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A note from the incoming Editor

If Issue No.144 was the end of an era, then it might seem that a new one is beginning. But my intention is to keep things much as they have been under the excellent stewardship of Jenny Dawe, who has now formally retired from her role after a decade. I will be working with the Association Committee and others to ponder how and when we might change some things in future, but the Newsletter feels like a publication that is fit for purpose. That said, sharp-eyed readers might notice some tweaks along the way.

I am incoming not just as Editor, but as a relatively recent arrival with my wife, Hazel Mills, to the Grange, and we are looking forward to getting to know its people and rhythms. Already we have taken part in the Fair and bonded over plants and books. In the Autumn we were quick to realise the importance of leaf clearing and did our best to muck in.

It has been fun and a privilege to meet Lorn Cowie, subject of a 'Grange Lives' profile in this issue. I'd welcome ideas for other members of the community we might feature. I'd also welcome other input. Please feel free to suggest new content that might benefit the Grange community. If anyone is a budding contributor please do get in touch. And see page 5 on the hot topic of potholes in our area.

Andrew Freeman, Editor

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The Grange Fair 2026

Opened to the skirl of the Boroughmuir School Pipe Band, the 10th Grange Fair took place on May 9th in its habitual location on Fountainhall Road.

Despite lower temperatures than usual, record crowds of all ages filled the site. Inside the library, children got stuck into a range of activities. In the street, chalk art appeared alongside the Lego stall, table-tennis and splat the rat. In the Library car park and grounds were books, plants and bric-a-brac galore, cheek by jowl with the Tombola stand and knitted baby clothes. Delicious home-baked treats were temptingly laid out for sale.

The plant stall by now has legendary status, with canny shoppers seeking out bargains on and below the tables. Huge sedums, herbs, tufted grasses, succulents and house plants, all on sale for a good cause and all in prime condition. Books, sorted by category, sold fast, spy fiction and travel books snapped up amid the numerous copies of Dan Brown and Georgette Heyer. Someone's old stuff tucked under happy arms and borne away from the groaning tables of 'this and that'. Food stalls provided alcohol-free craft beer, Bratwurst and Hong Kong dumplings, not to mention ice cream— by 4.00PM the queue for the latter was many yards long. Opposite the Library a makeshift café in a gravel driveway, tables and chairs for coffee and a safe place for children to lick their icy cones.

Behind the scenes

Praise and special thanks from everyone in our community must go to Lucy Richardson, who founded the Fair and has overseen its evolution. But the Fair does not happen by itself or by Lucy's efforts alone. It is a real team effort and depends on the stalwart support of Lindsay Simpson and the wonderful team at the library. Patricia Armstrong, whose creativity and hard work knows no bounds, also deserves a huge round of applause.

Dozens of helpers and volunteers give selflessly of their time and energy to set up and then dismantle the infrastructure required, not to mention tending the stalls or shutting off the road during the event. Some of the work goes on unseen for weeks, even months beforehand.

Plants are brought on, potted, labelled. By the morning of the Fair, the library garden is its own Eden, with plants grouped by type in great masses waiting to be set out for sale. Ten volunteers help to arrange them under careful supervision from Lynn Errey so that herbs go next to onions and tomatoes, bedding plants sit with each other, and the more ambitious beauties are centred to highlight the collection and draw in the public. Extras go under the tables, creating deep banks of plants to be brought up as sales deplete the stock. Some of the plants are heavy and awkward to lift, but they sell quickly during an initial burst of activity and then steadily. By 4.00PM there are a few left, but the vast majority are on their way to local gardens.

Book donations are called for, and they arrive haphazardly, mostly in a rush towards the day of the Fair. Many come in

neat boxes, some in loose piles, others in intriguing black bin liners – who knows what treasures might emerge? A highlight this year was a 1960s road atlas of Scotland with a pristine dust jacket, a celebration of days when there were few cars on the country roads and trips could be adventures. A curiously large number of Scandinavian and Japanese books were donated. Newington Library the day before the Fair was a hive of sorting, with up to 15 volunteers putting books into categories and hefting them into the lobby. Cookery or self-help? History or biography? Boundaries can blur!

On the day before, bunting and bare tents and pergolas arrive. "Road closed" signs appear. Deliveries of chairs and tables. As night falls the Fair is a skeleton, much of it hidden from view.

Whither the weather?

