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# Welcome to Corstorphine Churches

## Carrick Knowe Parish Church

Church of Scotland Saughton Road North  
www.ckchurch.org.uk  
Main Sunday Service: 11am  
July-August: 10.30am  
Evening Services as intimated  
Minister: Rev. Fiona Mathieson

## Corstorphine Old Parish Church

Church of Scotland Kirk Loan  
www.corstorphineoldparish.org.uk  
Main Sunday Service: 10.30am  
Minister: Rev. Moira McDonald

## Corstorphine Craigsbank Parish Church

Church of Scotland (One Church 2 centres)  
www.craigsbankchurch.org.uk  
East Craigs Church Centre  
(Bughtlin Market)  
Worship at 9.30am  
Craigsbank Church  
(19 Craigs Bank)  
Worship at 11am  
Joint services as announced often at  
major Festivals.  
Locum Minister: Rev. Peter Wood

## Corstorphine Community Church

Glebe Road  
https://corstorphinefaith.org.uk  
Sunday Service: 10.30am  
Pastor: Duncan Whitty

## St Andrew's Church

Church of Scotland  
Clermiston View  
https://clermistonstandrew.wixsite.com/ourchurch  
Main Sunday Service: 10.30am  
Minister: Rev. Alistair Keil

## St Anne's Church

Church of Scotland  
Kaimes Road  
www.stannescorstorphine.org.uk  
Main Sunday Service: 11am  
1 July - 12 August 10.30am  
Minister: Rev. James Griggs

## St John the Baptist

Roman Catholic  
St Ninian's Road  
www.stjohnthebaptist.rcstanded.org.uk  
Saturday Mass: 6pm  
Sunday Mass: 11.30am  
Holy Days of Obligation:  
As announced

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeremy Milne

## St Ninian's Church

Church of Scotland  
St John's Road  
www.corstorphinestninians.org.uk  
Main Sunday Service: 10.30am  
Evening Services as intimated  
Minister: Rev. James Aitken

## St Thomas' Church

Glasgow Road  
www.saintthomas.org.uk  
Main Sunday Service: 10.30am  
Rector: Rev. David McCarthy

## St Kentigern's Roman Catholic

Parkgrove Avenue  
www.stkentigernsedinburgh.co.uk  
Sunday Morning Mass: 9.30am  
Holy Days of Obligation:  
As announced  
Weekday Mass:  
As announced  
Parish Priest: Fr. Jeremy Milne

## CORSTORPHINE CHURCHES SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS

### Carrick Knowe Church of Scotland

Saughton Road North  
During Term Time

Creche (Birth to 2½ years) in crèche room every  
Sunday 11am to 12 noon.  
Sunday Club (ages 3-11) meets in Main Hall  
Sundays 11am to 12 noon.  
During July and August above start times are  
10.30am in line with summer service times.

### Corstorphine Old Parish Church of Scotland

Kirk Loan

"Coffee & Croissant Service" (for families with  
young children) meets in Corstorphine High Street  
Hall every Sunday, all year round from 9.40am to  
10am

### Craigsbank Parish Church of Scotland: One Church-Two Centres

East Craigs Church Centre  
Bughtlin Market 9.30am to 10.30am

Stepping Stones: includes activities for children all  
year round.

### Craigsbank Church

19 Craigs Bank 11am to 12 noon

Stepping Stones: includes activities for children all  
year round.

Youth Group meets every fortnight

### St. Andrew's Church of Scotland

Clermiston View Will restart 18 August

Sunday School (Nursery to Teenagers) meets in  
Large Hall every Sunday  
10.15am to 11.30 am.

### St. Anne's Church of Scotland

Kaimes Road Will restart 18 August and  
runs during term time

Creche (ages 0-2½) meets every Sunday 11am to  
12 noon.  
Sunday Club Beginners (ages 2½-5) meets every  
Sunday 11am to 12 noon.  
Sunday Club Juniors (ages 5-11) meets every  
Sunday 11am to 12 noon.

