



e-newsletter

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Welcome to the Cockburn Association e-newsletter. It is issued on the last Thursday of every month to update our members and interested parties on our work, related developments and events.

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About Us

[The Cockburn Association](#) is Edinburgh's Civic Trust and we are a registered Scottish Charity. We have been working to safeguard Edinburgh's architectural heritage and green spaces since 1875.

We promote, support and enable:

- Excellence in new design
- Sensitive regeneration on appropriate sites
- Sustainable transport systems
- Maintenance of existing and the creation of new civic and green spaces

If you would like to join the Cockburn Association you can do so [here](#).

NEWS

New Look Website

The new look [Cockburn Association website](#) is now available. Content will be added and updated by staff and committee members on a regular basis. We have [XML and RSS](#) feeds to keep you informed of the latest changes and additions to the site should you wish.

The website was designed by charity website specialists [Workwithus](#) to a brief written by the Development and Events Committee in May. We hope that the new website will be as accessible as possible, straightforward to navigate and of interest to members and a wider audience.

Cockburn members have access to a Member's Area and again this section will be added to as time permits. To access the Member's Area you will need a username and password. Members are invited to contact Sue Hurford by [email](#)

or telephone to receive this. If you would like to join the Association you can now do so via the new website [here](#).

If you have any comments on the new website or suggestions for information you would like to see on the site please contact [Moira Tasker](#), Director.

Doors Open Day 2006

This year's Doors Open Day, organised by the Cockburn Association in partnership with [Edinburgh World Heritage](#), is taking place on Saturday 30 September. Highlights this year include the secret medieval remains of David's Tower at Edinburgh Castle and the newly renovated HBOS Headquarters on the Mound.

The programme is with the printers and the brochure will be available to download from the new Cockburn Association website in August. The brochure will be widely distributed throughout the city after the Festival. If you would like to receive a copy of the brochure by post please send an SAE to the [Cockburn Association offices](#). Cockburn members will automatically be sent a copy of the brochure as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions about Doors Open Day please contact the Coordinator, [Caroline Lambie](#).

Local Transport Strategy

The second stage of the City of Edinburgh Council [Local Transport Strategy](#) consultation is now underway and responses are invited by 31 August. The Strategy is available to view [online](#) and respondents are being invited to complete a [questionnaire](#). The feedback from the first stage of the consultation identified the following as priorities:

- Additional maintenance of pavements
- Additional maintenance of roads
- Better bus services to areas outside the city centre
- Reduce air pollution

The Transport and Planning Committee will be making a response to the Local Transport Strategy Consultation and members are encouraged to contact [Moira Tasker](#) with any comments or views they wish the Committee to consider.

Planning Consultations

Two Scottish Executive consultations currently underway may be of interest to members. These are the [Draft Planning Advice Note \(PAN\): Community Engagement](#) and the [Draft Scottish Planning Policy \(SPP\) 6: Renewable Energy](#). These documents will be discussed at the Transport and Planning Committee meeting in August and members are invited to contact [Moira Tasker](#) with comments.

Events

Member's Meeting

Members are invited to indicate their interest in attending the next Member's Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 September at 6.30pm in Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge. The meeting will focus on two or three topics and to be announced in August. If you are attending please email [Sue Hurford](mailto:Sue.Hurford@cockburn.org) or telephone the office on 0131 557 8686.



A rug (pictured above) created by the [Dovecot Studios](#) from a painting by St George's pupil Sophie Renton will be on display in [St Mary's Cathedral](#), Palmerston Place, during this year's Festival. The rug is part of an exhibition of the Dovecot's work of both tapestries and rugs. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to view a DVD which tells the story of the rug's creation and the Cockburn's involvement, generously made by Adam Brewster of [Coevolution](#).

Sophie's painting was entered for the Cockburn's Edinburgh Scenes art competition for Edinburgh schools, held three years ago, which led on to last year's Cockburn [Crossingpoints](#) project. The rug was commissioned with funds raised by members of the [Scottish Arts Club](#) and the Cockburn, and also by the [Friends of St George's](#). Last year the rug was on display in the Scottish Parliament. The rug was created to hang in the Sick Children's Hospital.

Space in your festival diary?

This year's [Festival of Politics](#) at the Scottish Parliament is taking place from 23 - 26 August. Many talks and events are free and the programme is available [here](#). Also of interest to Cockburn members may be the Place and Meaning event at the [Edinburgh International Book Festival](#) on Wednesday 23 August. Chaired by Magnus Linklater with Charles McKean, discussions will centre around what we value about the places we live in and the meaning of heritage.

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