Overnight, rain, heavy rain, and on the morning of the Fair it continues to pour, small rivulets appear on Fountainhall Road. Anxious organisers scan the forecasts: will it be too gusty for the bouncy castle? Is this the year the weather frowns? By noon, the rain has gone, but it is cold and breezy. As the events begin, no-one wants ice cream or beer. But, as if on cue, soon the sun appears and the temperature soars. Smiles break out, energized children jump into games and pick up chalks, people of all ages (yes, there were even a couple of Dads!) join in with a group salsa class. Grange Fair at 10 has its fair weather at last.

And afterwards? It all gets cleared away, disappearing as magically as it emerged. Generous hosts open their home for soup and pizza and post-event chatter among the volunteers. By 8.00PM Fountainhall Road is tranquil, only colourful street art remains to show the Fair has happened.

Was it the best Fair ever? Probably. Early signs indicate that the required expenditures and running costs have been covered, leaving a surplus to be distributed to Newington Library, local charities and other local organisations.

And next year? The planning for Fair 11 is already underway, and the volunteers who will make it happen are marking their diaries. Some are even growing seedlings that will be happy plants for sale in 2027. A rare first edition is sitting on a shelf waiting to be donated. A cake recipe can be slowly perfected. Someone's food truck dream becomes real. Anyone is welcome to contribute to this great community benefit. Just reach out.

Andrew Freeman & Maggie Collard

AGM Report 2026

The 47th Grange Association AGM was held on 17th March 2026 in St Catherine's Argyle Church.

There were 81 members of the Association present.

John Elliot, the Association's Chair, highlighted some ongoing activities, including work on planning applications, the winter talks programme and the Home Energy group's public meetings. He also mentioned the excellent work done by the Garden group, the leaf clearers and the Grange cemetery group who had welcomed the public at the Doors Open weekend. Finally, John congratulated the organisers and volunteers of the annual Grange Fair 2025, which had broken records of attendance and financial surplus, which was being distributed to Newington Library and local charities.

The Treasurer presented the financial statements for 2025, which had been approved by the Independent Examiner. Overall receipts exceeded expenditure by nearly £3,500 and this surplus had been transferred to the Association's reserves, which stood at £40,000 at the year end. The Association currently has more than 500 members, but remains keen to expand participation by Grange residents.

Newly in Office

In proposing members to serve as Office Bearers on the Association's Committee, John Elliot noted the many years of sterling service given by Jenny Dawe in the role of editor of the Newsletter. She had taken this on at a difficult time and had transformed the publication into a readable, informative and trusted publication. In her stead the meeting elected Andrew Freeman as a new member of the Committee, together with Audrey O'Brien (who had been co-opted during 2025 in her role as Communications Manager) and other elected office bearers and members of the 2025/6 committee.

Under AOCB, Ken Robertson, the Secretary of Grange Prestonfield Community Council, proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Tritton for her work as a member of the Council over the years. He took the opportunity to highlight the work of Community Councils and their importance to the neighbourhoods they represent. John Elliot confirmed that the Association would be represented on that Council and also highlighted the work of Matthew Nicholas who represents the Association on the Astley Ainslie Community Trust.

The Grange Award 2026

Finally, John Elliot reported that Nigel Ayton had been selected to receive the bi-annual Grange Award. For many years, Nigel has been the lead of the Planning Group in assessing applications and had made an outstanding contribution to the environment, amenity and appearance of the Grange neighbourhood. He has spent hundreds of hours scanning and monitoring planning applications, tracking them through the Council's sometimes opaque processes and recording them for the benefit of all Grange residents.



The meeting gave generous and well-deserved applause to Nigel as he received the Award (see photo). Sadly for us all, Nigel and his wife Christine have recently relocated within Edinburgh, leaving us for the rival delights of Trinity. As is the case in other wards, the Grange is constantly changing with the times, including via the effects of demographics. While we are fortunate to have many substantial properties, one consequence is that as families mature and children leave, our houses can become too challenging and, well, simply too big! We wish Nigel and Christine all the best for the coming years and hope they stay in touch.

