

Councillor Max MITCHELL

representing Inverleith Ward



SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

Max regularly attends Inverleith Ward's local primary school Parent Councils. At a meeting of the Stockbridge Primary Parent Council prior to summer, parents voiced concerns about the standard of some of the toilets. Max raised the issues with the area's Facilities Manager who agreed to an inspection. Max succeeded in pressing for funding to cover new flooring, upgrades and redecoration. Max said, "I am glad the Parent Council brought this to my attention and I am thrilled to have helped."

Last November, Max and a ward colleague were delighted to welcome the Head Teacher of Flora Stevenson's, a group of their pupils (including Pupil Council members) and some parents to the City Chambers for a tour. Max said, "It was a lovely way to spend the morning and it was terrific to see many of the pupils so interested in Edinburgh Council, what it does, and how it works."



RUNNING FOR LIFECARE

Following a successful 10km run in December 2017, which raised over £500 for LifeCare Edinburgh, Max is delighted to be running the Edinburgh Half Marathon this May in support of LifeCare again.

Max said, "I am delighted to continue supporting LifeCare. It is an incredible local charity offering a truly vital service to our city."

LifeCare, in Stockbridge, helps to reduce social isolation, improve quality



of life, and enable older people to maintain their independence at home in their community. It also specialises in supporting those with dementia.

If you would like to help Max support LifeCare, a donation can be made using the link below and any donations would be gratefully received.

<http://bit.ly/maxfundraisingforlifecare>

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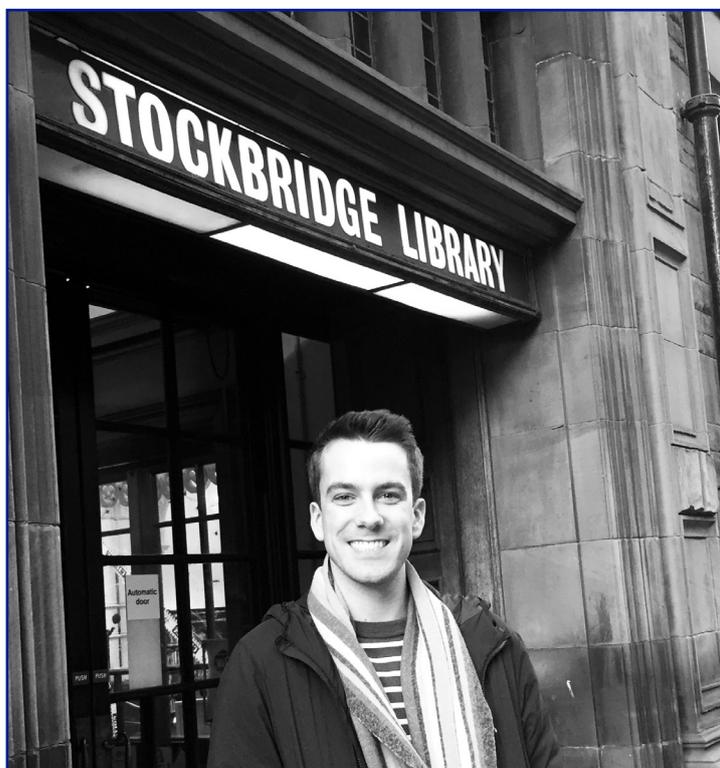
Due to be done in 2018 before the summer, the planned resurfacing of Orchard Brae Gardens (including West) fell well behind in the Roads Team's schedule.

The work was eventually rescheduled for summer 2019 and Max continued to check-in with the lead engineer. Some delay arose from the discovery of substandard telecoms equipment and poor weather meant the road markings couldn't be done as planned.

Max was very grateful to the residents for their patience. "It took quite a while for it all to be done and I know it was

frustrating at times for residents, but hopefully everyone is happy with the final results.

"The road surface was dreadful in parts and the pavements not much better. I know how well used Orchard Brae Gardens is by families and those with reduced mobility so it was essential to get this work done. I am also pleased that the street lighting upgrades were done at the same time."



Max holds a monthly advice surgery at Stockbridge Library on the second Monday of each month at 6pm (except February and August). Max said, "I thought it might be useful to add in an evening each month when anyone without an appointment is welcome to turn up. If this surgery isn't convenient, I am more than happy to meet at a time and place to suit you."

SGN WORKS IN STOCKBRIDGE

Max knows many residents will be aware that SGN has an extensive upgrading programme taking place in Stockbridge from Deanhaugh Street along Raeburn Place. The works are lasting for approximately 30 weeks until August.

Max understands that it's a long period for everyone to endure - the patience and understanding of everybody affected is appreciated.

Max said, "I believe everybody understands the necessity of the works being done. SGN have been helpful in working with residents and local businesses if issues have arisen and keeping everybody updated. Importantly, I hope everyone remembers that the local shops and businesses in and around

Stockbridge are very much open as usual."

For the most up to date information please visit: <http://bit.ly/gasupdates>

Information about Lothian Buses' diversions can be found here: <http://bit.ly/busdiversions>

Direct enquiries can be made with SGN on **0131 469 1718**. Max is also happy to do this on your behalf so please use the contact details on the front page or come along to one of Max's surgeries.