

Welcome to our November 2017 edition of the GDCC Community Newsletter. We aim to use this newsletter as a tool to communicate with the Granton residents. This is an experimental version. We are seeking feedback from everyone. Please note, we have gathered information from various sources via email circulation and social networks. Therefore, we are not responsible for accuracy / authenticity. Please contact directly with the relevant organisation for more clarification. Seasons Greetings and Happy New year to everyone.

## Council Budget 2018/19 spending and savings



Edinburgh residents are being asked for their views on changes to council services for the 2018/19 budget, which will be set early next year.

A six-week engagement period focusing on six key themes will now begin running until Tuesday, 19 December. The six themes include: increasing income, improving services, being more efficient, managing our suppliers, making the most of our assets and workforce productivity.

The draft budget, online survey can be accessed at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/playyourpart](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/playyourpart)

Residents can also have their say by:  
Phoning on 0131 200 2350  
Writing to Freepost, RSJC-SLXC-YTJY, Play your part, Council Leader, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ  
Speaking to your local councillor [#playyourpart](https://twitter.com/playyourpart)  
Budget flyer:  
<http://bit.ly/2A3J1a1>

## Seasons Greetings from the GDCC

On behalf of Granton and District Community Council , Best Wishes for Christmas and the Happy New Year to all residents of Granton and everyone. We would like to extend a warm and loving message to all of our residents, families and friends on this festive seasons.



## New GDCC office bearers elected

Our annual general meeting took place on Monday 30 October 2017 at Royston Wardieburn Community Centre. Councillor George Gordon conducted election of the office bearer. Congratulations to our newly elected office bearers for the year of 2017-18.

Chair: Fred Marinello  
Secretary : Mizan Rahman  
Treasurer : Lorna Forsyth  
Minutes Secretary: Suzanne Ebel  
Community Liaison Officer : Jill Talēyarkhan  
Public Transport Officer : Donald McDonald  
EACC Liaison : Martyn Whyte

Community Councillors:  
Heather Pugh  
Frederick Hessler  
Kashif Ather

## Community Christmas Tree Lighting in Granton



The Granton Community Christmas Tree lights will be switched on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm. Venue: Granton Parish Church. All are invited to attend the Tree Lighting event.

### Meeting: Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Date: Thurs, 14 Dec 2017, 6-8pm  
 Venue: North Local Office, 8 West Pilton Gardens, EH4 4DP  
 (Access to building from car park entrance)

Papers and agenda will be available here in advance of meeting: <http://bit.ly/2zzqLGd>

More info: Tel: 0131 529 5270, Email: [elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk)

### Food Serving Training at PCHP

Date: Tue 28 Nov 2017, 10-12.30pm  
 Venue: Pilton Community Health Project

Interested in learning about serving food at community events ?

The training will focus on basic food preparation, food hygiene and addressing allergies. For more information and to book your place, contact Anna, E-mail: [anna.mbaran@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anna.mbaran@hotmail.co.uk).

### New Lunch Club by PCHP

Date: 15 January 2018  
 Venue: Granton Baptist Church

Pilton Community Health Project will start a new lunch club on trial basis. If this is successful, it may run as a regular lunch club. Anyone interested to join ?  
 E-mail: [tomiadenekan@pchp.org.uk](mailto:tomiadenekan@pchp.org.uk)

### GDCC Meeting Schedule of 2018

29 January 2018	30 July 2018
26 February 2018	27 August 2018
26 March 2018	24 September 2018
30 April 2018	29 October 2018
28 May 2018	26 November 2018
No meetings are held in <b>Jun</b> and <b>Dec</b>	

### Have your say: Improving Services for hard of hearing people

The Council, the NHS and charities in Edinburgh are developing new services for people who are hard of hearing or deafened. Please help us to get things right by completing the questionnaire:

Download form : <http://bit.ly/2jkCgq0>

Deadline: **01 Dec 2017**

Please e-mail your completed form to [Susan.Shippey@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Susan.Shippey@edinburgh.gov.uk)

### Christmas Charity Festival



Date: Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Dec 2017

Santa parade starts at 10am,  
 Stockbridge

Venue: Inverleith Park

The Santa Toddle & Parade , The Edinburgh Christmas 5k & 10k Runs, Carol Service, Christmas walk & more

More info: [www.greatscottishevents.org.uk](http://www.greatscottishevents.org.uk)

Download full program:

<http://bit.ly/2iOkRGW>

### Planning Application: Granton Harbour

We have received a request for planning consultation on 17 Nov 2017 to build 144 houses and 18 flats by Granton Central Developments Ltd.