Transport Notes

Potluck with potholes

Every Grange resident who drives a car or takes a bus or taxi, let alone rides a bike, will be only too aware of the shocking state of our roads. I propose that we have a "Pothole of the Year" competition, with details of the winning pothole to be submitted to the Council for urgent repair. Until recently a strong potential candidate was on South Oswald Road, but the set of huge potholes at the Blackford Avenue end were well repaired in February (although new holes are already opening further up the road). Not all repairs are to the same standard. This shocker photographed by a resident was spotted in late April on Fountainhall Road. It appears the Highway maintenance team decided just to chuck some asphalt on the hole and drive off. Not only does it not help motorists much, it's effectively a waste of money because the hole will simply reappear when the weather changes.

Please email me nominations/entries accompanied by a location and photograph. We'll see if we can get the Council to respond before the winter.



Chuck it and run

The Editor

Red bikes are green

In recent weeks you may have noticed the arrival of electric bicycles for hire in the Grange – the ones in the photo are on Blackford Avenue. They are among 600 operated throughout Edinburgh by Voi.



Hop on and ride

The bikes can be picked up and dropped off only in designated parking spaces. Pay-as-you-go costs 49p to unlock a bike, then 11p/minute until the bike is parked and the ride is ended on the Voi App.

For more information about electric bicycle hire in Edinburgh, as well as on electric and shared vehicles such as the Enterprise Car Club, look on the "Community and Neighbourhood" page in the Home Energy section of the Grange Association's website.

More bike-specific details can be found on the Voi website: <https://www.voi.com>

Cutting carbon

Since the Grange Association's Home Energy group's last Open Evening on 3rd February, at which EcoCosi described their service, several residents have been inspired by what they heard to start to take small (or large) steps towards decarbonising their homes.

These range from gathering information about potential contractors to getting a survey from EcoCosi. They have involved getting quotes for solar panels, batteries, and car chargers, as well as permits to fit solar panels (usually granted, but not if the pannels face the street), and seeking planning permission and grants for double glazing, secondary glazing, insulation, and installing heat pumps. If you are reading this and wondering where to start in doing things that will reduce your carbon footprint while also reducing your energy consumption and bills, please take a look at the Home Energy page on the Grange Association website: grangeassociation.org/home-energy/

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Grange Lives: Lorn Cowie

The Hon. Lord Lorn Cowie

A few days after this newsletter drops through letterboxes around The Grange, a distinguished resident will enjoy a family gathering to mark the end of his hundredth year. William Lorn Kerr Cowie, Lorn to his friends and family, was born in Glasgow on 1 June 1926. If the weather is kind, he will spend part of his birthday appreciating the lovely gardens of his flat in Grange Loan, where he has lived since 2012.

Lorn Cowie has had what he calls a “lazy retirement” since the early 2000s, some fishing, gardening and travel aside, but prior to that he led a rich and active life. Professionally he had an impressive legal career, culminating in his elevation to one of Scotland’s most senior Crown positions. But he is best known for achievements in an earlier phase of his years.

In 1953 he represented Scotland in the Calcutta Cup, playing wing-forward (flanker) at Twickenham. Although it was to be his only national cap, he had a long rugby union pedigree and a fine reputation for athleticism and tackling. He remains the oldest living person to have represented his country and is occasionally feted by the Scottish rugby establishment as one of the sport’s ‘Legends’, notably when anniversaries come around – in March 2025, for example, he attended the 100th anniversary of the opening of a stadium at Murrayfield.

Burmese days

Lorn was born into a family shaped by the emergence in the 19th century of the British Empire. His grandparents had emigrated to Burma (now called Myanmar) and created a successful trading house in Rangoon. Lorn’s father was one of 12 children, and all the sons were expected to enter family service. From his birthplace in Glasgow, Lorn was sent out to Burma as a small child. He remembers fondly his nanny, who looked after him for years and returned with him to Scotland when it was time for his move to Preparatory School. He spoke the local Burmese language fluently, but once back home settled into Scottish life. When he began school, his nanny was not to be unemployed - she quickly found work for another branch of the Cowie family.

Lorn’s interest in sport developed early. Above all he enjoyed rugby, and emerged as a fine talent at Fettes, where he was initially positioned as a centre after he joined the school in 1940. Growth spurts meant he gained height and weight, so soon he was mostly playing at No.8. His international cap as a flanker rather than his usual position resulted from a



Carrington House, Fettes, 1944

tactical choice as the team planned to chase down the gifted English backs. Lorn was 13 when World War Two broke out and he remembers feeling that his education suffered. Fettes was one of the few schools not to be evacuated from Edinburgh to the countryside, but the risks to students were real



Match-ready 1953

– early on during the war a Junkers bomber flew low over the school playing fields, heading for the docks at Rosyth. Alongside his passion for rugby and other sports, Lorn developed his classroom skills. “I was a steady student, not a star,” he says, but he was good enough to win a place to read for a degree in History at Clare College, Cambridge.