### St. Ninian's Church of Scotland

St. John's Road Will restart 18 August

Creche (ages 0-3) meets every Sunday 10.25am to  
11.30am.  
Beginners (ages 3-5) meets every Sunday 10.25am  
to 11.30am during Term Time.  
Primary (ages 5-8) meets every Sunday 10.25am  
to 11.30am during Term Time.  
Juniors (ages 8-12) meets every Sunday 10.25am  
to 11.30am during Term Time.  
Alpha (age 12 up) meets every Sunday 10.25 to  
11.30am during Term Time.  
Step Inside Youth Club (ages 10-15) meets fourth  
Saturday of the month during Term Time at 7pm,  
from 31 August.

### St. Thomas' Church

Glasgow Road Sunday groups  
run throughout the year

Creche (ages 0-3) meets every Sunday during the  
Morning Service at 10.30am  
Sparklers (ages 3-5) meets every Sunday during  
the Morning Service at 10.30am  
Spotlight (ages 5-10) meets every Sunday during  
the Morning Service at 10.30am  
Fusion (ages 11-14) meets every Sunday during the  
Morning Service at 10.30am

Only in term-time.

YF (Youth Group for ages 13-17) meets every  
Sunday evening 7pm to 9pm – time together to chill  
and have fun  
Bible Study – 12 upwards, every Monday, 7-8.30pm

Contact Rebecca McMillan for details  
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# Corstorphine

Welcome to the forty-third issue of 'Let's Talk'- the magazine produced by the Enterprise Committee of St. Ninian's Church. The magazine is distributed to over 6,000 homes in the area.

The magazine contains stories of local interest and articles on clubs and organisations. Please regard it as your local magazine. Contributions are welcome. The copy date for the next Issue is 1 October with distribution in November and December.

We are a small group of volunteers from St. Ninian's Church, and accept advertisements and feature material in good faith. The opinions expressed by contributors and advertisers may not be those of the Enterprise Committee of St. Ninian's Church.

Many thanks to our advertisers, to those who contribute articles and photographs and to the volunteers who produce and distribute the magazine.

Best wishes.

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(Cover picture –  
Aerial view of planned development at West Craigs)

## Coffee Club for Bereaved Men

One of the people I was sad to say goodbye to as I left Derby was an older man, let's call him Billy. As a civil engineer and volunteer Christian minister with many years experience and intuitive skills in talking about life and faith he took it upon himself to make sure I was looking after myself in a busy job. I called Billy my "wing man". I valued his "just ringing for a chat" phone calls, his style, his generous spirit, his funny stories but most of all I valued his quiet wisdom and care.

Billy's wife died very suddenly one day in the middle of making tea at home. He was laying the table, turned around, and she was gone. They had been together for over 60 years and, when Billy retired, they had given most of their time to working in the church. The people in the church and the local town were devastated. The church was full for the funeral. The family said their final goodbyes at the church gate as was the tradition in that part of the world, and I have an abiding sad memory of Billy tapping the back of the hearse to let the funeral directors know they could drive off.

In the months that followed we all gradually realised that, despite having a very modern and inclusive outlook on life, at home Billy and his wife had traditionally defined roles. This meant that Billy didn't know how to cook or use the washing machine. And despite many of us popping by for a cup of tea or organising trips out he was deeply, deeply lonely and his mental and physical health started to suffer.

The Old Parish and Scotmid Funeral Directors have started a coffee club for men like Billy. It is open to all widowers regardless of their age and circumstances. You certainly don't have to be attached to the Old Parish or have received funeral care from Scotmid to be a part of it! We hope this will be a space where widowers can get some company, perhaps build friendships and possibly share tips on living alone. We also hope it can be a space where people feel they also have room to give something of their

wisdom and care to others. The club meets every first and third Tuesday in the month in Costa St John's Road from 10am until 11.30am.

