because really without the community support we receive, and the corporate support from campaigns like Spark Something Good we simply would not be able to operate.

"Currently we run a service in Edinburgh, Dundee and soon in Fife. At our flagship centre in Edinburgh we support around 2000 disabled children and young people from 2-25. We open the service 6 days a week from 9 in the morning till 9 at night and all day on a Sunday.

"The Yard is designed specifically for disabled children, so all of the children who come to us have a disability of some sort. The majority of the children will have a diagnosis of some description. We also work with the whole family and siblings are invited to come along.

"We have a broad range of volunteering opportunities here at The Yard. Some people work on reception or with play work, but today the particular task is to renovate the sand pit. We have a huge sand play area which is completely accessible. The whole space takes quite a lot of TLC!"

At the third and final stop Joanna made her way to Social Bite, a charity that supports the homeless by offering the chance to enjoy a hot meal in a restaurant environment. Joanna joined forces with other M&S volunteers to serve tea and coffee to those popping in to the 'Social Supper', a gathering that takes place each week for the homeless.

Adding a touch of sparkle to the Edinburgh project, Joanna said: "This project is quite simple. It aims to inspire and motivate people to do something great in their community, to

grab a shovel, pick up a paintbrush and donate time to help change people's lives.

"Today I've seen and heard about a number of incredibly inspiring projects happening right here in Edinburgh. It's been great to lend a hand to the fantastic volunteers and M&S employees who have worked so hard, and I've seen first-hand the positive impact these projects have on local communities.

"But it doesn't stop here. These seven days are about kick-starting positive change and building on this momentum. So we're calling on you to roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and spark something good."

From today, for seven days, local organisations including the Royal Voluntary Service, Marine Conservation Trust, Granton Youth Centre and The Rock Trust will benefit from a day that will see volunteers donate their time to transform premises, clean up a local beach and support the work of many organisations' hard working employees.

Jenny McPartlin, Store Manager at M&S Princes Street, added: "We're really excited to be starting the next seven days of community and voluntary work in Edinburgh and who better to lend a hand than Joanna Lumley!

"Our M&S teams and customers are always keen to help our community and by working together to volunteer at local organisations that really matter locally, we know we can achieve something great."

Find out more and sign-up by visiting the dedicated website, [www.neighbourly.com/mandsvolunteer](http://www.neighbourly.com/mandsvolunteer), developed in partnership with the social network for social good, [Neighbourly.com](http://Neighbourly.com).

*Spark Something Good* is part of Plan A, M&S's ground-breaking eco and ethical programme. It was developed following extensive research and dialogue which revealed that getting

involved in community projects enhanced people's lives. M&S aims to spark Edinburgh residents into action by showing just what can be achieved when people come together united by a common goal.

Volunteers can also sign up for *Spark Something Good* Edinburgh, by calling 0117 915 1279.

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## Man convicted after handgun recovered on farm in East Lothian



A man who was charged after Police Scotland recovered a handgun in East Lothian last year has been convicted.

As part of inquiries into shootings, which happened in the South of Edinburgh on September 2014, detectives from the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit and Edinburgh CID carried out a search of an address in Baxter's Neuk, Tranent on 13th February 2015.

Evidence was taken from the property, which led police to a farm in Haddington that was then subject to search activity where a Smith and Wesson revolver was found buried on the site.

Lee Hunter (30), who was on remand for an attempted murder that occurred in Wester Hailes, was interviewed in connection with this recovery and subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

He pled guilty to possession of a firearm without a licence at Paisley High Court on Tuesday 8th March and will be sentenced on 18th April.

Hunter will also be sentenced in connection with the Wester Hailes attempted murder on Wednesday 16th March.

Detective Chief Inspector Kenny Gray from the OCCTU (East) said: "The recovery of this firearm was an excellent example of the partnership work carried out by OCCTU detectives, Edinburgh CID, specialist search officers and local officers within East Lothian to tackle serious and organised crime and bring those responsible to justice.

"While our inquiries so far do not link this gun to any reported offences, it demonstrates Hunter's involvement in criminal activity and his guilty plea is testament to the overwhelming evidence gathered against him by Police Scotland.

"We are committed to tackling organised crime in all its forms and work closely with our colleagues at the Crown Office to remove offenders from our communities."

Anyone wishing to report ongoing crime in their area can do so by contacting Police Scotland on 101 or the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

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## **Paradise Island Adventure Golf has Easter fun for you**



Paradise Island Adventure Golf invites mini-golfers in Edinburgh and the Lothians to take part in its Easter

Eggtravaganza.

