

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Spring 2022

Welcome to the RRCTMA Spring Newsletter After such challenging weather in February, it has been a relief and a joy to see some sunshine in the city over the past month. While we enjoy the emergence of spring, our thoughts are also with the people of Ukraine as they suffer a brutal invasion; our neighbourhood is home to both the Ukrainian Club on Royal Terrace and the Ukrainian Consulate on Windsor Street, and we stand with them as a united community. As always, please feel free to contact the RRCTMA Committee about any local matters at rrcta@live.co.uk We are pleased to share the following news stories with you.

Jubilee Tea Party in the Gardens - volunteers needed!

The RRCTMA committee is very excited to be co-hosting a local Jubilee Tea Party with the Regent Gardens committee. The event will take place on Sunday 5 June, 3-6pm in the Regent Gardens. The event will be ticketed but free, albeit with an invitation for donations to help cover costs. The event will include a tea party, music, games, children's entertainment, bunting galore and much much more! So much in fact, that we are seeking volunteers to help us run the event. If you are interested in being part of the best Jubilee party in Edinburgh, please contact the two Committees via email (rrcta@live.co.uk and regentgardens93@gmail.com) to volunteer. There will be a specific call nearer the time for volunteers to make sandwiches and cakes (including a cake competition) for the Tea Party.



Ukrainian Community Centre

Many of our residents have asked about opportunities to support the Ukrainian Club on Royal Terrace since the start of the war. There are currently no immediate plans to reopen the aid point but information will be posted on their Facebook page, along with information about donations, volunteering and the Homes for Ukraine programme. Please visit Facebook for up-to-date information: www.facebook.com/AUGBEdinburgh

Better Bins - Campaign Update

Our last update on this subject followed the Council's decision in January to ignore the views of residents/heritage bodies and implement communal bin hubs across the New Town. As the expression goes, a week is a long time in politics and that is certainly true about communal bins!

In February, the Community Councils were requested by the Convenor of the Transport and Environment Committee to attend a meeting with senior Council officials and representatives of the heritage bodies. At that meeting, we were told that the Council had decided to put on hold any plans for the rollout of the communal bin hubs in the New Town and instead conduct a feasibility study of other long-term options including underground storage.

We suggested that there was an opportunity to trial some simple low-cost changes to improve recycling. This suggestion was readily accepted and we have had two meetings with Council officials to look at what changes could be made and how their impact should be assessed. We will keep you updated as the outcome of these trial discussions becomes clear! We are not counting our chickens or Easter bunnies yet, though.

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Save the date: RRCTMA AGM on 3 May

We are delighted to announce that this year's RRCTMA AGM will once again be held in person on Tuesday 3 May, at 7.30pm. We are grateful to the Crowne Plaza on Royal Terrace for providing us with a free outdoor meeting space (with an indoor wet-weather option too). More details will follow. If you are not a member of the RRCTMA but would like to join, please email rrcta@live.co.uk

Gull deterrents - approved tactics

Many Edinburgh residents, including RRCTMA members, frequently experience unwelcome behaviour from gulls, in particular during nesting season (April to August). Most gulls - otherwise known as seagulls - are currently protected by law, but there are nevertheless some deterrents that can legally be employed to discourage gulls from nesting on your home. Scotland's nature agency, NatureScot, has a list of measures that you might consider if this has been a problem for you.

Some of the options include:

- Physically preventing nesting with nets, spikes or wiring
- Removing old nests and nesting materials
- Removal of litter and food waste
- Scaring devices (including plastic imitation birds of prey)
- Hawking by birds of prey

Some of these measures should be implemented before nesting season commences. Further measures are listed on the following website, some of which require a licence:

<https://www.nature.scot/doc/guidance-gull-management>



Speed Watch - Project Update

We are in consultation with the CEC Roads & Pavements Department to renew the road marking at the junction at the top of Carlton Terrace Brae and Carlton Terrace, and also to increase the visibility of the Give Way signs. Drivers approaching from Regent Road are not able to see the signs until they are almost at the top of the junction.

In view of the number of near misses that have occurred, we are also exploring with community police and local councillors if the Give Way sign could be changed for a Stop sign, requiring vehicles to stop fully at the junction before progressing onto the Terraces. There is no intention of closing access from the Terraces to Carlton Terrace Brae and Regent Road. Our intention is to improve the overall safety of the junction for all road users.



Hidden Door Arts Festival, 9-18 June

Hidden Door is a multi-arts festival that transforms abandoned spaces within Edinburgh. This summer, the festival will take place at the Old Royal High School from 9th to 18th June - delightfully convenient for our association members! The festival includes music, visual art, spoken word, theatre, dance and film. Early bird tickets have sold out but keep your eyes on the festival website for more details about programming and tickets: <https://hiddendoorarts.org>