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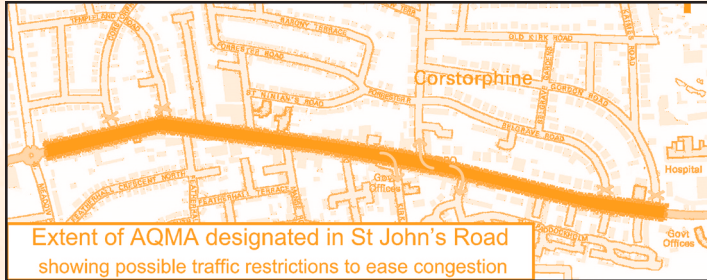
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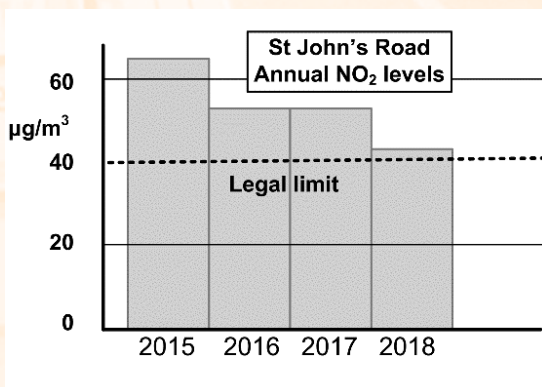
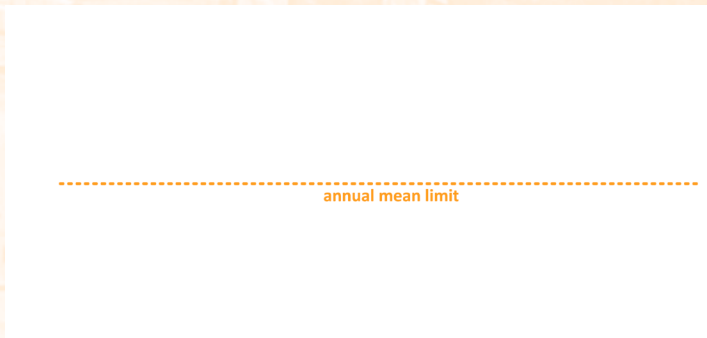


# St John's Road Air Pollution

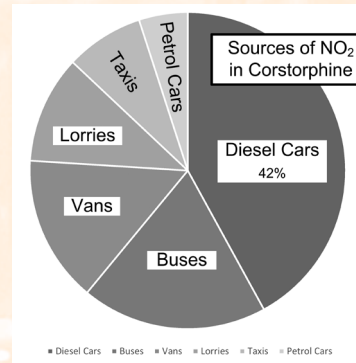
Air pollution on St John's Road is amongst the worst in Scotland. It is designated as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) - one of 38 in Scotland - which Edinburgh Council is required to improve. The government says poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK. It causes an additional 32,000 deaths each year in those with heart or lung conditions, and impacts most on the elderly and children - the very folk we see most often on the pavements beside St John's Road!



Air pollution is measured each hour by a sensor on the pavement between Williamson's flower shop and Boots. The organisation Air Quality in Scotland post the readings on their excellent website, where you can also sign up to get pollution alert messages. The problem pollutant on St John's Road is nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), which comes from vehicle exhausts. It is at its worst between 9am and 9pm on weekdays and, although there has been improvement over the past decade, the annual average still breaches the legal limit (see graphs). A healthy level would be perhaps 1/4 of this limit.



Last November, a local pressure group called Corstorphine Climate Action organised a public meeting for residents to discuss this issue, and to swap ideas for improving the situation; Friends of the Earth and Sustrans provided advice.



The cause of the problem is commuter traffic. 45% of Edinburgh's employees travel to work by car and St John's Road is on a key traffic artery. 80% of roadside NO<sub>2</sub> in Corstorphine comes from vehicles - particularly diesel cars (see chart).

Although buses are a source of NO<sub>2</sub> they are also an important part of the solution, by providing an alternative to private cars. The latest Euro VI diesel buses emit less NO<sub>2</sub> per vehicle than diesel cars - even new diesel cars. Currently Euro VI buses are used for services 12, 26, 100, and half of 900/909.