All at sea

However, life in the 1940s was rarely simple. Before he could attend Cambridge, Lorn spent two years doing National Service. He can’t remember exactly why he chose the Royal Navy, but as a young boy he had crewed a dinghy for his older brother, who was a keen sailor. Lorn found himself in the RN Reserves, first training on England’s south coast and then posted on to a minesweeper. “We sailed to Kiel on Germany’s Baltic coast, where we were expected to get on with clearing mines from the river and harbour,” he recalls. He and his shipmates found themselves resenting the danger they faced, and urged their Captain to corral some of the local population to muck in. One highlight was a short Baltic trip in a magnificent sloop that had belonged to a senior German officer. Having survived those dangers, Lorn was finally able to take up his place at Cambridge in 1948. The city in those days was dominated by the University and was often cold and damp, but Lorn loved his time there. He played rugby again, although did not get a coveted ‘Blue’ by being selected for the Varsity match against Oxford. He made friendships, but they proved difficult to sustain once he returned to Scotland. There was no social media in those days, and Scotland’s legal system meant that lawyers rarely mixed across the borders.

Rugby and Law

Lorn’s next academic step was in 1951 when he began a degree in Law at Glasgow University, with an eye to a professional rather than a sporting life. However, in the years leading up to his international debut he became a well-known figure in Scottish club rugby.

Grange Lives: Lorn Cowie

There was a shortage of players following the carnage of WW2, so clubs often merged, splitting apart again when numbers allowed. Lorn rose to captain Kelvinside-West, one such merger, and then moved to the West of Scotland team when Kelvinside Academicals was re-established. Once he began work as a lawyer Lorn moved to Edinburgh where he also played for Edinburgh Wanderers, whose home matches were at Murrayfield. In a rare switch, Lorn managed to play for both sides of the grudge inter-city Glasgow-Edinburgh match. It's possible that this is a unique distinction in Scottish rugby history.

That match

The call to play for Scotland came in March 1953, the final match of the international rounds that year. Twickenham was packed. The pitch was firm enough, but it was a misty day and newsreel footage shows wisps of fog, particularly in the second half. Lorn wore the Number 14 shirt and tried his best to wrap up the opposition. Scotland played well, England played better. The home team was blessed with an exceptional back line, and the Scots could not contain its running flair. In those days, a converted try was worth only 5 points, so England's 26-8 victory implied a rout. In fact, the match was competitive, but that season Scotland struggled and lost all four of their matches, including an identical score against Ireland. England were Champions, pipping Wales by a point.

Although his international window was brief, Lorn continued playing competitively until his legal duties and new family responsibilities limited his time. Lorn and his wife Camilla had four children and were later blessed with 11 grandchildren. The Law demanded long hours, but it suited Lorn and he rose steadily through the ranks of the Scottish legal establishment during the 1960s and '70s. "I didn't have one standout case," he says, "but there were a lot of them!" He remains proud of his contribution to introducing less onerous divorce laws. He also recalls his work on the Parole Board, something that came with his increasingly senior status. He became one of Scotland's 'Advocates Depute', serving two lengthy terms as one of the Crown's senior prosecutors, before being elevated in 1977 to the Senate of the College of Justice, a position which came with an honorary Lordship (as opposed to a peerage).

Lorn's legal career had one unexpected twist after his formal retirement. In the 1990s the Court of Appeal in Botswana sought help from Scottish (and other) judges to bolster its credibility and instil higher professional standards. From 1995-98 Lorn made several trips to Africa as he became one of the Appeal Court judges, on one occasion accompanied by his wife. They increased the small but influential Scottish community in Gaborone! Lorn remembers hosting Burns Night, which the local judges found somewhat baffling. He also recalls overseeing some 'pretty hair-raising cases', but for a good cause.

Finally back in Edinburgh, retirement beckoned and Lorn enjoyed life at a quieter pace in the Grange. We wish him an enjoyable and memorable Centenary and look forward to having him in our community for a while yet!



