



Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 21 January 2020



Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in Spring 2023.

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020 and Happy New Year from the team. In this edition find out more about the upcoming plans and activities for the next two weeks.

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January 2020 works overview

On Leith Walk, works are progressing well with the creation of the city-bound running lane as part of the ongoing enabling works ahead of the main construction starting in March 2020. This is being done on a phased basis in order to minimise disruption to residents and businesses.

Ground investigation works continue to take place across the route which will help inform final designs.

Investigation works on Lindsay Road will continue including night-shift works which are scheduled to finish on Wednesday 22 January.

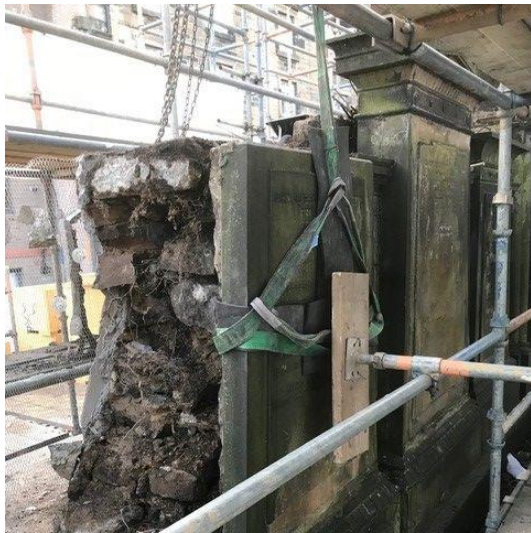
Preparation works to the two roundabouts at Ocean Terminal will also be taking place from Wednesday 22 January and traffic management will be in place to accommodate this.

Morrison Utility Services (MUS) will continue excavating Constitution Street to allow for any required utility diversions. As part of this, a number of trial holes will be required at different locations on the footpaths. These are being carried out to confirm locations of overhead line poles (OLE). Pedestrian diversions will be in place to maintain access for all.

Road Closure Brunswick Road

Access to/from Leith Walk to Brunswick Road will be closed from Wednesday 29 January 2020 for approximately five days to allow CityFibre to install broadband for local residents/businesses.

Advanced notification signage will be in place and traffic diversions will be in operation. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.



South Leith Parish Church Boundary Wall

A number of historic masonry structures and public sculptures on the wall need to be carefully taken down to allow essential groundworks to take place.

These will be stored, conserved and re-built once the tram lines are installed. The wall has been subject to detailed 3D recording techniques and each stone will be marked with a unique identification reference to provide information for the wall to be re-built.

As the wall and the monuments are listed by Historic Environment

Scotland, specialist members of the project team are using the same kind of tools and working practices to separate the individual stones as those the original masons would have used to build the wall. This painstaking work is revealing a fascinating insight into the workmanship and building methods of the past.



Meet the team and find out more about the project

We are hosting a public information event at Ocean Terminal on Tuesday 4 February, from 2-7pm. Come along and meet the team, who'll be happy to give information and answer any questions about the upcoming works at Ocean Drive, Melrose Drive and Newhaven.

You'll find us on the 1st floor in a vacant shop unit next to Zizzi's.

We'll be hosting another public information event at McDonald Road Library, in the Nelson Room, on Tuesday 11 February 2020 from 2pm until 7pm. This event will focus on the upcoming works on Leith Walk.



Support for Business update



Many thanks to everyone who has purchased vouchers through [itison](#) as part of the Support for Business package currently operating on Constitution Street, Bernard Street, Assembly Street and Queen Charlotte Street.

There are still vouchers 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. Remember, vouchers sold during this campaign will be valid until 31 March 2020, so make sure you spend them before then.

A wider scheme involving Leith Walk businesses will launch later in 2020 to coincide with the main infrastructure works starting there.



City Mobility Plan

The City of Edinburgh Council will be consulting on a ten-year mobility and transport plan for the city in February. You can read more about the proposals and next steps on the [Council's website](#).



Meet the team:

Daniel Kennedy

**Stakeholder Liaison
Officer**

**Morrison Utility
Services**



Born: Swindon in 1993

Previous city: Preston, England

Current city: Edinburgh, Scotland

Favourite team: Celtic & Detroit Red Wings (Ice Hockey)

Tell us a little about yourself...

Although born down in England, both of my parents served in the Royal Air Force, which meant I spent most of my childhood on airbases in Germany or dotted around Scotland. I am an avid sports fan, playing almost everything when I was younger although my favourite now is Ice Hockey. It's the fastest game in the world and it can use video replays no problem (looking at you, football). Despite my regular appearance I am also a massive metal head - nothing better than some heavy metal to end a long day of work!

Tell us about your career history

I completed a Masters in Archaeology at the University of Central Lancashire in 2015. I went straight into working for various companies as a field archaeologist, working on a number of projects. The biggest one being the Clyde Valley Wind Farm down in the borders with Headland Archaeology. I then moved into the heritage sector to Historic Environment Scotland as a Guide at Edinburgh Castle. This involved delivering tours to the public and answering any historical or archaeology-related questions. Since this involved being front and centre for Scotland's tourism, it prepared me well for my new role at Morrison Utility Services, which I began back in November.

What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?

Stakeholders are key to MUS and this project so I am really enjoying engaging with the public and getting to know the residents and businesses. Although I am still fairly new, I'm just enjoying taking it all in and being able to be a part of a project this size is quite the experience, personally and professionally.

What is your role on the project?

My role is Stakeholder Liaison Officer for Morrison Utility Services, the Swept Path Contractor. It is my job to engage with the stakeholders that are based along the new tramline and everyone else in between. Whether that is going in to see someone in person or just over the phone, I am one of the key points of contact should a stakeholder need assistance. With my archaeological background, I will be working closely with GUARD Archaeology, particularly along Constitution Street, to make sure that we can relay to the public what we have found and what this means for the local history. I am

sure you will see me out and about so feel free to say hello!

What part of the project are you most looking forward to?

I am most looking forward to the archaeology really getting under way, specifically at the South Leith Parish Church wall. Being surrounded by archaeology and history is great and then getting to share that with everyone else and seeing it pique a lot of people's interest in their local history is a breath of fresh air.



Find out more and get in touch




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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