Players can compete in the Easter Egg Hunt between 21st and 28th March to find a selection of colourful eggs hidden throughout the indoor adventure golf courses in Livingston Designer Outlet, for the chance to win a six month family pass and a giant chocolate Easter bunny.

Set amidst a tropical island paradise, the adventure offers the ultimate Easter themed mini-golf challenge with two bespoke 18-hole golf courses, complete with tiki huts and exotic wildlife.

Voyagers on the Barnacle Bay course travel from a ship wreck through sea caves to a desert island, facing twists and turns designed to send the ball and player on a rollercoaster ride.

The Lost Lagoon expedition offers more adventurous mini-golfers the chance to test their skills through a maze of obstacles and uneven terrain, as they journey through the lush jungle and mysterious tomb before reaching the monkey temple ruins.

Both courses culminate at the finale 19th hole, where players are challenged to complete it in one for the chance to win a free game pass.

Craig Nichol, Marketing Manager at Paradise Island Adventure Golf, said: "We're inviting locals in Edinburgh and the Lothians to take part in our exciting Easter egg trail at our indoor adventure golf centre in Livingston Designer Outlet.

"This is crazy golf as you've never seen it before. The courses are an excellent way to challenge yourself while having family fun over the Easter break!"

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place between Monday 21st and Monday 28th March and is free to take part when playing a game of adventure golf.



For further information or booking enquiries, please visit <http://www.paradiseislandgolf.com>

To keep up to date and to receive exclusive offers, sign-up to the Golf Club at <http://www.paradiseislandgolf.com> or visit <http://www.facebook.com/piagliv>

Submitted by [Lesley Ogilvy](#)



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## Hibs' squad training in the sun to prepare for League Cup final



The Hibs squad arrived in the Costa Del Sol yesterday for a four day training camp as preparation for Sunday's Scottish League Cup Final presented by Utilita continues.

The training conditions were the primary reason for the getaway, with weather more comfortable than the winter climates experienced in Edinburgh over the past few weeks.

Hibs have a number of injury doubts for the game, with influential defender Pau Hanlon definitely missing.

Concerns remain for Dylan McGeouch who was forced to leave the field on Sunday with a groin strain although it is understood that Fraser Fyvie will take part in the training sessions.

Although the former Aberdeen and Wigan midfielder who was injured following a reckless challenge after the full time

whistle blew at Cappielow following Hibs victory over Morton last month, is unlikely to start, he may be available for a place on the bench.

Head Coach Alan Stubbs told Hibs' TV: "We wanted to get away in an environment where we're all together, away from all the hype and most importantly to be in a place where we know the weather isn't going to affect our training.

"The weather will be nice, it won't be teeming down with rain or howling with wind, and it gives us an opportunity to spend more time on the training pitch."

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## **Witness appeal after a disabled man was verbally abused on a train**



British Transport Police are appealing for information after a disabled man was verbally abused by a group of Hibs' supporters on a train travelling between Carntyne and Glasgow Queen Street stations.

The incident happened around 12.30pm on Saturday, 27 February 2016 after the 51-year old victim, who walks with the aid of two sticks, boarded a Helensburgh-bound train at Carntyne station.

He asked the group of football supporters, believed to be travelling to watch Hibs play Dumbarton in an SPFL match, if he could sit on a seat designated for disabled passengers.

After initially refusing they allowed him to sit down. As he alighted from the train at Glasgow Queen Street, the group

verbally abused him – making references to his disability.

Constable John Paul O’Kane, the British Transport Police officer in charge of the enquiry, is appealing for anyone with information regarding the identity of those responsible to contact him. He said:

“Hate crime in any form is totally unacceptable and there really is nothing that excuses such behaviour from the group of Hibs supporters.”

British Transport Police can be contacted on 0800 40 50 40 or by texting 61016 – quoting reference B176 of 8/3/2016.

Information can also be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# Edinburgh is a perfect place for tech



## *Why Edinburgh Is the Perfect Place for Ambitious Tech Teams*

Silicon Valley is no longer restricted to California, as all around the world tech start-ups are cropping up all over the place. Edinburgh is quickly becoming a haven for those not in the Sunshine State.

The streets of the capital are dotted with everything from fusion restaurants to classic pubs and a while back it may have been the last place you would see an app developer. Not now. Now there are many in offices, churning out new and exciting innovations, nestled above these shops and pubs.

The people in these offices are the kind that you would associate with the industry, and they're young and casual. This is an aesthetic that is rife in more modern industries, as they cast aside the need for suits and smart clothing. Instead, all that matters is that you're clean and willing to work hard for the company.

