



Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter - December 2019



Trams will arrive in Leith and Newhaven in Spring 2023.

Spend, save and support local businesses

On Thursday 28 November we launched the Constitution Street voucher scheme with our partners Itison.

The scheme allows you to purchase up to three vouchers at £5, each with the retail value of £10, giving you up to £30 to spend at a range of places on the street:

- [Afreen Fashion and Beauty](#)
- [The Bearded Baker](#)

- [Carolyn Designer Florist](#)
- [The Compass Bar and Restaurant](#)
- [Destined for Home](#)
- [The Fly Half](#)
- [Hideout Cafe](#)
- [Nobles Cafe Bar & Restaurant](#)
- [Pillars House Hotel](#)
- [Port of Leith Bar](#)
- [Printworks Coffee Company](#)
- [PunkAnatomists](#)
- [Rocksalt](#)
- [Shore Avocado](#)

We are delighted to announce that since launching you have purchased almost 1,500 vouchers with a retail value of almost £15,000, every penny of which goes directly to the businesses you spend them with.

Vouchers remain available for some participating businesses, so head over to the website and get yours today. A number of vouchers have also yet to be redeemed at those businesses who have sold out. Vouchers sold during this campaign will be valid until 31 March 2020, so make sure you get out and spend them on the street before then.

A wider scheme to involve Leith Walk businesses will launch in 2022 to coincide with the main infrastructure works commencing there.

[Buy your Constitution Street vouchers here](#)



Tree removal on Leith Walk

As part of the ongoing enabling works on Leith Walk a city bound running lane from the Foot of the Walk to London Road is being created. In order to do this, the removal of certain build outs and the reduction of the footway at several locations is required.

All precautions are taken by the project to ensure that any trees and vegetation which are not required to be taken down remain undisturbed and undamaged. However, four trees located between 165a and 169 Leith Walk need to be removed which will take place week commencing 9 December. Once construction is completed trees of a similar size will be replanted in the vicinity.

All enabling works are scheduled to be completed early 2020 and will facilitate the main tram construction works which will start in Spring 2020 with an estimated completion date of Autumn 2021.

[View full construction programme](#)

Constitution Street construction update



Foot of the Walk to Laurie Street

- The surface of the road has been planed and slit trenches have been completed
- Works underway to determine status of utilities located
- Excavation of the track box commenced this week

Laurie Street to the south end of the Graveyard Wall

- The surface of the road has been planed and slit trenches have been completed
- Lane in front of Premier windscreen has been made suitable for access
- Work is underway to determine status of utilities
- Excavation of the track box commenced this week

South Leith Parish Church/Graveyard Wall

- Tree works are now complete
- Scaffold erection commenced last week to allow the wall to be carefully taken down

North end of South Leith Parish Church graveyard wall to Coatfield Lane

- No work will take place in this section in the coming weeks
- Two site welfare units have been located in this section

Queen Charlotte Street to Baltic Street

- The surface of the road has been planed
- Excavation will begin this week on slit trenches
- Trial excavations to establish utilities

Baltic Street junction

- Robert Burns Statue deconstruction works has commenced

- Trial excavation works continue around the gas main

Baltic Street to Constitution Place

- Excavation and removal of existing cobble setts
- Excavation will begin this week on slit trenches
- Installation of ducting on behalf of BT
- Trial excavations to establish utilities



Leith Walk Enabling Works

Enabling works on Leith Walk continue. Morrison Utility Services are currently digging trial holes to better understand the extent of the utility diversions that are required.

Between Crown Place and Lorne Street SFN are completing the removal of the existing kerbs, footways and existing street furniture. This will allow the temporary kerb and roadway to be constructed and the Traffic Management to be removed by the 20th Dec. They will begin work on between Pilrig Street and Brunswick Road from early January 2020.



Constitution Street drop in session

We will be hosting the first in a series of drop in events, where residents can come and meet the team. We will be at the Fly Half on Constitution Street on 10 December from noon to 1pm. Pop in and say hello!



Business support update



Digital campaign

We are investing in a range of paid social media posts across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. These have now been running for two weeks and will continue throughout the works to promote the street and the project.

As well as the paid aspect we are also making use of our own social media channels to promote businesses with a current focus on Constitution Street.

Our partners at Itison will also launch a range of media campaigns in 2020, to include a stylised video of businesses along the route,

voucher competitions and social promotion to their 1000's of followers.

[Follow us on Twitter](#)

[Follow us on Instagram](#)

Mural painting

We are currently finalising our plan for the installation of a number of murals and street art projects along the length of the route from Picardy Place to Newhaven. We will be in touch with businesses in the coming week to discuss the sites we have identified and to consult on the final design to be taken forward for each mural/street art project. Murals will be painted in a variety of sizes and in a range of places, such as gable ends, shops fronts, vennels and traffic signal control boxes.

We will send a further update on progress on this in the coming fortnight.

Logistics support

The Mitchell Street Logistics Hub has now been up and running for the last 3 weeks which is situated on Mitchell Street, EH6 7BD. We have been supporting local businesses with their deliveries, as well as offering assistance to local residents with any queries they may have about the Trams to Newhaven project.

There is a friendly team of Logistic officers on hand to offer advice, support and assistance every Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00 and on Saturdays 08:00 to 15:00.

We encourage and welcome all businesses and residents on Constitution Street to visit our Hubs, where we can offer further information and assistance.

Cargo bikes

Our ground breaking cargo bike partnership with Sustrans Scotland launched in tandem with our first logistics hub at Mitchel Street. We're currently testing our new trike, with early results looking positive. Given the specific needs of each hub in terms of delivery demand, we will also be working with Sustrans in the coming months to trial out different styles of bikes/trikes and also electronic assist trailers. This will allow us to ensure we provide the correct type of equipment needed for each of the hubs proposed for Leith Walk.

While these are for the use of logistics officers at the moment, we will be extending this to businesses who wish to rent the bikes to move goods around themselves or make deliveries. Before we can let you loose on a bike, we need to take each business through a short training course. We plan to host the first of these in early 2020. If you are interested in being once of the first businesses to get trained and use the bikes. Contact using the button below.

[I want to take part in cargo bike training](#)



**Bus diversions:
services 12, 16 and
N16**





Lothian Buses services 12, 16 and N16 cannot the Constitutoin Street. Instead, they will follow diversion routes as follows:

- Service 12 (towards Seafield) – between Leith Walk and Links Place, buses will be diverted via Duke Street, Academy Street, Wellington Place and John's Place
- Service 12 (towards city centre) – between Gladstone Place and Leith Walk, buses will be diverted via East Hermitage Place, Vanburgh Place and Duke Street
- Services 16 and N16 – between Leith Walk and Commercial Street, buses will be diverted via Great Junction Street, Henderson Street and The Shore in both directions.

[Visit the Lothian Buses website](#)

[Download the Transport for Edinburgh app](#)



Find out more and get in touch



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For further information on the project please visit our website where you can find a range of FAQs. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or by telephone on 0131 322 1122. We're available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

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