Still on the ball

The Calcutta Cup

An iconic trophy, it is a wonder that so few people know the origins of the cup. In 1873, the Calcutta Rugby Football Club was established, following an ad hoc beginning the previous year when 40 people played an impromptu England-Scotland match in the city. The club's base was provided by former pupils from Rugby School, soldiers from the East Kent Regiment stationed in the city, and other enthusiasts. In 1874 the club was formally joined to the Rugby Football Union, the sport's governing body. But it struggled to make ends and teams meet, so in 1878 the remaining members decided to close the club. As they did so they withdrew its bank balance – 270 silver rupees. Each coin weighed nearly 12 grams, so the haul made a fine 3-kilo chunk of solid silver. At the club's behest it was melted and crafted into a stunning piece of Victorian-era Indian art. The club then presented it to the RFU, which decided it should be dedicated to the England-Scotland rivalry.



The modern cup is a replica. Grange residents with an interest in rugby might recall that in 1988 the Calcutta Cup came to the world's attention: not for the rugby match, which England edged, but because inebriated players used the cup for a late-night kickabout on Princes Street, badly damaging it. Playing soccer with a rugby union trophy? Not a good idea.

Nature Notes from Tom Breheny

Spirits of old America

My wife and I were staying with my cousin Howard and his wife Judy at their home in Mountainside, New Jersey. The house was set in woodland with a distant view of the Manhattan skyline across the Hudson River. A pair of buzzards soared high above the trees. In the US they call these birds broad-winged hawks.

Our matrilineal family link dates back to our grandmothers in Lodz in Poland. My dad's dad Patrick was Irish from Ballymote, County Sligo. We all seemed to have a keen interest in riding horses. Howard would never have made a career as a race jockey because he was a huge bear of a man who needed a heavy hunter to carry him over a country fence on a farm. There was a splendid photograph of him doing just that above his mantelpiece. My own solitary act of bravery was accidentally riding a bucking bronco following a hungry bear's attack on a bee nest. My angry horse had been stung three times on the belly under the cinch.

Each morning white-tailed deer came into the peaceful garden to graze, sometimes on the flowers. Hunters in the area had sought permission to shoot them but had been refused on the grounds of public safety. Bow hunters had also lobbied for the right to kill deer, but anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of archery would be well aware of the dangers of a deflected arrow.

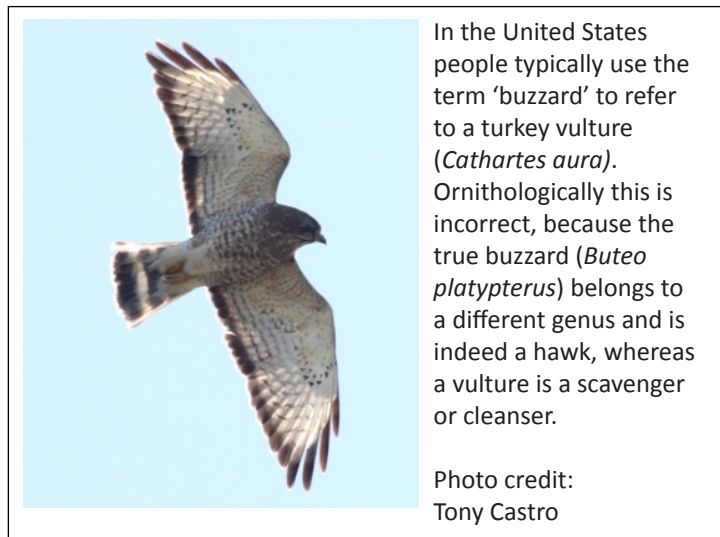
Tryst with a hunter

I was surprised to discover that my cousin Howard rode to hounds with the fox-hunting fraternity in the adjacent county of Somerset, because as a confirmed Democrat he seemed politically at odds with the mounted horse (Daughters of the American Revolution). He took us for a pleasant drive around Somerset county, which looked very similar to its namesake in rural England except for the colonial style houses and farmsteads. Howard told us that many of the landowners were "pretend farmers" for tax reasons and that their real businesses were in the city. If they had a few animals or fruit trees on their property, they could claim agricultural financial advantages, thus saving tax dollars.

The local pack was a drag hunt and they had never actually dispatched a real fox. Judy said, "I would never have married a man who chased little ginger animals and killed them for fun."