✖ The buzzwords and slogans around the offices are exactly what a fly on the wall would expect, with echoes of Steve Jobs and Bill Gates in every room. The desire to do anything and make anything is what makes these young innovators stand out with the get up and go that some more traditional industries just don't have anymore.

These inventors are creating apps, solutions, [new sites that offer casino games](#) and even ways to change your life.

These innovators are the lucky ones however, as they've found the capital and investors to turn their dreams into a reality. They gamble with the money of these investors and take it to new places in the country's capital.

Edinburgh is a heavy hitter in terms of new start-ups coming to the area, with London skirting out in front to become the number one in productivity. Here you still find the likes of Amazon rubbing shoulders with the newest companies that are seeking to solve every problem in the book.

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It's not just app developers that find themselves on our city streets, there are game developers holed up in the city too. Rockstar North, creators of the Grand Theft Auto series of games, also hold offices in the city where once there was The Scotsman.

This city isn't just the place for locals to go either, developers in these offices come from all over Europe and America. The cost of living is much lower than some other

capital cities and the creative new companies create a huge draw for developers in other countries. These businesses are now seen to rival those in other capital cities around the world.

Right now the start-up culture in Edinburgh is equivalent to the land grab of the early Americas, as everyone wants a slice of the action. Some old and decrepit buildings of the city have now received a Google style makeover in the interior, with high ceilings now painted stark white.

These offices style themselves after the larger companies like Facebook, but the developers work more in the business sector. Edinburgh's plastic surgeons, [restaurants](#) and even the government want what these companies are selling. They can do it at a reduced price too, with lower overheads than other cities in the world.

The close links with universities in the region is also a huge asset to the market, with [Edinburgh Napier University](#) offering a range of software development courses. Alongside this, these start-ups paint a fun picture of a place to work, with games and movies instead of memos and meetings.

Not every company that opens up in this city is successful but with so many doing so each year, there's bound to be more than a few that make it – especially with these resources.

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# Luxury Edinburgh hotel reaches finals of GQ's Awards

# 2016



*The Chester Residence is the only Scottish hotel in the 'Best Hotel' category*

Five-star Edinburgh hotel, The Chester Residence, is the only Scottish hotel to be shortlisted for 'Best Hotel' in the prestigious GQ Food and Drink Awards, 2016.

With thousands of entrants to the GQ Food and Drink Awards 2016, The Chester Residence is one of six UK hotels to be shortlisted in the 'Best Hotel' category. This nomination follows on from The Chester Residence's success at the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2016 where the team scooped three awards including second luxury hotel in the UK. The Chester Residence has won a total of 21 awards since opening in 2006.

The Chester Residence, located in Edinburgh's West End, comprises 23 luxurious townhouse apartments. Each apartment is individually designed with chic, contemporary decor and features the latest technology, security and amenities. Each apartment provides the benefits of serviced apartments, combined with the glamour of a five-star hotel.

Owner of The Chester Residence, Graham Wood, said: "We are excited to be flying the flag for Scotland in the prestigious 'Best Hotel' category at the GQ Food and Drink Awards 2016. Being nominated for coveted industry awards such as these is a credit to the hard work and dedication our team put in to deliver a first class service."

The GQ Food and Drink Awards will be judged by a panel of experts with the winners announced in April.

Submitted by [Stacey Dent](#)



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# COMPETITION – Win tickets to Northern Ballet's 1984



Have we got a great competition for you.

Enter today to win one of two pairs of tickets for Northern Ballet's 1984 at the Festival Theatre at the end of the month.

As one man risks everything to fall in love, join Northern Ballet in Edinburgh for the Scotland Première of Jonathan Watkins' critically acclaimed *1984*.

Northern Ballet is bringing this cult-classic to life for four performances only at the Festival Theatre from 31 March – 2 April 2016. Tickets can be booked by calling the Box Office on 0131 529 6000 or online at [edtheatres.com](http://edtheatres.com)

In Northern Ballet's *1984*, Ministry of Truth worker Winston Smith lives in a world of absolute conformity, his every action scrutinised by Big Brother. Whilst outwardly conforming to Party doctrine, he is secretly disillusioned, illegally documenting his thoughts in a diary.

When one day he receives a love note from Julia, the pair begin an illicit affair, leading a dangerous double life putting physical desire above Party discipline. As their romance develops and they prepare for an act of political rebellion, Winston and Julia discover that Big Brother is always watching and no one can be trusted; least of all themselves.

Choreographed by Jonathan Watkins, whose recent credits include *Kes* for Sheffield Crucible Theatre, Northern Ballet's *1984* is the first full-length ballet adaptation of George Orwell's renowned novel.

