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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS AND DELIGHTS

I love the June issue, it highlights that summer is here. And even at the time of writing the temperature seems to be picking up and leaves, flowers and grass are more vibrant and colourful. Lots more to come!

Along with this comes seasonal offerings and Duddingston Golf Club is taking an opportunity to promote itself (Page 26). For those with gardens there will be plenty of work to do and we have plenty of gardeners and landscapers within the pages who can help if you feel overwhelmed. Pressure washing is also something many will be thinking about and Revive on Page 5 can help out with that.

Portobello is generally well serviced to make best of the weather and our news items give a hint at this, even though some of the main features were from quite a while ago, expect the town to get busier and busier.

The Things To Do sections features a couple of nature leaning items for a garden visit and for nature walking.

All in all, the days are getting longer, weather improving and we are about to embark on probably the busies and most enjoyable time of year with lots of opportunities to get out and about to socialise, exercise, or just enjoy the natural world.

I hope you all feel the same delight.

Charlie Cowdy

Editor

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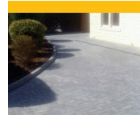
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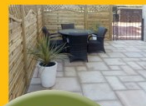
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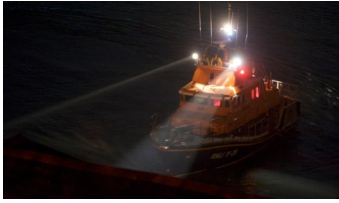
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A man reportedly entered the water at Seafield after police were called to a report of vandalism at around 1.10am in May said **EdinburghLive**.

Coastguard rescue teams from Fisherrow, South Queensferry and North Berwick were quickly dispatched to the scene, as well as an RNLI lifeboat from Kinghorn. The man was arrested & taken to hospital.

Edinburgh News ran a story celebrating the voluntary work of 70 yr old Colin Campbell who has spent 7 years helping keep Porty beach tidy through



the eponymous Keep Porty Tidy group. Donations can be made online through [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com)

LNER has installed three experimental wind turbines alongside the East Coast Main Line at **Hitachi Rail's Craightinny depot** in Edinburgh, marking a UK first according to **The Independent newspaper**. The turbines are designed to harness turbulent airflow generated by passing high-speed trains to produce electricity.



Edinburgh Leisure, in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council, has developed two design options for the refurbishment of **Portobello Swim Centre**. Community consultation is now looked for to gather feedback and inform the selection of a preferred final design. You can complete the consultation online by scanning the QR code below -



Building contractor **Graham** announced completion of the **£10 million retrofit of Brunstane Primary School** in Edinburgh, delivering a fully modernised and highly sustainable learning environment for pupils and staff.



My wife and I had a lovely walk along Portobello Beach some time ago after she went for her regular sea swim. It was a chilly weekend morning but the beach was bustling with people and I sparked a conversation with Derek Mackie who meets up with a group every Sunday between 9 & 09:30am at The Otter, Groin 4 for a dip in the sea. Derek encourages anyone to come along and join.

Just over the groin we spied a flotilla of skiffs that appeared to be there for a mini competition and I caught up with the Eskmuthe Women's Open Crew who agreed to pose for a photograph.





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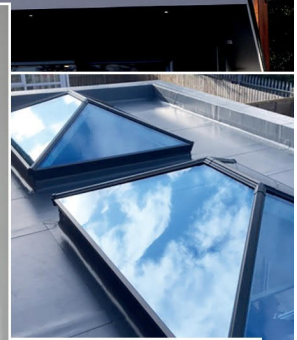
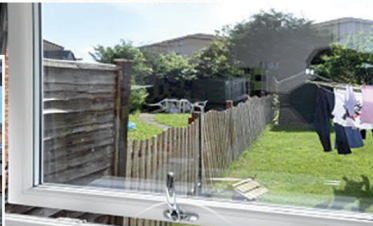
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Saturday 20th June, 11:00-13:00

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If you know of a local community event to promote, drop us a line.