Howard first applied to join the local hunt when an acquaintance/member of the hunt invited him as a guest. He was advised that he would be watched to see if he was "hunt material" and attended many meetings over a long period. He began to feel downhearted and dejected and wondered if there was an element of anti-semitism at work amongst the hunt members who were mainly from

"old families", generally known in America as WASPS (white anglo-saxon protestants). One day Howard decided that he had had enough and was about to tell them some home truths. To his great surprise on that very day the Master of Hounds approached him publicly, shook him by the hand and wished him "Mazal Tov". He was in!



In the United States people typically use the term 'buzzard' to refer to a turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*). Ornithologically this is incorrect, because the true buzzard (*Buteo platypterus*) belongs to a different genus and is indeed a hawk, whereas a vulture is a scavenger or cleanser.

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Tony Castro

Shake, rattle and snuff

In 1997 I was in the Museum of the American Indian in New York City with Howard when we heard live music drifting through from another room. and we hurried to investigate. A young Muscogee (Creek) Indian man was giving a musical demonstration of indigenous cultures. Franc Menusan was over six feet tall with a chubby tanned handsome face. His long black hair was oiled and swept back, and he was wearing a bright red embroidered shirt. On the table before him was an array of American Indian musical instruments, all of which he could play. He accompanied some of his songs with rattles and drums. A Comanche song he sang in high falsetto gave me goosebumps. He was a flute-maker, artist, writer and storyteller.

After the concert Franc invited us to stay and chat. He gave us a fascinating insight into his own people as we talked for over an hour. I admired that young man and wanted to give him a present as a memento of our meeting and I had the perfect gift in my pocket, an antique Scottish ram's horn snuff mull, surmounted with a silver thistle on the lid. I knew he would like it. As we said our goodbyes and prepared to leave, I felt a hand on my shoulder and Franc presented me with his buffalo horn rattle: "It's not old or valuable but it's a personal thing for me and I want you to have it." I felt honoured and we had a spontaneous hug. That rattle always reminds me of its maker when I hear its soft rhythm. I have long been fascinated by indigenous Americans and this meeting was to be the first of many on our travels throughout the United States.

Grange Trees in 2025 from Peter Pitkin

105 proposals for work on trees in our conservation area were notified to the council – five fewer than in 2024. 43 of these proposed the felling of one or more trees. This compares with 54 fellings the previous year. As usual, most of the work can be considered either necessary or judicious management. Many of the trees removed are of little or no amenity value, although they may contribute to the leafy character of the area, reducing noise and pollution.

10 of the 105 proposals sought permission for work on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). Six of these were granted, resulting in the removal of an infected lime tree in **West Grange Gardens**, the felling of a wind-damaged birch on **Canaan Lane** and the removal of an elm affected by Dutch elm disease on **South Oswald Road**. Three of the TPO cases were refused – one to fell two small trees at **69 South Oswald Road**; one to fell a lime tree overhanging Grange Loan (precise location not known); and a third (October 2025) to fell three yew trees growing beside the street boundary of **5B Hope Terrace** (see below).

The council made three new TPOs in response to proposals for tree-work:-

1 Hope Terrace – to cut back a copper beech, significantly reducing its height, and to ‘crown-lift’ a Eucalyptus.


59 Grange Loan – to remove four of the seven Turkish hazels bordering the street, to cut back heavily the remaining three, and to ‘crown-lift’ the nearby birch.

5B Hope Terrace – to fell two lime trees on the W boundary behind the building under construction.

Hopes and fears

The case of 5B Hope Terrace makes for something of a saga. Following significant work in 2024, in March 2025 a proposal was submitted for felling the two lime trees. In May the council issued its decision to make a TPO. Meanwhile, in April a breach of planning conditions had been reported, alleging a failure to protect trees on the site. The council’s subsequent inspection found that the trees were indeed not adequately protected, but after ‘tree protection measures’ were ‘adjusted and further enhanced’ the case was closed. In October, a new application to remove the yew trees was refused. Then, in January 2026, the applicant appealed. Gratifyingly the appeal was dismissed.

In the next newsletter I will give a longer-term perspective on the evolution of the Grange tree population.



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Planning Update by Nigel Ayton

Check the planning guidance on our website to see whether you need permission to do work to your home or to lop any tree in the Grange: <https://grangeassociation.org/planning/>

Since the last newsletter, which included applications pending for 13 properties, there have been a further 31 applications and 25 decisions for planning and/or listed building consent in the Grange. We lodged comments on three of these applications, after consulting members nearby.