Northern Ballet is the busiest touring ballet company in the UK and is typically on the road for around 32 weeks of the year. The Company of 46 dancers tours a combination of full-length new work and established repertoire to cities throughout the UK.

**Enter here by 12 noon on 18 March 2016**

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*Terms and conditions : This prize is for four adult tickets (to be awarded as two pairs to two separate winners) to Northern Ballet's performance of 1984 at Edinburgh Festival Theatre between 31 March – 2 April 2016.*

*Winners may select the performance they wish to attend subject to availability. The prize also includes one free souvenir programme per pair.*

*Tickets may not be exchanged for any cash alternative. Tickets and the programme should be collected from the theatre box office prior to the performance, instructions will be provided to the winner via email.*

*The winner must provide a valid email address, which will be used by Northern Ballet to confirm details of their prize.*

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# Man convicted of raping woman in his home in Gorebridge



A man who raped a woman at his home in Midlothian has been convicted at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Keith Stevenson (39) was convicted of the rape of a 50-year-old woman, which occurred in Gorebridge on Wednesday 18 March 2015.

The victim was visiting Stevenson's flat in a work capacity when he violently stopped her from leaving the property and subjected her to the serious sexual assault.

Following an investigation by the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit at Dalkeith, Stevenson was arrested and charged the next day (Thursday 19 March).

Detective Inspector Scott Anderson said: "Keith Stevenson preyed on this woman who simply turned up at his house to do her job.

"He acted deviously in order to lure her to his house, and subjected her to an horrendous and frightening attack.

"The victim bravely came forward to police shortly after the incident, which enabled us to react quickly to gather enough evidence to trace and detain Stevenson.

"I hope that with today's conviction, it will help her to begin moving on with her life.

"Police Scotland treats all reports of sexual crime with the utmost seriousness and we will investigate the matter thoroughly to ensure those responsible are brought to justice."

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# Three League Cup winning captains will join hospitality guests at Hampden



Hibs' fans who have booked the hospitality package at Hampden Park this Sunday will be in illustrious company, with the club's three League Cup winning captains among the guests.

Pat Stanton, Murdo MacLeod and Rob Jones will be joining supporters who took up the hospitality for Sunday's Scottish League Cup final presented by Utilita, with former players Tommy McIntyre, Michael Weir and David Murphy also in attendance.

Last minute places are still available to book, with packages including:

- Coach travel to and from Easter Road to Hampden Park
- Three course meal
- All inclusive drinks
- VIP seating in the North Stand
- Programme and teamsheet
- Half time snacks and refreshments
- Post-bar (part of all inclusive package)

The package is £199 plus VAT, and can be booked by calling Lynsey (0131 656 7077, [lmccathie@hibernianfc.co.uk](mailto:lmccathie@hibernianfc.co.uk)) or Samantha (0131 656 7093, [shume@hibernianfc.co.uk](mailto:shume@hibernianfc.co.uk)).

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# Kids Glow Wild – Pop Up Parents Events

## *Contributed article*

On Sunday 1st May, let the kids release their inner glow and go wild at this interactive UV party experience not to be missed!

Join the team from Pop Up Parents' Events (the producers behind sold out New Year event 'Kids Go Wild') for a high-energy, fun-filled party which will light up your May weekend! Highlights of the event include:

### Neon nippers (0-5 years)

- UV messy play
- Glow in the dark dance-a-long
- Glow station – arts and crafts
- Let yourself glow at the Glow salon
- UV face painting and balloon modelling
- Bouncy castle and baby area
- Glow in the dark scavenger hunt
- Interactive Light up your language sessions

### The Glow Crew (6+)

- Commercial workshops
- Interactive Robotics performance
- Release your inner glow yoga sessions
- Glow station – arts and crafts

- Let yourself glow at the Glow Salon
- Giant Graffiti wall
- Glow in the dark scavenger hunt
- Shooting Stars

Ages for each event are just a guide and families with children within both age brackets are of course welcome to join us at the same party! See you there!

Date: Sunday 1st May

Time: 11-1pm (Neon Nippers 0-5)

2-4pm (The Glow Crew 6+)

Admission: £8 per person (non walkers free)

Family pass £30

Booking: [buytickets.at/popupparentsevents](http://buytickets.at/popupparentsevents) or email [popupparentsevents@gmail.com](mailto:popupparentsevents@gmail.com)

Submitted by [Lisa Fleming](#)





# Mongol Rally for Smiles – 993cc for 10,000 miles



## *993cc for 10,000 miles*

Two adventurous friends from Edinburgh are determinant to drive 10,000 miles in a tiny car all the way to Mongolia for charity.