Tribe Party

Jewellery Making & Wine Tasting Workshop

Saturday 13th June, 19:00-21:00

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Nature Walk with Lucy Lapwing - Love Is A Toad

Saturday 20th June, 10:30-12:00

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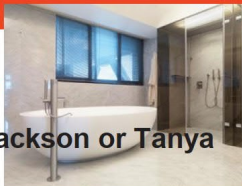


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Fri 19th Dec
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2nd April

HOLIDAYS

Total: 189

7th Apr - 21st Apr (11 days)
5th & 6th May (2 days)
19th May (1 day)
27th June - 12th Aug (33 days)
15th Sep (1 day)
13th - 17th Oct (5 days)
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan (10 days)
16th - 20th Feb (5 days)



2025/26

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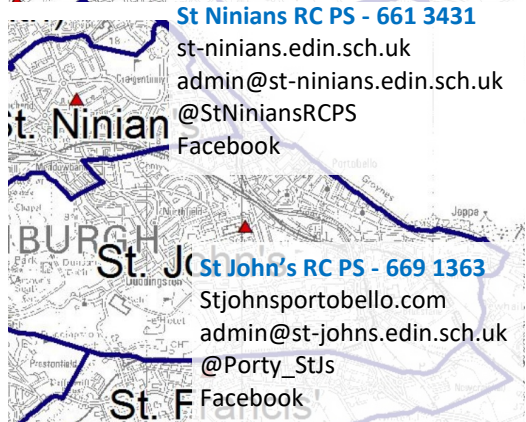
