

# IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Spring 2020



*Welcome to the Spring issue of the RRCTMA newsletter!*

The daffodils are now out in glorious bloom - so welcome to our Spring 2020 Newsletter! In this issue you can read about a local "gem" and also how the various large-scale projects going on in our vicinity, tram-works, North bridge repairs, Picardy Place etc, will affect our ability to move around the city, as well as some more welcome news about upgrades to street lighting. *As always, we welcome your feedback and contributions, so please contact us at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk)*



## HUTTON'S SHOE REPAIR SERVICE - MADE TO LAST!

**We are fortunate to have one of the best cobblers in Edinburgh, right on our doorstep! If the soles of your shoes and boots have taken a battering this winter then Hutton's is the place to go.**

There has been a Hutton's Shoe Repair shop on the corner of Elgin Terrace and Edina Road just off the Easter Road since 1923. The business, which is the oldest shoe repair business in Edinburgh, has been owned and run by the same family for over five generations.

Huttons is now approaching nearly 100 years in business and has been

based in this iconic location during all its years of operation.

Apart from the usual repairing of shoes and boots, they will tackle almost any leather repair including on one occasion recently making a scabbard for a Highland outfit.

Also, like many shoe repair shops, they have diversified into cutting of keys. Traditional craftsmanship and personal service are key to the business, which is currently run by Ian Hutton.

One thing to remember is they don't take cards - so cash or cheques only.

**Hutton's Shoe Repair Service**

**11 Elgin Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5NN / Telephone: 0131 661 6164.**

**Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 5:30pm,**

**Saturday from 8am to 1pm.**

## NOTICE OF THE RRCTMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Regent, Royal, Carlton Terraces and Mews Association (RRCTMA) will this year be held at **7pm on Tuesday 21st April at 4 Royal Terrace.**

All members of the Association are invited to attend and drinks and snacks will be provided. Papers will be sent to members shortly beforehand. **Also invited are those who are not yet members but**

**would like to know more - please email [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk) beforehand to let us know.** Membership is only £10 per year per household.

We will have two guest speakers at the meeting: Terry Levinthal, the Executive Director of the Cockburn Association and Gerald Richards, who will tell us about the Super Power Agency, which is one of the local charities that RRCTMA donated to on behalf of members following last year's AGM.

## COMMUNITY EVENT - A SPRING CLEAN-UP FOR THE TERRACES AND SURROUNDINGS

All are welcome to join us for bacon butties, tea and coffee at 2A Carlton Terrace at 10am on Saturday 28th March. Then we head out fully armed with litter picks, bags, gloves and brushes (all provided) so that we can once again clear litter from our Terraces and surrounding area.

Our event is fully supported by Edinburgh City Council and Keep Scotland Beautiful and it is a great occasion to meet and chat to your neighbours.

*We hope to see you there!*

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## OLD ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

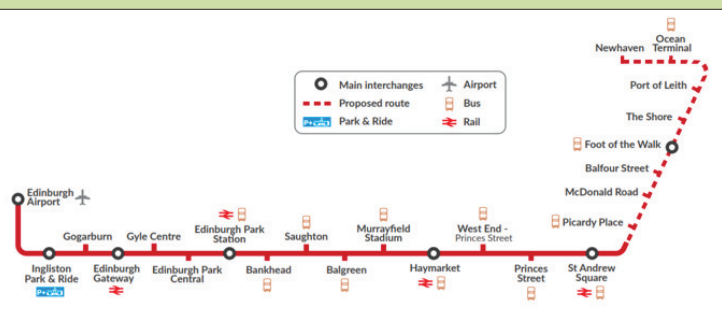
At the conclusion of the hearing in 2018 into the appeal by the developer against the decision by Edinburgh Council to refuse their applications to convert the old Royal High School into a hotel, the Reporters had indicated that their report and recommendation would be sent to the Scottish government by early summer of the following year.

Despite several promised dates since then, the latest information we have is that the report will be issued by the end of March. It is not clear what the reasons are for this delay.

We wrote on behalf of the RRCTMA to all MSP's in January seeking their support for an early decision against the proposed hotel. *A copy of our letter has been posted on our website [www.rrctma.com](http://www.rrctma.com).*

Clearly until the Minister receives the report there is no chance of a decision being made which we continue to believe will be to uphold the Council's decisions. We will let you know as soon as we have any update.

## TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS FOR TRAM WORK



Along with over 29,000 residential and business addresses in Edinburgh, you should have received a letter from the "Trams to Newhaven" project team about work starting on the Leith Walk section of the new tram extension later this month.

As a result there will only be one lane of traffic heading south from Leith towards Picardy Place. All northbound traffic, including the many bus routes, will be diverted along London Road and then Easter Road. This traffic diversion will be on top of the restrictions to North Bridge for the ongoing repairs, and the continuing work at Picardy Place that is due to be finished at the end of March.

Further details of the North Bridge and Leith Walk Tram works have been posted on the RRCTMA website at [www.rrctma.com](http://www.rrctma.com). There are currently no planned closures of Carlton Terrace Brae or Blenheim Place, but we will be monitoring the situation to monitor the impact of the diversions on traffic along the Terraces.



## \*\*NEIGHBOURHOOD INCIDENTS\*\*

There have been a number of police incidents in our area over the past few months we wanted to make residents aware of:

- A number of cars have been vandalised on the Terraces. Police are aware but please be vigilant.
- The police have undertaken a number of speed checks along Royal Terrace, which has resulted in several drivers being warned.
- There have been two incidents when someone was seen after dark in the front basement area

of a house on Regent Terrace. On each occasion when challenged the person left the area, but clearly it was very disturbing for the householder concerned.

*If you have had a similar issue please let us know at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk). If this happens to you in the future please contact the Police at 101 if not an emergency, or 999 if you require urgent police response.*

## STREET LIGHTING

The Council's plans to change all of the streetlights across the City for new LED energy efficient lights are progressing well. The lights in our area are due to be replaced in early summer. These lights will not only be more energy efficient but should require considerably less maintenance. The railing lights along the Terraces will be replaced with a like-for-like lantern suitable for conservation areas which is known as a "Charlotte Square" light. The column lights are currently a mix of units and we are seeking clarification from the Council about what will be installed here. **Further information will be posted on the RRCTMA website at [www.rrctma.com](http://www.rrctma.com).**



## LOCK BOXES ON RAILINGS

The appearance of some lock boxes for keys, presumably for Airbnb lettings, on some of the gardens' railings along the Terraces have been noticed. These railings belong to the RRCT Gardens and should not have items attached to them. If you have attached one to the railings please can you remove it so that the Gardens Committee does not have to remove it for you. ***If you have any questions or comments please contact the Gardens Committee at [regentgardens93@gmail.com](mailto:regentgardens93@gmail.com), Thank you.***