On July 17th Domonkos Nemeth, 26 and Gab G. Ballok, 27 will be setting off to tackle the challenges of the Mongol Rally. Their route goes through 17 countries, 2 continents covering western Europe sized steppes, mountain ridges and parts of the Gobi desert.

“Dom loves adventures as much as I do so we didn’t need much convincing. Exploring more remote, so to say wild places has attracted me for a long time. The Eurasian steppe with it’s nomadic cultures and magical history will surely give an

adventure of a lifetime.” Says Gab who spent last summer camping in the woods while working as an outdoor instructor.

The rally is organised annually by The Adventurist, starting in London and finishing in Ulan-Ude, Russia, only a day’s drive north from Mongolia’s capital Ulan Bataar. Without any set route or check points, part takers are free to go anywhere in their own pace but must keep three simple rules. You can only take a farcically small vehicle, once you’re on the road you’re completely on your own and you have to raise a minimum £1,000 for charity.

Dom, who is currently studying electrical engineering says: “The exciting part is that there is no back up or any kind of support along the way except the generosity of local folks. Beyond the Caspian sea, roads are down to dirt tracks or simply none existent. Our Suzuki definitely meets the requirements so we are already learning some mechanic skills. We have been planning, preparing since December and now launching our fundraising programme called Mongol Rally for Smiles. We are trying to raise awareness of the positive health benefits of laughter.”

The CarboRed team hopes to raise £2000 for Hearts & Minds aka The ClownDoctors an Edinburgh based charity and for Cool Earth.

Donations can be made by clicking [here](#).

“We are also looking for local businesses and individuals for sponsorship to help us with the personal costs of the trips as well as anyone who can donate parts or help us preparing the Swift for the journey.”

If you think you can help the pair get across the third of the globe, please get in touch by emailing to [carboredteam@gmail.com](mailto:carboredteam@gmail.com) or message the pair on [Facebook](#).

Submitted by [Gabor G Ballok](#)



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# Hibs announce GameChanger partnership to benefit communities



A pioneering development in the way Scottish football can work to benefit its communities was unveiled today when Hibernian FC announced the GameChanger partnership also involving its charity, Hibernian Community Foundation, and NHS Lothian.

The Public Social Partnership (PSP) is supported by Ready for Business, and more than 100 different organisations – including local authorities, universities, colleges, charities and private companies and individuals – have signed up.

The scale of the work being planned by GameChanger – the first Public Social Partnership involving a football club in Scotland – is greater than anything currently being undertaken within the sport.

Scotland's political leaders and the Scottish FA are both keenly interested in GameChanger, and will be attending a Parliamentary Reception being held to introduce the partnership to MSPs at Holyrood on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Several MSPs, notably Iain Gray who chairs Hibernian Community Foundation, Kenny MacAskill, Keith Brown, Malcolm Chisholm and Kezia Dugdale have already taken a keen interest. The Scottish Government, at Ministerial level, is following things closely.

The aim is to harness the power of football to tackle social inequality and deliver positive health, learning and social outcomes by using the Club's physical, digital and emotional assets including Easter Road Stadium and land at Hibernian Training Centre.

Discussions to create a vibrant health hub at Easter Road Stadium – with a brand new approach to delivering primary care – are well underway, as are plans to create a centre for families and children in crisis at the Club's East Lothian training centre. Other major projects are in various stages of planning, including a major community growing project, and a state of the art learning and innovation environment.

There are smaller, roadmap projects also – things like the ongoing partnership with the NHS Living it Up team to deliver health awareness and health checks for supporters on matchdays at Easter Road; and the club's work in supporting suicide prevention through the Choose Life campaign.

Dr Richard Williams, a local GP and a non executive director of NHS Lothian, said: "I am delighted to be part of this exciting initiative. As a local GP I welcome the enormous opportunities that Gamechanger offers to improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens"

Leeann Dempster, Chief Executive of Hibernian, added: "While football, and the team on the pitch, is always our first consideration and the very heart of what we do, we also have a role to play in the wider community, not least because it embeds the Club in the community and helps us create new generations of supporters.

"Consider this statistic: 1 in 48 people living in Scotland pass through their club turnstiles every match day. That's an incredible number. Then add to that the acres of daily column inches, hours of weekly broadcast coverage, and endless digital media coverage that football spawns.

"What does this mean – apart from the fact that we are, genuinely, fitba' daft? It means our sport has a unique opportunity to reach out to people and communities in a way that nothing else can. And at the moment, we don't do enough with that potential.

"At Hibernian, we want to change that. This Club, which has pioneered so much in the game, now wants to be pioneering in our wider society. That is why we are all so excited about our



new GameChanger partnership.”