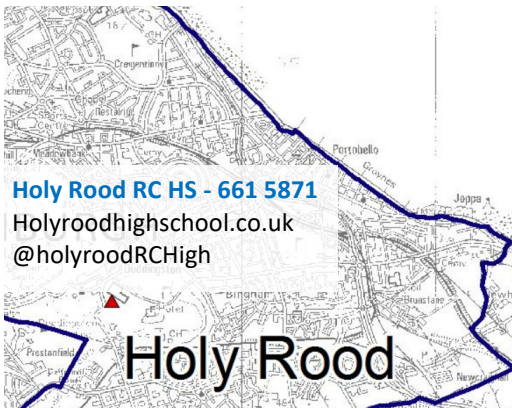
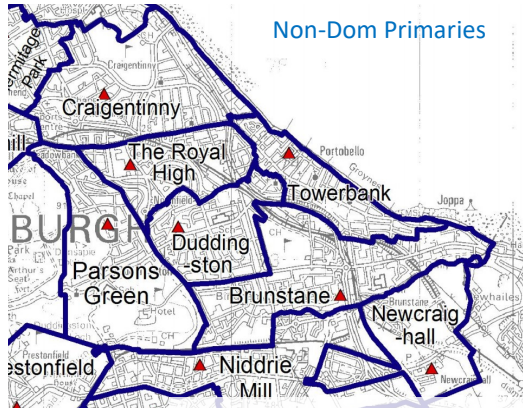
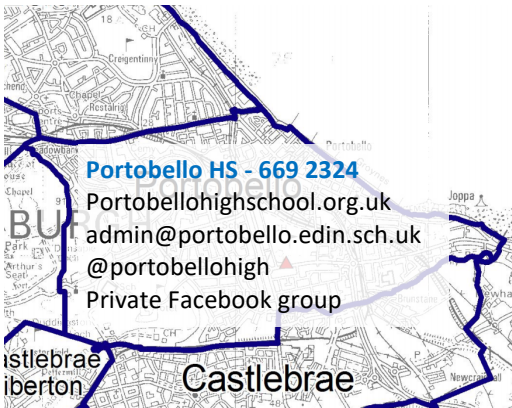
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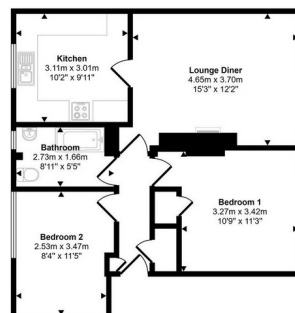
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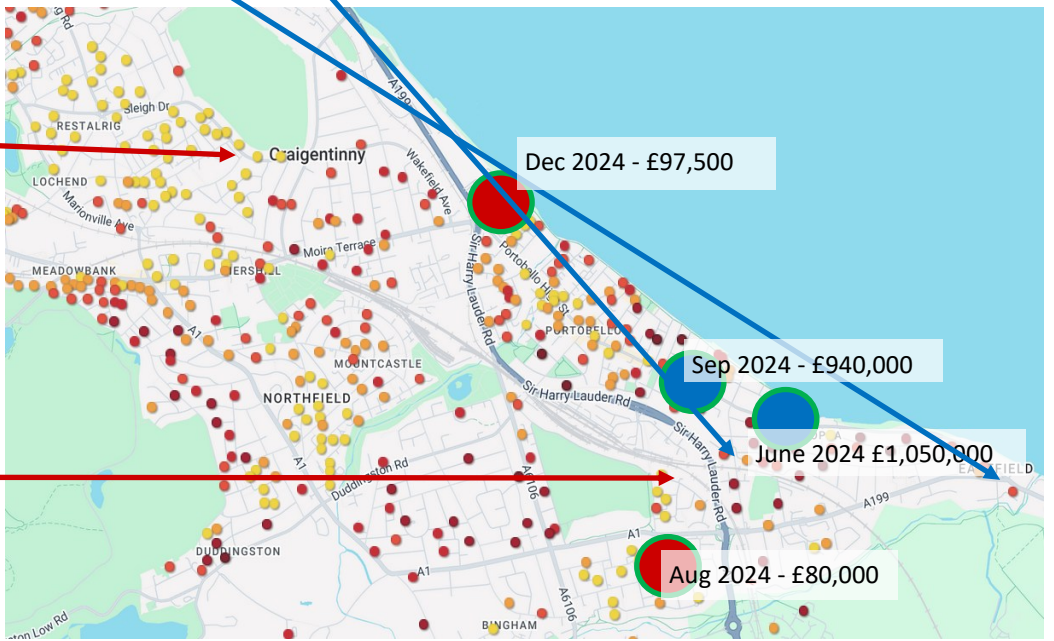
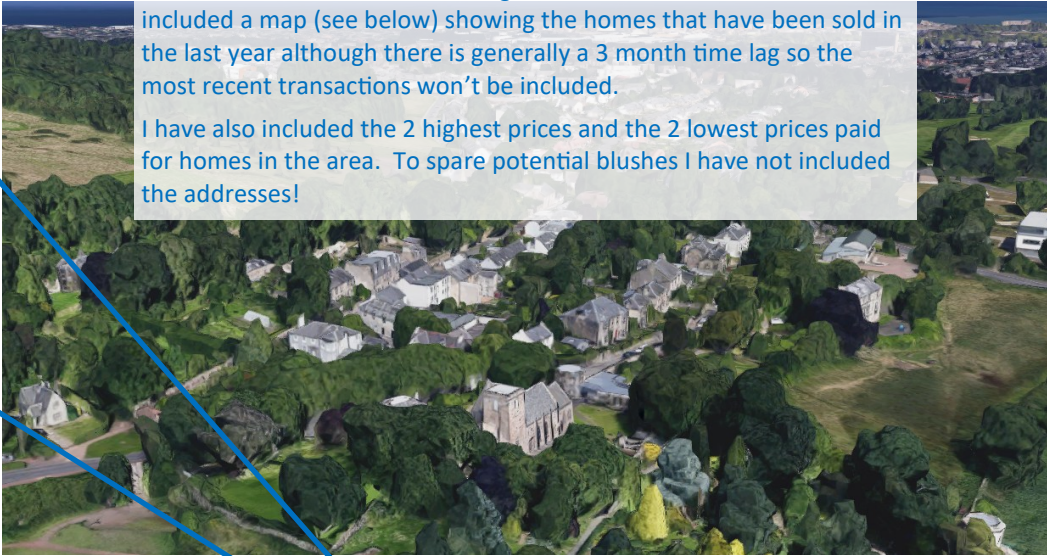
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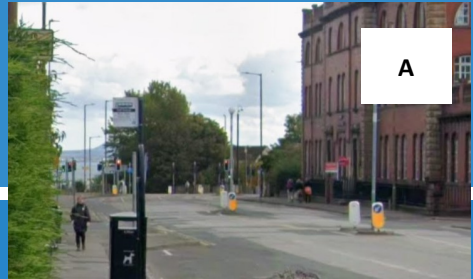
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Mostly the Puzzle page hosts Brainteasers but I like to change things around from time to time and have changed this month's to a local theme. Can you work out the exact location of these 3 bus stops within the magazine catchment? (check out our website for a map)