Pollution trends are going in the right direction, but there are threats: internet shopping increases van deliveries; tighter traffic restrictions in the City Centre may turn Corstorphine into a well-connected 'park and ride'.

So what might be done in Corstorphine, at a local level? Here are some ideas, inspired by the November meeting; make your suggestions to your councillor, MSP or to Corstorphine Climate Action (via Facebook).

- Have a live display of pollution levels - on the pavement sensor, or on the sign above the Gogar roundabout which cars pass on their way into Edinburgh. Something like this:
 

**'Current NO<sub>2</sub> in Corstorphine : XXX. Please don't make this worse'**
- Tighten and enforce parking/loading restrictions, or (as shown on the map) ban right turns, and block side-street rat-runs. In the side streets, have residents-only parking
- Press for all buses in St John's Road to meet the Euro VI emission standard
- Lobby for reduced bus waiting times at stops. Reducing bus dwell times reduces traffic congestion, and preferentially speeds up the buses. For example: no cash fares, different stops for different services, or using buses with two doors.

Of course, it's always easier to see what other people should do. Some of the cars on St John's Road belong to Corstorphine residents, so can we 'walk the walk' as well as 'talk the talk'?

- Use your car less, and public transport more
- Walk or cycle, which is good for your health too
- Make your next car electric or hybrid
- Avoid driving during peak traffic periods

David Craig



# History of Edinburgh Croquet Club



Edinburgh Croquet Club plays on the front lawns of Lauriston Castle in Cramond. The Club was founded in 1950 at a meeting organised by the distinguished author Moray McLaren. Thirty-five people joined, the annual Subscription was 15/- (75p) and Mr. McLaren was elected President, an office he held until his death in 1971. It was through the good offices of Sir Andrew Murray, then Lord Provost that the ground at Lauriston Castle was made available for play, at an annual rent of £15. One lawn was laid out in 1950 with a second added in 1953. Drainage and leveling work was started by the Edinburgh Corporation in 1955 and the area rearranged to provide one full-size and two slightly smaller courts. Nowadays there are two high-quality level full-size courts with the third remaining slightly narrow and sloping.



With around 60 members, Edinburgh is now one of the largest clubs in Scotland. Attendances on Saturday & Sunday afternoons sometimes exceed 20, smaller numbers play at other times during the week. The annual coaching course for beginners continues to be popular and to attract new players to the game. There has always been a good proportion of members who prefer not to be too competitive but who simply get a great deal of pleasure from playing their croquet

in really magnificent surroundings, with Lauriston Castle on one side and on the other an open vista to the Forth and Fife. However over the years the Club has also helped develop many fine players, in January this year one of our members went to compete in The World Women's Golf Croquet Tournament in New Zealand.

Next year we celebrate our 70th Anniversary

To join the club or the beginners' course just send an email to [beginners@edinburghcroquetclub.com](mailto:beginners@edinburghcroquetclub.com) You can also find further details at the "Learn to Play Croquet With Us" section of the club's website at:

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# New homes & primary school for West Edinburgh

Everyone knows how difficult it is to find the home of their dreams. So what would be on your wish list? How about;

- A wide choice of housing for everyone
- Close to primary & secondary schools, along with a nursery.
- Fantastic public transport linkages to prioritise walking & cycling
- Nearby GP practice
- Public parks
- Great local café.

There is an acute shortage of homes available to rent or buy in West Edinburgh, so what is the process for building new housing? Well, it starts with planning.

The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) prepares every 5 years a Local Development Plan – an LDP. This sets out where they want to direct new housing proposals. The current LDP started its process in 2011, and was finally approved in November 2016. There are two major housing allocations approved for West Edinburgh. One is at Cammo where David Wilson Homes & Cala have submitted a detailed planning application for 656 new homes. The second allocation is called Maybury by the CEC planners. Maybury has a potential capacity of 1700-2000 new homes.

