

West End News

October 2014 Update

from West End Ward councillor

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West End Christmas Fortnight 2014 : West End Christmas Fortnight 2014 is taking really good shape - and planned activities include :

Saturday 22nd November : Grand Christmas Fortnight Launch including Shoppers' Saturday, vintage car cavalcade, children's lantern making workshop and Dundee West Church Christmas Coffee Morning.

Tuesday 25th November : Free public lecture on the life and work of Mary Slessor - Dundee West Church.

Wednesday 26th November : The West End Christmas Lights Switch On at Seabraes, Christmas Concert at Dundee West Church, Fireworks Display, Christmas Carnival - a great night out for all the family!

Saturday 29th November : Friends of Blackness Primary School Christmas Fair.

Wednesday 3rd December : West End Community Evening at The Vine.

Friday 5th December : West Port Christmas Lights Switch On.

Saturday 6th December : P6 school five-a-side football competition featuring our local primary schools, "Walk in the Dark" children's event at the Botanic Garden and a Christmas Coffee Morning at Pennycook Court.





West End Christmas Fortnight 2014 continued :

There will also be other children's activities at Blackness Library, a children's window spotting competition, a Best Dressed Shop Window competition.

Our next committee meeting is this Thursday (16th October) at 12 noon at Blackness Library - all welcome!

West End pavement improvements : On 6th October, I had site visits with an officer from the City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership to both Perth Road and Lime Street, following residents' concerns about the poor state of the pavement.

With regard to Perth Road, the concern is the pavement on the north side between Pennycook Lane and the Sinderins junction, where we discussed the footpath's condition with a local resident who had unfortunately had a bad fall on the pavement some time ago.

The major problem with this stretch of footpath is that it is both heavily used, being in the Perth Road shopping area, but it has also been subject to repeated utility company repairs given the amount of servicing and cabling beneath.

Localised repairs were agreed to by the Roads Maintenance Partnership representative but I have now written to the City Engineer seeking his consideration of full resurfacing in a future programme.

With regard to Lime Street, the east pavement is very worn, causing many puddles and the pavement is immediately adjacent to the local sheltered housing lounge and therefore well-used by elderly residents.

I have now been advised :

"Further to our meeting ... I agree that the surfacing on this footway is heavily oxidised and worn and would benefit from resurfacing.

This footway was condition scored as a 5 out of 6 in 2013 but I feel that it has further deteriorated since then and I will be recommending it is considered for inclusion in the updated 3 year programme that is to be issued in April 2015."

This is a very good result as the pavement is really in need of resurfacing.