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- B : Windsor Place
- C : Coillesdene Drive





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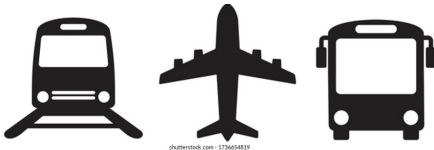


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Bookbug Rhymetime sessions - Live on Facebook Tuesdays, 11-11:30

Services

Visiting Portobello Library, you can: browse and borrow books- return your books- pick up free period products - use the photocopier- collect hearing aid batteries- use a public computer and print- use a study space- apply for a National Entitlement Card (bus pass).

Dog friendly day Thursdays.

Facilities

Disabled access - Public accessible toilets - Wheelchair accessible - Baby change facilities - Free Wi-Fi and computer access - Charging for personal devices and electric wheelchairs - Study areas - Seating area - Bookable community space

Regular events and activities for adults

Library Link fortnightly service for those unable to come to the library under their own steam. Please contact the library for more information - Monday @ 10.30am.

Adult Writers Group - 4th Monday of the month @ 6.30pm.

Home delivery service, fortnightly for customers unable to leave home. Contact library for more info - Wednesdays

City of Edinburgh Councillor Surgery - Wednesday @ 7pm.

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Opening hours

Mon - Wed: 10am to 8pm

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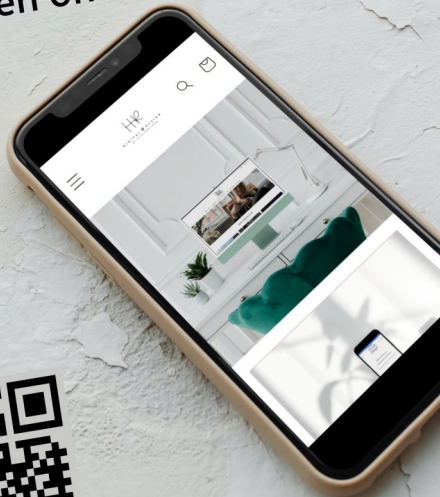
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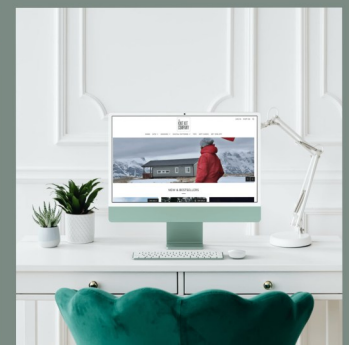
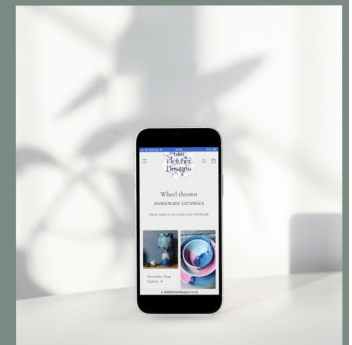
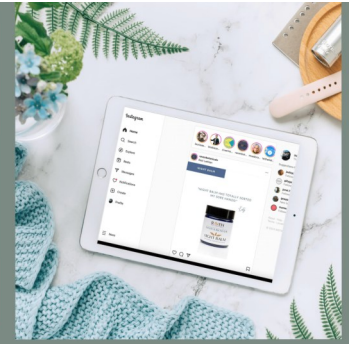
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