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Edinburgh Care Home Captured in Bespoke Artwork

An Edinburgh care home has been captured in a striking new piece of artwork created to give residents and visitors a unique view of the place they call home.

Cluny Lodge Care Home, owned by Elder Homes Ltd, commissioned local artist Clare Bevis to create the bespoke piece for its reception area.

The artwork depicts the Morningside home and its surroundings, bringing together architectural details from across the large building which cannot easily be seen from a single viewpoint.

Clare, who had previously created artwork for Elder Homes Director Stephen Dodds, spent time walking around Cluny Lodge before starting the piece to identify the details and features which were important to capture.

Clare said:

Cluny Lodge was a perfect subject for my art style. I wanted to keep the quintessential feel of the home and its surroundings through the use of soft pastel colours.

You can see that the piece moves from day to night, which was a little detail I included to show life around the clock at the home.

The artwork, which took around eight hours to complete, is Clare's largest piece to date and combines a range of different materials and

techniques.

Fine liner and super-fine pens were used for the main drawing, alongside digital techniques and giclée ink to introduce additional colour and detail.

Now installed in the reception area, the finished work gives residents, families and visitors a complete view of the home as they arrive at the main entrance.

Clare added:

It's such a big building and hard to see from one viewpoint, so I think the artwork gives guests and residents a full picture of where they are as they come through the main door.

To see the final piece in the home brings a smile to my face. I'm so happy I was asked to create this for the residents to admire as they pass through reception.

I spoke to a few residents who told me they once loved to draw and paint and were enjoying viewing my piece when it was installed. It was lovely to hear that it had already got people talking.

Stephen Dodds, Director of Elder Homes, said:

We wanted to create something that reflected the character of Cluny Lodge and would become a real feature for residents, families and visitors to enjoy.

Clare has captured the home in a way that simply isn't possible from any single viewpoint, while including the details that make it so recognisable to the people who know it best.

Creating an engaging environment is an important part of life at Cluny Lodge, so it has been great to see residents stopping to look at the artwork, talk about it and, in some cases, share their own memories of drawing and painting.

The commission is part of a wider focus on creating a stimulating and engaging environment for residents at Cluny Lodge, with activities and experiences tailored around individual interests and needs.

Cluny Lodge recently retained the highest possible rating for supporting people's wellbeing following an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate. The home was awarded a score of 6: Excellent for "How well do we support people's wellbeing?", alongside scores of 5: Very Good for leadership, setting, quality assurance and the quality of its facilities.

The home follows a holistic approach to residents' health and wellbeing, with its team including in-house physiotherapists, social and leisure staff and nutritional support workers alongside its wider care team.

Residents have access to a wide range of activities, outings, concert and events aimed at providing social, mental and physical stimulation.

Founded by Loren and Julie Hufstetler in 1984, the family-owned Elder Homes has spent over 40 years providing individualised support and compassionate service to seniors requiring assistance with daily living.

By Barbara Parker Online 26 September 2026
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Fairtrade Foundation Reaffirms Edinburgh's Long-Standing City Status



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Photo supplied by City of Edinburgh Council and the Fairtrade Foundation

Edinburgh's long-standing status as a Fairtrade City has been officially reaffirmed following the presentation of a certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation.

The renewed recognition celebrates more than two decades of dedication, honouring the capital's continued commitment to supporting Fairtrade farmers and workers across the world since the city first achieved the status in 2004.

Lord Provost Robert Aldridge and Depute Lord Provost Lezley Marion Cameron met with members of the Edinburgh Fairtrade City Steering Group to receive the certificate and congratulate them on successfully retaining the status. Securing this renewal highlights Edinburgh's ongoing dedication to promoting Fairtrade and increasing the use of licensed products carrying the Fairtrade Mark. This widely recognised symbol provides customers with reassurance that producers receive fair prices alongside the enforcement of stringent social, economic, and environmental standards. The Fairtrade Foundation's presentation highlights the vital role that Edinburgh's businesses, communities, and residents play in creating a more equitable global trade system. Lord Provost Robert Aldridge said:

By Zoe Walker Online 22 September 2026

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Edinburgh Tram Extension Plans Take Major Step Forward



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Plans to extend Edinburgh's tram network have taken another step forward, with the southern section of the route identified as the immediate priority.

The Strategic Business Case (SBC) to build a new tram route, from Granton in the north to the Edinburgh Bioquarter in the south, was approved by the Transport and Environment Committee this afternoon (Thursday 10 September).

The next step will be to position the plans within the findings of SEStransit, a study for transport in the South East of Scotland region, which is expected to be delivered in the autumn of next year.