Location: Granton Harbour, West harbour Road, Edinburgh

Ref no: 17/05120/AMC

GDCC seeks views of the local residents on this proposal.

Details of the application can be viewed on the Planning Portal and resident can comment via website ([www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning)) with the ref: 17/05120/AMC

Further info on this proposal, please contact Kenneth

Bowes Tel: 0131 529 6724

E-mail; [kenneth.bowes@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:kenneth.bowes@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Deadline to submit comments: 22 Dec 2017.



## UPDATE: Community Action North (Nov 2017)

Community Action North has been awarded funding from the Scottish Government's Aspiring Communities fund until December 2018. This will enable CAN to work with the community to establish CAN as a community development trust in North Edinburgh. A community development trust is an organisation led by a community board of trustees.



*We would like to work with community councils, offer opportunities to take part in the training and for us to learn from your experiences as community-led organisation. We'd like to develop a good working relationship between all the community councils in the area and CAN so we can support each other, find ways of mutually benefiting each other and the community at large.*

CAN recruitment: Julie Smith was appointed as CAN manager in October. Two new staffs, one Partnership Development Worker and one Community Development worker – expected to start in the New Year.

CAN Website: We are working to create a new online presence for CAN. This will go live in the New Year and could offer opportunities for local CCs to advertise meetings, campaigns, etc.

### CAN Community Event:

Date: Wed 6 Dec 2017, 5.30 -8pm

Venue: North Edinburgh Arts, 15a Pennywell Court  
Edinburgh EH4 4TZ

CAN is holding a community event to celebrate community achievements and to launch a community training initiative with Planning Democracy. The evening also allows us to share CAN's plans for the year ahead. The evening will include contributions from community activists on what we've achieved so far, what we're all doing now and what we can achieve in the future. The December event will offer opportunities to get involved with CAN: either through tailored training programmes, as a member of CAN's community board of directors – or both !

Dave Pickering , 23/11/2017

E-mail: [davepickering@northedcan.org.uk](mailto:davepickering@northedcan.org.uk)

## Local Events Fund : CEC

£15k for each locality has been made available to fund indoor and outdoor events that stimulate and support artistic and cultural activity that benefit audiences and artists who live in the Localities who might otherwise not have the opportunity to participate.

Applications of between £2,500 and £10,000 can be made by community groups, arts/creative organisations and partnerships in the city.

Application form & details:  
[www.eventsedinburgh.org.uk](http://www.eventsedinburgh.org.uk). For further info: [events@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:events@edinburgh.gov.uk)  
Deadline: **15 December 2017 at 12:00**

## Edinburgh University Community Grants Scheme

The Edinburgh Local Community Grants scheme supports the development of projects, community activities and sustainable local action.

Eligible for projects or activities that will involve and benefit people living and/or working in the Edinburgh City Region. (The Region includes the City of Edinburgh, Fife, West Lothian, Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders)

Applications are welcome from: voluntary organisations, social enterprises, individuals who are supported/sponsored by one of the above

The Grants scheme supports the development of projects, community activities and sustainable local action.

Application form: [www.ed.ac.uk/local/community-grants](http://www.ed.ac.uk/local/community-grants)

Deadline: 5pm on Thursday 7th December 2017.

## Drylaw Telford Community Council

Monthly public meeting: 29 Nov 2017

Venue: Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre,  
67B Groathill Rd N, Edinburgh EH4 2SA

E-mail: [vickynicolsondtcc@hotmail.com](mailto:vickynicolsondtcc@hotmail.com)

## GDCC Next Meeting (2018)

There will be no meeting in December 2017. Next date of the meeting is 29 January 2018 , 7pm at Royston Wardieburn Community centre. Happy New Year to everyone !



