

Craigmillar Park Association



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024

Craigmillar Park Association AGM

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Elm Lecture Theatre, Kings Buildings

***Roads Trams and Automobiles.
The future of transport***



All residents in the conservation area are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Craigmillar Park Association which will take place on Thursday 9th October in the Elm Lecture Theatre, Nucleus Building, King's Buildings Campus at 7.30pm. AGM Business will be followed by a talk by Robin Burns, Edinburgh Council Head of the Cameron Toll Bio Quarter Transport Project and a Q&A with local Councillors.

Map of Kings Buildings



The facilities of King's Buildings are not just for the students.

The University welcomes locals to come into the campus, walk around the landscaped gardens, look at the artwork and use any of the various cafes.

Pictured is the bronze sculpture Egeria by Eduardo Paolozzi commissioned by The University of Edinburgh in 1995.



Chair's Note

There are many issues which are going to affect our neighbourhood in the coming months - state of the roads, transport to the Bio-quarter, planning and energy. This association provides a forum for residents to raise issues and gives the community a voice, working with the Grange and Prestonfield Community Council.

As a committee we look at planning applications for the local area and raise objections or give support. Unfortunately, our local expert has retired, and we are looking for someone with a background or interest in planning to offer occasional advice. We would also be greatly helped by having an IT savvy member on the committee to keep our web-site up to date and perhaps develop more on-line activity.

The CPA provides some financial support to the Nature Strip volunteers who maintain and improve the five green spaces between Craigmillar Park and Mayfield Road.

Ian Wright, Chair (email: chair@craigmillar-park.org.uk)

All are welcome at the AGM.

Meet local people who live in your community
and discuss the local issues affecting you.

Craigmillar Park Association is a registered charity (SC027293) run by local volunteers. It was founded in 1997. The objectives of the CPA include the preservation of the qualities which contribute to the character of the Craigmillar Park Conservation Area as contained in the relevant Character Appraisal which may be downloaded from the Edinburgh Council website.

Roads



Committee members investigated the streets in Craigmillar Park Conservation Area and took pictures of the potholes, erosion and accumulated leaves and rubbish. They used this evidence to discuss the poor condition of the roads with the council and prioritised those requiring immediate repair.

Mayfield Church 5G Mast proposal

Whilst this plan may have been declined at a local level, I have just learned this week, that the case has been passed to the DPEA (Department for Planning & Environment Appeals) for a further decision. The DPEA has appointed a Reporter who will assess the case for the Appellant and pass his views back to the DPEA so that they may or may not give approval to proceed. I have asked that we be given some background on the Reporter so that we feel he is going to be able to assess the varied points put to the Council. This is not going to happen as it turns out that the Reporter is an independent and not an employee of the DPEA. The 5G mast proposed for Marchmont St. Giles appears to have dropped, but perhaps the plan is to wait and see what the DPEA decision on Mayfield is!

Written by: Brian Cameron, Committee member

Bowling Club



The bowling club has just finished a successful Summer Season. Our Winter programme starts in October with monthly Soup and Sandwich Saturdays and table tennis set up in the club house - we have 3 regular sessions a week but is open for all club members to use. Look at our website for contact details if you are interested in joining - cpbc.org.uk .

Life in the new CALA development

I have always lived in old houses, brought up in Victorian, lived in Georgian New Town and Edwardian in Murrayfield so to move to a new build is quite a new experience. The blind school building is listed so it cannot be changed. In the apartments we have fire doors, sprinklers and a very modern heating and water system which sadly broke down a week after I moved in. We have large grounds which are very quiet so far. There are 21 flats in the building with 28 houses surrounding us. The flats consist of 1 to 3 bedrooms . So far, I have found it a pleasant place to live. I have yet to master all the technology of the heating system, but the flats have been well designed and the neighbours very friendly. All the units have now been sold.



Nature Strips report:

Working in collaboration with David Kyles -City of Edinburgh Council Interim Parks and Greenspace Officer 9 South east - a small group of volunteers has continued its work in the five nature strips in Gilmour, Granby and Suffolk Road during the autumn and winter seasons, to avoid disturbing nesting birds and other fauna. In accordance with the recommendations in the Conservation and Biodiversity Report (Sarah Sigworth 2017) we are eliminating laurel and replanting with native species. In autumn 2023 we received hazel saplings from the Woodland Trust and these as well as rambling rose, pyracantha and other ground cover have been planted in the Granby Road strip. We aim to keep the pavements clear of brambles and other greenery which spills out from the nature strips, and in the coming months, David's team will be cutting back laurel which has grown tall and straggly in Gilmour Road.

If you would like to volunteer, please email:

wilmaelton@gmail.com

Subscriptions:

At last year's AGM there was a unanimous vote that we should reinstate membership subscriptions for the CPA, having waived them since 2020 due to the disruption of Covid. We agreed to stick with the previous amounts. You can bring cash or a cheque to the AGM, you can hand-deliver or post to the treasurer (address on the next page), or you can pay online. Bank details on form on the back page. The only problem with paying online is that we need to know both your name(s) and address, and this is not easy with the limited number of letters the bank allows. So, if you pay by BACS then PLEASE send an Email to

elizabethcphilp@gmail.com to say that you have paid, on what date and what identifying letters you used. You can also make your donation a standing order.

Subscriptions

Gift Aid:

If you are a taxpayer and sign a Gift Aid Declaration, your subscription is worth a further 25% to the Association.

Those people who were members before 2020 will not have to sign a new form because we have carefully saved all the forms for the 7 years prior to 2020. However NEW members who are taxpayers and thus qualify for Gift Aid, will have to sign this form and either bring it to the AGM or post/hand-deliver it to:-

***Craigmillar Park Association- Mrs E C Philp,
8 Crawford Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5PQ***

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Or send to: Elizabeth Philp, Treasurer, Craigmillar Park Association,
8, Crawford Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5PQ.

I/We would like to join/renew membership of Craigmillar Park
Association – circle category appropriate to you.

**Full Annual Membership: Single £6, Couple £10,
Senior Citizen / Student Membership: Single £4, Couple £6**

**Bank of Scotland, Craigmillar Park Association,
Sort code 80-02-73, account no: 00240846.
Cheques payable to Craigmillar Park Association.**

I/We enclose £ ----- I/We have paid by BACS £ -----

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Email (*Enables us to keep you informed of important issues*)

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Website - <http://craigmillar-park.org.uk>

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