The application at 140 Causewayside has been approved in its revised form. This is to replace the Scottish Law Commission building with accommodation for 172 students. Just down the road, appeals were dismissed against the refusal of permission for student accommodation at 27-41 Ratcliffe Terrace.

Members who stay near to the site of each application receive an email from us inviting comments. [Join us](#) if you wish to receive these emails. Major applications each have a thread on our [web forum](#).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS December 2025 – April 2026

Applications granted:		App's refused, withdrawn or appeal concluded:	
# 140 Causewayside EH9 1PR	172 bed PBSA (revised application)	# 27-31 Ratcliffe Terrace EH9 1SX (+ 4 S Gray St)	66 bed PBSA: Appeal against refusal: Dismissed
§ 3A Chalmers Crescent EH9 1TW	LBC to replace windows	# 33-41 Ratcliffe Terrace EH9 1SX	115 bed PBSA: Appeal against refusal: Dismissed
§ 49 Grange Road EH9 1UF	Raised terrace to rear	12 St Thomas Road EH9 2LQ	CLP to relocate driveway: Refused
¶§ 3F1 3 Grange Road EH9 1UH	LBC for relocation of bathroom and kitchen	Applications and appeals pending at 27 Apr 2026:	
¶§ 3F1 3 Grange Road EH9 1UH	LBC for replacement windows	§ Land south of Sciennes Primary School EH9 1LG	Planters and fencing on roadway
20 Grange Road EH9 1UJ	Replacement driveway	*# 27-31 Ratcliffe Terrace EH9 1SX	CLP for demolition
12 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Stonework cleaning	§ 10 Palmerston Road EH9 1TN	LBC to replace windows
12 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Paint windows green	*§ 57 Grange Road EH9 1TY	Appeals against refusal of planning and LBC for elevated GF extension
* 21 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Alter vehicle and pedestrian gates	§ GF 18 Strathearn Road EH9 2AE	Heat pump and pipework
77 Grange Loan EH9 2EG	CLP for ASHP to rear	31 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	GF rear extension and garage conversion
*¶ 13 Oswald Road EH9 2HE	Garden room and store	§ 1 Blackford Road EH9 2DT	Remove garage; new entrance porch and greenhouse
§ 25/2 Oswald Road EH9 2HJ	Replace uPVC conservatory	§ 2 Oswald Road EH9 2HF	LBC to replace windows
¶§ 4 Mortonhall Road EH9 2HW	Reconfigure internally; alter doors, windows and driveway	* Millbank Pavilion, Astley Ainslie EH9 2HL	Demolish
§ 18A Dick Place EH9 2JL	GF sunroom and terrace; ASHP	§ 5 Glenisla Gardens EH9 2HR	Garden room extension
* Flat 7, 1 Wyvern Park EH9 2JY	Create bed-sit unit; replace windows; ASHP	35 Dick Place EH9 2JA	CLP to replace driveway gates
§ 2 South Lauder Road EH9 2LL	Garden patio	§ 57 Fountainhall Road EH9 2LH	Garden redesign; summerhouse; outdoor kitchen
GF & 1F, 46 St Alban's Road EH9 2LU	Refurbish garages; external helical stair	§ 61 Fountainhall Road EH9 2LH	Front garden landscaping; replace fence and gates
9 Dalrymple Crescent EH9 2NU	Replace roof light	38 St Alban's Road EH9 2LU	Enlarge rear doors and windows
116 Findhorn Place EH9 2PB	Attic conversion with dormer windows	# 102 Relugas Road EH9 2LZ	Alter 1F kitchen window; Garden room to rear
122 Findhorn Place EH9 2PB	Alter GF rear outshoot; garden terrace	24 Dalrymple Crescent EH9 2NX	2 x ASHP
# 6 Relugas Place EH9 2PY	Porch extension	# Cat Clinic, 38 Blackford Avenue EH9 2PP	CLP for: Security shutter; replacement windows and doors
# 28 Relugas Place EH9 2PY	Porch extension	# 67 St Alban's Road EH9 2PQ	Replace GF rear utility room; family room extension
		# 37 West Relugas Road EH9 2PW	Rear GF extension

- § = Listed Building
- # = Outwith Grange conservation area
- * = Comment or objection submitted by Grange Association
- ¶ = Application modified (as ~~struck through~~ text)
- LBC = Listed Building Consent
- CLP (CLE) = Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed (Existing)

