

Two further suspect cases of notifiable avian flu identified

Two further suspect cases of notifiable avian influenza have been identified in a commercial poultry flock near Markethill in County Armagh and a commercial duck flock in Coagh, County Tyrone.

Walk-in boosters now available for 30 plus age range

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced details of a further acceleration of the COVID-19 vaccine booster programme. New initiatives have been taken in light of the expected surge of Omicron variant cases in Northern Ireland in January. The number of confirmed Omicron variant cases in NI has now increased to 10.

Getting things done – Menzieshill Road #dundeewestend



A bit of a tale here ...

Some years ago, in two tranches, the long stretch of unadopted and very poor conditioned pavements in Menzieshill Road were upgraded and adopted by the City Council. I had asked for the street to be added to the unadopted footpaths list, so was pleased at the much better pavements that resulted from this.

However, a section of the footpath on the south side, just west of the

junction with Whitefauld Road, was left untouched (and in a poor state). I queried this on behalf of residents and was advised that it could not be improved under the unadopted footpaths programme as the pavement there had already been adopted by the council. That did not alter the fact that the pavement there was in a poor state of repair.

I therefore asked that the council add this to the list of adopted pavements to be resurfaced and, after a few reminders about its poor state, was given a promise it would be done this financial year.

... and the pavement improvement has now taken place! Many thanks to the Roads Maintenance Partnership for a quality result.

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Today sees the final day of West End Christmas Fortnight 2021!

Here's the events today :

12 noon to 4pm – Community Wardrobe – Gate Church – Free clothes/shoes/accessories for everyone. Please book at www.gatechurch.co.uk/carbonprojectevents or call Dundee 221222.

12.30pm – The West End Christmas Fortnight Primary 6 football competition at

Harris Academy. With thanks to the schools for all their help with this. P6 teams participating from our local primary schools. Unfortunately spectators are not possible this year due to COVID-related safety measures.

2pm to 4.30pm – D’Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum Open Day – Carnelley Building, off Park Place, University of Dundee. A chance to see D’Arcy’s amazing collection of animals from around the world, as well as the new exhibition *The Nature of Empire*. Details and booking at www.tiny.cc/DArcy-Thompson

6.30pm start – Santa Cavalcade round the West End – Dundee Round Table. Santa will visit the children of the West End! His sleigh will leave the Clovis Duvau Drive area at 6.30pm and travel round Glamis Road, Blackness Road, Elliot Road, Pentland Crescent, Forest Park Road and Magdalen Yard Road areas. The Round Table’s Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/DundeeRoundTable

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Residents will recall that some weeks ago, I mentioned I had reported to the City Council the path from Saggar Street running along Pentland Crescent towards Pentland Avenue which had the foliage from a rather overgrown tree causing an obstruction.

I have since been given this helpful update from the council's Neighbourhood Services :

"In short we have imminent plans to crown lift this Weeping Willow tree and one or two other Weeping Willow trees in the same area.

To prune this tree properly we require to use a platform which has been arranged."