

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Spring 2024

Welcome to the RRCTMA Autumn Newsletter! Although February is certainly a winter month, it doesn't take a huge stretch of imagination to argue that Spring really is just around the corner. We have decided to look onward and upward so, welcome to the RRCTMA's Spring newsletter! As always, we welcome contact about any local matters at rrcta@live.co.uk We hope you enjoy this newsletter

Stop Sign Success!

We are thrilled to report that our campaign to change the Give Way sign to a Stop sign at the top of Carlton Terrace Brae has been successful! Many thanks to all RRCTMA members, Councillors Jo Mowat and Claire Miller, and Haidar Hussein (Road Safety Network Management and enforcement) for their help and support. Improved road signage for the 20mph speed limit is in place and the removal of car parking spaces at the junction is work in progress. All these changes will improve visibility and increase safety for our community. Huge thanks to all involved!



RRCTMA Clean Up Event

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on Saturday 11 November for the RRCTMA community clean up event. We were lucky with the weather and managed to collect a huge number of rubbish bags from the neighbourhood. Special thanks to Charley and the Gardens Committee for their support with our welcome station. If you missed the event, please join us for the morning on 27 April for the next one - details on email soon.



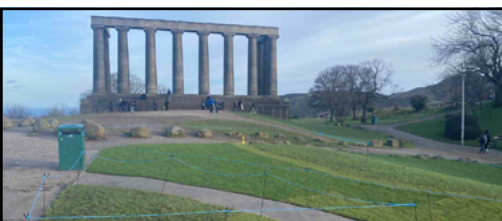
Old Royal High School - update

We recently spoke to Grant MacKenzie who is Executive Director of the Royal High School Preservation Trust to get an update on the latest plans for the site. He confirmed that they were continuing to progress a planning application for development of the existing building but with no new construction in the grounds apart from landscaping. It is hoped that planning approval will be granted by the middle of 2024 so that the main contractor can be appointed, and work commence before the end of this year. In the meantime, there remains a security presence on the site.

Reflooring using Reclaimed Wood - heritage case study

Local resident Simon Holledge had original floors in his Carlton Terrace dining room, made of 'Baltic pine', which is no longer available. Baltic pine is high quality, old growth, similar to Scots Pine, though typically obtained from Riga, and was commonly used in 19th-century buildings.

Unfortunately following a substantial flood their dining room floor had to be completely replaced. Rather than use new wood, they looked for old reclaimed boards, similar in appearance to the original. Eventually they obtained quality, re-milled white pine taken from the old building of Tynecastle High School, opened in 1912. The wood was then sanded down, stained and re-varnished. Annfield Flooring Services of Dalkeith sourced the wood and laid the floor.



Re-grassing on Calton Hill

The Friends of Calton Hill are delighted to announce the completion of a significant re-grassing project, improving four key sections of the hill. In total 160 square metres of turf have been laid. The project was supported by a City Centre Community Grant. More information is available online at www.friendsofcaltonhill.org

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Wanted! Your Food Waste!

Several members of RRCTMA toured the Council's food waste recycling centre at Millerhill, along with representatives from other residents associations. The impressive facility converts food waste into fertiliser and generates green electricity which is supplied to the grid. They have

capacity to take more food waste so we are working with the Council to encourage residents to separate this waste. Any food waste not directed to this green energy initiative is incinerated along with residual waste. So please do use the food waste services!

Fortitude Cafe - review

One of our committee members popped into Fortitude, the new café on Abbey Mount, and shared these notes. A bright modern minimalist concept with friendly staff to greet us. My friend enjoyed a lovely large coffee and I chose a pot of tea, we had a lemon and pistachio cake to share, total £10.40. Delicious selection of cakes and pastries to choose from with vegan options available too. That day there was quite a young relaxed vibe possibly due to the student accommodation nearby but certainly a place for anyone to enjoy. I would definitely recommend a visit. It is great to see new locally-owned businesses like this opening up in our area. Fortitude is open M-F 8.30-4 and S-S 9-4.



Recycling Update

At the end of last year, we distributed smaller black sacks to all households along the Terraces as part of the extended recycling trial that the Council is undertaking on 10 streets across the New Town. **The black sacks will continue to be emptied weekly on Tuesday mornings along with the collection of any food waste.**

Also, as part of the trial the Council are now collecting dry mixed recycling from the green sacks every week on Thursday mornings. This is intended to further increase the ability of residents to recycle more. If you need more clear plastic sacks, please let us know.

We will be posting a questionnaire on the RRCTMA website to collect views on the positive and negative aspects of the trial. In the meantime, if you have any comments drop us an email.

Edinburgh World Heritage Site - New Management Plan

A draft management plan for the Old and New Town World Heritage Site was presented to a recent CEC Planning Committee meeting. This draft plan will be issued for public consultation shortly. We will be looking

for a greater commitment to community engagement on issues affecting residents living within the Site. We encourage you to read the draft plan and provide comments both to the Council and to us so that we can submit a comprehensive response on your behalf. Keep an eye on our website News section for more details.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 27 April: We are planning a further community clean up on Saturday 27 April to spring clean our neighbourhood. We will start from the main gate at Regent Gardens with sausage/bacon rolls and tea /coffee before heading off around the Terraces and this time London Road Gardens. Further details will be posted on our website and emailed to members nearer the time.

Wednesday 22 May: Over the last few years, mainly as a result of the pandemic, our AGM has slipped until after the summer but this year we will be holding it on Wednesday 22 May at 7.00pm at the Scottish Chamber Orchestra building at 4 Royal Terrace. Meeting papers will be issued to members before the AGM. If you are not a member and would like to attend and/or receive the meeting papers, please email us at rrcta@live.co.uk.