

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and News for Residents

Spring 2021

The Spring season sprung, and then Winter returned, and now Spring is springing again. While the weather may be unreliable, we hope you find the RRCTMA newsletters dependable and enjoyable. Read on to find out more, and as always, please feel free to contact us about any local matters at rrcta@live.co.uk

Upcoming RRCTMA AGM & Committee Vacancies

RRCTMA members are warmly invited to join us on Zoom for the AGM on Thursday 10 June at 7.30pm. Please email rrcta@live.co.uk for a link to join the meeting. If you are not a member, but the promise of an AGM invitation has tempted you, please visit www.rrctma.com for joining information.

Sadly for us, this AGM will mark the departure of two Committee stalwarts - Chair Carol Nimmo and long-standing member Stuart Baillie Strong. Between them they have clocked up over 18 years of service! We are deeply grateful for all their hard work and will miss their contributions at committee meetings considerably.

Consequently, we are actively looking for new committee members, so if you are interested in joining, please contact us at rrcta@live.co.uk



New Exhibition Now Open at Collective

A new exhibition has opened by Christian Newby in the City Dome at Collective. Christian's new commission responds to the building with a large-scale textile, Flower-Necklace-Cargo-Net, and an accompanying printed newspaper.

The new tapestry has been made using an industrial hand-held carpet-tufting gun. Christian explores the capacity of this machine as a mark-making tool rather than its primary function in a rote manufacturing process.

Pre-booking is not necessary, but you may have to queue to enter the exhibition due to social distancing measures. The exhibition is open until 29 August.

St James Quarter - opening soon!

At last! June 24th is Opening day for the St James Quarter!

RRCTMA has been closely following the development of this project since 2006 when the site was bought by Henderson Global. Now known as Naveen, the developers managed to ride out the economic downturn and navigate the planning process to begin demolition and excavation in October 2016.

It took two years and some very serious machinery to make a very big hole in the ground, and then another two and a half years to build the site back up again, but at last the development is almost complete. Phase one of this mixed use 'asset' will unveil about 60% of the retail offering, most of the food & beverage outlets and the opening of the food hall Bonnie & Wild. The phased opening - or 'incremental revelations' (!) - over the following months will introduce more retail and screenings at the Everyman cinema, while residential properties will become homes and the W Hotel will open by the end of 2022.

Naveen consider this development as part of the community and are passionate about integrating with the city, making the retail and hospitality sector even stronger for Edinburgh. Certainly, residents of the Terraces will be able to make good use of the Galleria streetscapes to get into the city centre in double quick time!

RRCTMA welcomes our new neighbour and is sure we will become firm friends over the months and years to come.



Community Clean Up

We are planning a (Covid-safe) Community Clean-Up event in the autumn for RRCTMA members. More details nearer the time!

Stop Press: introduction of shared use parking places

Many of you will have received the notice that work to introduce shared use parking will begin on Monday May 24th and is likely to last for three weeks. You can find information here <https://consultprojectcentre.co.uk/edinburghpap2>

It is important to note that for the duration of the work, the residents' permit holders dispensation that allows you to park free of charge in pay and display parking places within your zone will remain in place.

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Speeding Update



RRCTMA has ordered a hand-held digital radar gun. This compact device is a simple point-and-shoot model,

ideal for community speed watch groups. Using an intelligent radar system, it is capable of measuring speeds between 7-325 mph (!) from over 300ft away, making it very safe to use. We intend to use the gun to compile a report with reliable data to support conversations with Police Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council regarding the daily speeding problem along Royal Terrace. Please contact us if you would like to join our traffic monitoring team.

Unfortunately, some of the speeding vehicles are rather familiar from within our Terraces. Please remember 20 is plenty!



Heritage Guidance: Roofs

As we reported in the last Newsletter, Edinburgh World Heritage publishes a series of guides to help people understand the proper maintenance of listed properties in the Old and New Town. One of those guides is entitled Roofs, which is essential reading for anyone needing to do work on their roof or indeed understand terms like sarking, flashing, skewes, and rhones!

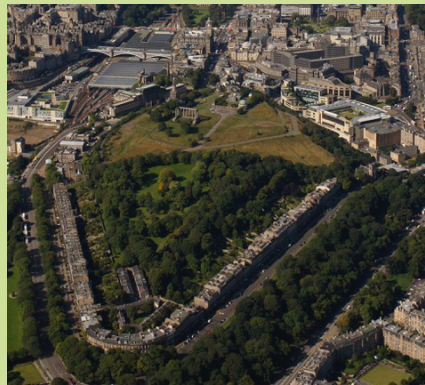
The guide emphasises the need for regular inspection and maintenance to avoid the significant cost of repairing damage from water ingress. In particular, the horizontal joints on parapets, balustrades and cornice stones should be checked to ensure that the lime mortar is in good condition and repointed if required.

Further information can be found at www.ewh.org.uk

Friends of Calton Hill

The Community Council has kick-started the process to establish a 'Friends of Calton Hill' group by hosting a Zoom session with interested parties and the Senior Park and Greenspaces officials for this area. The Council are very supportive of Friends groups, who play a vital role in protecting and enhancing our local parkland. The next step is to set up a steering group – and again, the council makes this process very straightforward. RRCTMA are involved in these early stages and look to be an integral part of the Calton Hill group. We are sure

that neighbours and friends from all the streets surrounding the hill and the wider area will also be keen to support this endeavour. Watch this space!



ætla Jewellery Boutique - special offer for residents!

Edinburgh-based ætla was founded in 2020 by Keira Wraae-Stewart, our very own Royal Terrace resident! The boutique showcases luxury jewellery created by talented local, international and lesser-known designers and artisans. Focus is given to presenting jewellery created through sustainable and ethically responsible means.

After 10 years working internationally, Keira - who is of both Faroese & Scottish descent - decided to return to the UK to launch ætla. The boutique maintains its Scottish roots whilst embracing Faroese and Scandinavian aesthetics that have influenced Keira throughout her life.

The stunning shop can be found on St Stephens Street in Stockbridge. Keira is happy to personally offer our residents a bespoke service and, furthermore, she has generously offered RRCTMA residents a 10% discount on their first purchase.

Thank you Keira, and Good Luck with your business! www.aetla.co.uk

Blenheim Place Traffic Orders

As part of the new Trams to Newhaven project, the Council have recently issued draft Traffic Orders (TRO) for public consultation for all of the route including the section of Leith Walk at its junction with London Road. The TRO includes changes to the design of the Blenheim Place junction. We have issued comments to emphasise the need to maintain safe and effective ingress and egress at this junction. Further details of our comments can be found at our website (www.rrctma.com).