This work will also be aligned with the feasibility study on the potential reintroduction of passenger services on the South Suburban Railway line, currently being undertaken by Transport Scotland and Network Rail.

In prioritising the southern section of the route as a first phase, councillors were also clear on the need for further work to be done on taking trams from Granton to the city centre as part of a future phase of the project.

Advisory work on funding and financing options with the National Wealth Fund (NWF) will also continue, alongside a wider benefits realisation study for Trams to Newhaven, which is expected to be considered later this year.

Transport and Environment Convener, Councillor Stephen Jenkinson:

"This is a key milestone in our ambition to expand Edinburgh's tram network.

By Albert Nelson Online 11 September 2026

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30-Minute Walk to Celebrate 30 Years of Walking Scotland



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People across Scotland are being invited to step out for a 30-minute walk or wheel on Wednesday 30 September at 10.30am.

For 30 years, Walking Scotland has championed the benefits of walking and wheeling. As the charity marks its 30th anniversary, it is encouraging people across Scotland to experience those benefits for themselves.

Alana Genge, Walking Scotland, said,

Walking and wheeling help us improve our physical, mental and social health. They create more connected communities and reduce congestion and air pollution. For many of us, they also offer freedom, independence and affordable ways to get around.

The Big Walking Break is the chance for everyone to step away from their desks, screens and busy lives and see how a 30 minute walk or wheel can transform their world.

By Albert Nelson Online 27 September 2026
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Edinburgh CIC Launches Winter Coat Exchange Amidst "Perfect Storm" of Energy Price Rises and El Niño Predictions



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Energy prices are set to reach a three-year high this winter, with an even greater hike to bills expected to hit households in the new year.

These increases, coupled with the knock-on effects of a significant El Niño will create a "perfect storm" for families already struggling to afford the basics to stay warm this winter. That's according to local Community Interest Company, The Leith Collective, which is launching a Winter Coat Exchange on Thursday 1st October to help bring warmth, comfort and dignity to those in need this winter.

By Rebecca McCosh Online 29 September 2026
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Lord Provost to Attend Edinburgh Railway Show



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Photo supplied by Edinburgh & Lothians Miniature Railway Club

Lord Provost Robert Aldridge will award prizes at the Edinburgh & Lothians Miniature Railway Club (ELMRC) exhibition at George Watson's College. Taking place on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2026, this represents the largest railway modelling event ever held in Edinburgh. It is the third annual show to be held by the club at that venue.

This year's special exhibition will welcome people of all ages to celebrate the club's 75th Anniversary and experience the world of miniature railways. The event will illustrate the club's rich history and many decades of dedication to the world of railway modelling.

By Richard Coyle Online 1 September 2026
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Community Collaboration Supports Sport at South Morningside Primary



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A unique collaboration between Big Hearts Community Trust, the City of Edinburgh Council, Robertson Construction and its supply chain partners has delivered a new state-of-the-art multi-sports pitch for South Morningside Primary School at no cost.

The new floodlit branded pitch was made possible after Big Hearts, the official charity of Heart of Midlothian Football Club, won the prestigious Europe-wide 'More Than Football' Award in 2021 for its Big Hearts Supporters Movement volunteering programme, with the prize being a bespoke Musco Mini-Pitch for a local venue.

By Albert Nelson Online 6 September 2026
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Water Cycle Workshop to Reach More Than 2,600 Scottish Pupils

Scottish Water has launched the third year of its Water Cycle Workshop, delivered in partnership with Aberdeen Science Centre, Glasgow Science Centre, Dundee Science Centre, Dynamic Earth and the Science Skills Academy.

By Catherine Wilson Online 3 September 2026
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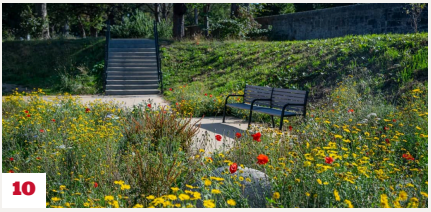

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Edinburgh Green Investment Initiative Launches to Support Climate Action

The Council has launched a new investment initiative, giving residents and local businesses the chance to support projects that reduce climate-damaging emissions, prepare for the impacts of climate change and help protect nature.

By Catherine Wilson Online 7 September 2026
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Over 2,300 Pupils Take Part in Scotland's Largest Outdoor Learning Event in Holyrood Park

Scotland's biggest outdoor learning event welcomed over 2,300 primary six pupils from 49 schools across the city!

By Albert Nelson Online 14 September 2026
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Knife Angel Sculpture Goes on Display in Edinburgh

The 27-foot contemporary sculpture will be on display at Kirkgate, at the bottom of Leith Walk, until Sunday 27 September.

By Catherine Wilson Online 2 September 2026
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