## Multicultural Women's Group

When : Every Friday  
10am to 12pm

Where : Granton

Hub, Madlevic

House,

33 Granton Park Avenue, Edinburgh  
EH51HS



A warm and inclusive FREE drop-in space for pregnant women and women with young children from around the world.

Pavi Sarma on [passion.earth2012@gmail.com](mailto:passion.earth2012@gmail.com) or 0780 9365827

(Suggested donation of £2 or as much as possible)

## Painting for Pleasure - 2 Day Weekend Workshop

Date: Sat, 2 Dec & Sun, 3 Dec 2017  
10:00 – 16:30

Venue: Madlevic House  
33 Granton Park Avenue  
Edinburgh EH5 1HS

Painting for Pleasure workshop is designed for adults of all ages and abilities.

Painting for Pleasure weekend workshop is tutored by local artist Gareth Hutchison.

The Painting for Pleasure weekend will help you get started, giving time and space to develop your creative talent and support your painting project(s) through till compilation.

Price: 2 day £25, 1 day £12.50, Concession rates available. Day tickets are also available. For more info, please contact: [events@grantonhub.org](mailto:events@grantonhub.org)

## Granton Castle Gardeners Gathering

Date: 03 Dec 2017, 1pm -3pm.

Venue: 33 Granton Park Avenue

Host: Friends of Granton Castle Garden

A celebration of first summer at Granton's lost Castle Garden. Storytelling, Cakes & Refreshments, ideas & plans for the garden. Free drop-in event.

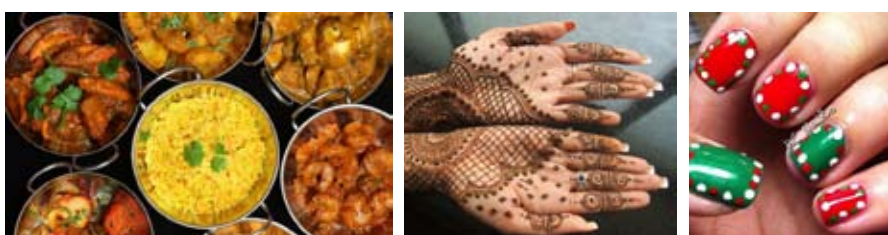
See more: [grantoncastlewalledgarden.wordpress.com](http://grantoncastlewalledgarden.wordpress.com)



## ASHA Charity Christmas Bazaar !

1pm – 4pm, Sunday, 10 December 2017

Scout Hall, 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh



**A free, fun event for a worthwhile cause, with gifts to buy, entertainment for all the family, and great food !**

Join us at our Christmas Bazaar in support of the Hope for Girls charity (Meider Jonno Asha). Come and buy unique yet affordable handmade items made by the Asha sponsored girls – perfect as Christmas presents! Feast on authentic home-made Bangladeshi curries. Glam up for the festive season with a henna or glitter tattoo, or some pretty nail art. Bring the kids – we've got activities for the young 'uns too!

Hope for Girls (Meider Jonno Asha) is a Scottish charity (SCO33691) which has been working to help the poor girls in Dhaka, Bangladesh, for the last 20 years. The charity provides education, training, counselling and literacy skills. This valuable work is funded by events such as this Christmas bazaar, so please come along and support it.

Event hosted by Friends of ASHA charity and supported by Granton & District Community Council, Granton Parish Church, ELREC, Granton Scouts, Shimmy & Shines, Eastern Pavilion and many others.

Check out our event on FaceBook: [www.facebook.com/events/292312447932353](https://www.facebook.com/events/292312447932353)  
For more information on ASHA, check out their website: [www.mjasha.org.uk/asha-story](http://www.mjasha.org.uk/asha-story)  
Contact: Friends of ASHA Charity, E-mail: [mmr8060@gmail.com](mailto:mmr8060@gmail.com), Tel: 07930 183352

**Everyone welcome! Spread the word !**



*This is our experimental version of the GDCC community newsletter. We are seeking feedback from everyone. Please let us know what kind of information should be included in this newsletter. Any comments about layout, fonts, size & color. We need some volunteers to help (no experience required). Please send your feedback to [E-mail secretary@grantoncc.scot](mailto:secretary@grantoncc.scot) , many thanks - mizan*