- (L)GF; 1F; 2F = (Lower) Ground Floor; 1st Floor; 2nd Floor
- STL = Short-term let
- ASHP = Air-Source Heat Pump
- EVSE = Electric vehicle charging point
- PBSA = Purpose-built student accommodation
- PV = Solar photovoltaic

Gardening Notes by Lynn Errey

If you like to garden, you know how it is in Spring. You walk about peering at new growth on baby seedlings, burgeoning bulbs, emergent leaves on well-established familiars. Gardening can be hard work, but one of the great rewards is this quiet contemplative moment of observing nature's seasonal cycle. The pleasure is doubled if you can invite someone else to look and marvel. This sharing the enjoyment of plants is something we are good at in the Grange. When we are planting new clumps in Lovers Loan, there is no end to grateful passers-by. On our annual outing to big gardening estates, there's always a chance to swap tips. Autumn in the Newington Library sees us pooling our seed harvests. And, of course, the best example of sharing is the bounteous generosity of your annual contributions to the Grange Fair garden stall.

But, wait: there is one more way of sharing, yet unexplored...showcasing what we love best in our own gardens, including things not visible from the pavement. I'd like to start this off by celebrating two of my own favourite spring plants, the tiny flowers of my epimedium, and the new rosy growth on my Japanese maple.

So, please, can I invite you to send me pictures of plants that give YOU pleasure and I will post them to the Grange Association website for our readers to enjoy? Contact Lynn at gardens@grangeassociation.org



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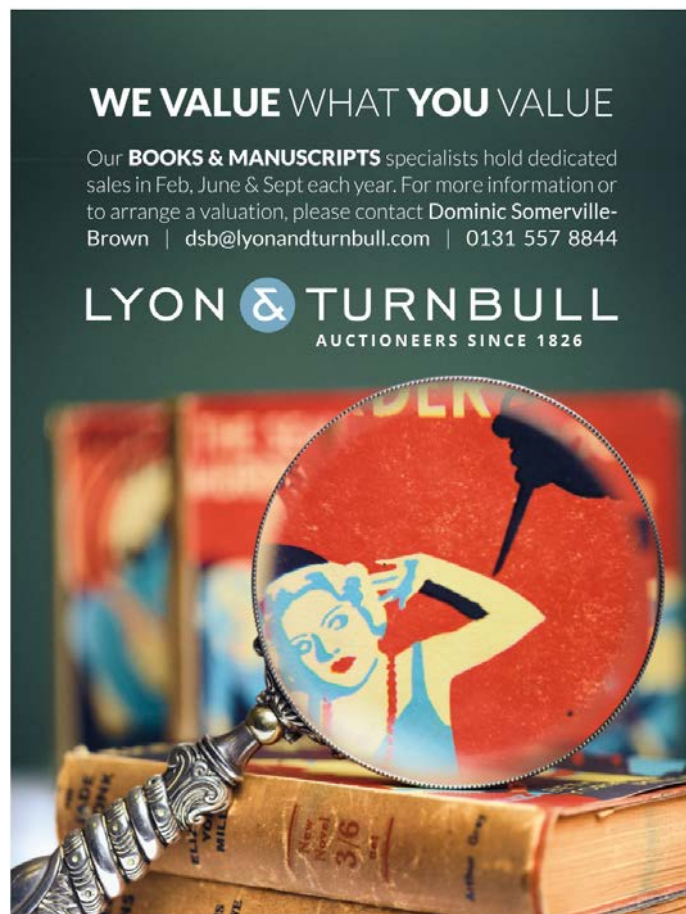
Grange Association talks 2026-27

The annual programme of talks has been evolving, but this series has become one of the most popular and entertaining of our community activities, with up to 200 people attending. Final dates for the upcoming talks are being finalized, but as a teaser here are the planned talks:

- Alan Walker on 'The Scots Pine and why it is such a globally successful tree'
- Prof. John Sawkins on 'The Edinburgh Sewerage System – Saving Lives with Sewers'
- Tom Wood on 'The bombing of Edinburgh and Leith in World War II'
- Kath Hay on 'The Scots in Russia'
- James Ogilvie on 'Climbing the World's 7 Highest Peaks'
- Helen Kay on 'Chrystal Macmillan, an Edinburgh Polymath'

It promises to be our best series to date, so we look forward to welcoming Grange residents and Association members starting in the autumn, final dates to follow.

Mark Batho



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