My clients West Craigs Ltd own the majority of the Maybury site. A small part of the Maybury site is controlled by Taylor Wimpey who have been granted planning for approx. 200

new homes. Apart from a small 10 acre plot, West Craigs Ltd owns the rest of the site – over 200 acres.

Where is the Maybury site? If you walk up Turnhouse Road past the Saica factory you then come to undeveloped land. That is Maybury. The whole site is a triangle, with the south boundary the railway line, the north boundary Craigs Road, and the east boundary the West Craigs Industrial Estate then Maybury Road.

So why is it such a good future housing site for public transport? Well firstly Lothian Buses have agreed to divert the 31 service through the site via Turnhouse Rd and Craigs Rd, with 3 stops likely. Then the site is close to the still new – but under-used – Edinburgh Gateway rail station & tram halt. You can walk down Turnhouse Rd then along Glasgow Rd and be there within 15 minutes from the middle of our site. But there is also a proposed new pedestrian & cycle bridge to go from the site south over the railway that will cut this down to just 5 minutes.

And CEC is going to plug in our site to the wider cycle network, so you can cycle from Cammo & Barnton down past Cammo Country Park along Cammo Walk then through the Maybury site over the new bridge – it's a brand new "Green Corridor".

25% of all the homes will be provided as "affordable", and we have been working with Dunedin Canmore, part of Wheatley Group, the proposed provider. Dunedin Canmore Managing Director Hazel Young says "We're delighted to be building these much needed affordable



Turnhouse Road, with proposed Social Bite, NHS GP clinic, new primary school and new homes.



homes in West Craigs. The development at Maybury will be one of our largest new housing sites in Edinburgh. These new homes will provide affordable places for people to live for many years to come.

How about the rest of the new homes? Well, West Craigs is going to put all the new services in so the mainstream housebuilders can then acquire land from us and build a variety of new homes – ranging from 1 bed flats to 4 bed detached – and everything in between.

We have agreed the largest planning gain package in all of Edinburgh, there is over £ 15 million going to CEC during the lifetime of the development. As an integral part of this we are selling to CEC a 5 acres site that they are saying they will build a new 21 class (3 classes of P1-P7) primary school and a 60/60 nursery by August 2022. We are making significant contributions to pay for CEC to deliver the needed secondary schools places as well, which are likely to be at Craigmount High, which is very close to the site.

We have discussions ongoing with NHS Lothians about them putting a GP practice into our development, and we are hopeful that we can build for Social Bite a brand new café for them in our development.

And we haven't forgotten about public parks either – we will be building two brand new public parks, one right next to the new primary school. CEC is responsible for delivering the improved access junctions to our site.

So when are all these new homes starting to come out the ground? Well we hope to have the first completions during 2020, and CEC is projecting there will be at least 500 new homes complete by March 2023.

I fully understand that new homes bring added challenges to all communities, but we really have tried hard to put in place a comprehensive package for our land so that the development can enhance all of West Edinburgh – not just supplying a few more much needed houses.

**Stuart Buchanan, Cardross Asset Management Ltd**

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Angela Mitchell,  
National Director Diabetes Scotland.  
"Making Change Happen - The  
opportunities in 2020 and beyond"

**24th September 2019**

Dr. Fraser Gibb Consultant, Edinburgh  
Royal Infirmary.  
"What's new in Type 1 Diabetes"

Merchiston Bowling & Tennis Club,  
Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 1NA  
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## CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST. NINIAN'S CHURCH

There will be a Christmas Fair at St. Ninian's Church on **Saturday 23 November** from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Enter from St. John's Road or St. Ninian's Road.

Christmas Hampers – draws will be made at intervals throughout the Fair. Draw tickets will cost £1.

There will be stalls for Home Bakery and Jams, Crafts, Jewellery, Toiletries, Children's Stall, Flower Arrangements, Books and Water or Wine.

There will be activities for Children.

Music will be played in the Church. A donation may be made for a request.

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