



LORD MORAY'S PLEASURE GROUNDS NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2010

Chairman's Comments

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Moray Feu newsletter.

David McLellan
Chairman

Gardens

The main activity in all gardens before the snow fell has been the collecting and composting of leaves. Unfortunately it has proved necessary to burn some, and the gardeners try to advise beforehand and keep this to a minimum.

We will be removing some dead hawthorn trees, the majority in the Bank Gardens, early in the new year.

We recently had to deal with a Whitebeam blown over in Moray Place, and the committee would appreciate if residents could advise us of anything they feel needs attention or seems potentially dangerous

Impact of Tram Route on the Moray Feu.

the operation of the tram.

Jo Simpson

Christmas Party- 3rd December

The Christmas Party will take place at 6pm at 2 Ainslie Place. Please let us know if you intend to come by emailing sthomson@whitelawwells.co.uk

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Residential Waste Disposal

On behalf of the Moray Feu, I attended (11th November) a "Consultation" on "Modern Waste Collection" at the request the City Centre Team who help to co-ordinate the three central Edinburgh Community Councils.

The primary aim of the meeting was to solicit and exchange ideas on how move from the present system to one which improves the recycling of waste. The City Council will apparently announce some major changes in their overall waste strategy early in the New Year. One major issue is whether the collection will now be undertaken by subcontractors.

Ideas presently under consideration primarily relate to asking householders to sort separately more items of waste prior to collection; for example rigid plastic into an additional bag and above all, food. For this purpose the City is ordering, for a trial, a medium sized container with a lid that can be sealed against seagulls. The seagulls are already learning how to balance on the black bags hung on railings. In addition the Council wishes to encourage more households to participate in the recycling scheme. The residents at the meeting recommended that the City be more proactive in briefing the City citizens on the exact details of any scheme finally put in place. The Council has to engage with all householders by also detailing how the recycled waste is actually treated and what is the end use. Further, how much of the Scottish countryside is saved from being used as land sites.

Another point made at the meeting was a general recognition in the Council that very large containers are not acceptable in most of

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the New Town, not least the Moray Feu. On the other hand, keeping to the present system of nightly collection may be discontinued in the near future. While this has worked well for the Council and is much appreciated by the New Town residents involved, the cost it seems makes it impractical for the future.

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The Officials from the Council asked for any thoughts we might have on the following:- How do we collectively increase recycling by householders in The Moray Feu ? One point strongly made at the meeting was that the Council staff had to make collections in the hours set out. Otherwise people become discouraged about the whole procedure. We received an apology in that schedules laid down were not being adhered to due to the continuing work-to-rule by the collection crews. A solution was implied early in the New Year. What ideas or options, as set out above, given the constraints of the City's finances, do we have as to better recycling of most of our waste, and what should be done with the residual waste after much of what we put in our black bags we will now sort separately?

Are there any specific issues in our area that would make one option more appropriate?

If you have issues, questions or concerns, you can contact either:

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