



Trams to  
Newhaven



## Project Newsletter: 24 January 2020



Edinburgh Trams are timetabled to take their first passengers to and from Newhaven in 2023.

In this edition find out about the latest archaeology discoveries on the project and the Window Wanderland.



## Time capsule found under Robert Burns Statue

A 122-year-old time capsule has been unearthed by contractors working on the Trams to Newhaven project. It was discovered when the Robert Burns statue on Baltic Street was temporarily removed to make way for construction.

Conservators and archaeologists excavating the site found the lead time capsule beneath a lead sheet in a purpose-carved socket in the plinth underneath the statue. It is believed to have been placed there when the statue was erected in 1898. However the opening of the capsule today revealed that it has been subsequently opened and replaced with a new container in 1961.

Found inside the capsule from 1898 were newspapers, coins of all denominations from the time, a pamphlet including information on crimes investigated in Leith in 1897, and a small leaflet containing rules and the constitution of the Edinburgh Burns Group. In addition there was a letter from the Edinburgh Burns Group, who also erected the Burns statue, detailing members, information on the statue and also a Burns poem. From 1961, there were also newspapers and a letter from the people who had opened the original time capsule.

The Robert Burns statue will undergo careful restoration and will be returned to its rightful home once construction is complete. A replacement time capsule will be put in place once the statute is

returned and we plan to work with the local community on what contents they would like to see included.



## Winter Wonderland Event on Constitution Street

Don't forget [Window Wonderland](#) that is taking place this Saturday from 5pm on Constitution Street as part of the #strongconstitution campaign. Come along to see some of the amazing window displays that have been created and enjoy fantastic food, drink and shopping!



## 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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