

Gordon Macdonald

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New Health Centre in Firrhill



A new £7.3 million health centre is being built in Firrhill on Colinton Mains Drive across from Tesco — named the Allermuir Health Centre. The project is part of a joint development between NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council.

The long-awaited new centre will bring increased health and social care services for the local community, including additional physiotherapy, podiatry, community nursing, dentistry and child health services. The centre will increase capacity and bring new GP accommodation and clinical facilities providing patients with a one-stop shop in terms of health care. The building is anticipated to be operational by late 2017 with construction starting in mid 2016.

Local MSP Gordon Macdonald noted, "This centre is part of a wider £27.6 million development programme with NHS Lothian and demonstrates the commitment to improving community health care provision. The Scottish Government has invested over £2 billion in Scotland's health infrastructure over the last four years."

Gordon further commented, "New centres like this will also ensure that children's health and welfare are at the forefront of local services. This will be a thoroughly modern, fit-for-purpose facility that will help to bring local services together and make it easier for communities to access them."

Big Lottery Funding Programme

The Big Lottery Fund "Celebrate" programme is now open to applications.

This new programme enables people to celebrate what matters to them in their local community. Celebrate can fund activities that bring people together – it could be to celebrate something in local history or a local community hero, to mark an important event, or simply to get to know your neighbours better.

Groups can apply for between £500 and £5000 for projects lasting up to 12 months. They are particularly looking for applications for projects that include intergenerational activity or those that celebrate cultural diversity. To be eligible, a group must either be a voluntary or community organisation with a written constitution and bank account, school or statutory body. There is £575,000 available across Scotland.

For further details, go to: -

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/celebratescotland

or contact: -

cath.logan@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Out and About...

Hailes Fun Run



Gordon welcomed back the runners at the Wester Hailes Fun Run.

Counselling Service



Gordon met with the staff and board members of Bright Light Relationship Counselling and Family Mediation Lothian. If you require assistance contact: -

0131 556 1527, or email: -

askus@bright-light.org.uk.

New MSP Offices



Gordon's new constituency offices in Kingsknowe Park are due to open later this summer.

Postie for a Day

Gordon turned postie for a day and experienced delivering mail to houses and businesses in his area.

Richard McLuckie, local Delivery Office Manager, said, "We're delighted that Gordon is taking the time to experience the every day challenges faced by our delivery workers. The visit gave us the opportunity to show how we have transformed and modernised our business. We are investing in new sorting and delivery equipment as we respond to the changing nature of deliveries — we deliver more parcels and fewer letters than ever."



Gordon said, "On my visit I found that postmen and women not only deliver the mail but play an important part in the local communities across Edinburgh. They go out in all weathers, and I thank them for all the work they do."

Traditional Building Skills Event

Gordon attended a traditional building skills and materials event in St Andrews Square Gardens hosted by the Scottish Traditional Building Forum. The event promoted traditional skills to local school children to assist them in making career choices and also helped inform members of the public on how to repair and maintain their traditionally built homes.



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Monthly Surgeries — No appointment needed

1st Monday of the month, 6.30pm

2nd Monday of the month, 6.30pm

3rd Monday of the month, 6.30pm

4th Monday of the month, 6.30pm

5th Monday of the month, 6.30pm

Wester Hailes Library

Carrickvale Community Centre

Currie Library

Oxgangs Library

Ratho Community Centre

NB: NO SURGERIES DURING PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS