MANOR ESTATES
Housing Association

LOCAL TENANT MATTERS

Manor Estates Turns 30!

We are 30 in March - From 1995 when we were established, we have grown to the Association that we are today with 1100 tenants throughout Edinburgh and Fife.

From the beginning in Manor Place with 9 staff members to now 32 at our office at New Mart Place. On the run up to our birthday we are looking through the years starting with 1995 to 2005 - please follow our journey on Instagram.





Did you know that in 2024/25, Manor Estates has spent over £33,000 removing dumped furniture, rubbish, and other waste from communal areas and green spaces? This is money that could have been used to improve and upgrade homes for residents in need. Instead, it is being wasted on cleaning up after those who refuse to dispose of their waste responsibly.

We need your help! If you witness anyone dumping furniture or rubbish, please report it to your Housing Officer immediately.

Important Notice !!

With immediate effect all waste uplifts will be recharged to the blocks responsible. Let's work together to keep our community clean and ensure that funds are spent on improving your homes, not cleaning up avoidable messes.
Report dumping today - help us make a difference!

Craigmillar Art Club - Connecting Craigmillar

The weekly Community Art Club has a range of opportunities for all ages and abilities. Regular peer led sessions and drop ins, along with some external artist input and workshops and occasional trips and visits.

There are two exhibition opportunities a year along with chances to sell work at community events and the possibility of access to a community studio space.



How do I access this - Self referral / Referral by 3rd party
Is there a cost - It's free
Opening Times - Fridays 2pm to 4pm
Contact Details - 07909257415 / 07909257414
Email - connectingcraigmillar@gmail.com - **connectingcraigmillar.org**
The Thistle Foundation, 13 Queens Walk, EH16 4EA

Other groups/activities currently being supported by The Thistle Foundation:

Sports Social Club: (Basketball, Badminton & Table Tennis)
DAY - Wednesday
VENUE - Jack Kane Sports Centre, 208 Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4ND
TIME - 4-6 pm

Mindful Mothers Circle
DAY - Monday
VENUE - Greendykes Nursery, 205 Craigmillar Castle Avenue, EH16 4 DZ
TIME - 1-2pm

Craigmillar & Niddrie Recovery Forum
DAY - Tuesday (3 Monthly)
VENUE - The Recovery Bothy, 92 Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4DT
TIME 4-5:30 pm

Men's Group
DAY - Friday/Thursday
VENUE - Thistle Foundation/Recovery Bothy
TIME - 2:30-4:30 pm/6-9 pm

Parents Tea Talk
DAY - Friday
VENUE - Castleview Primary, 2D Greendykes Road, EH16 4DP
TIME - 12:34-1:45 pm

Craigmillar Tapestry Group
DAY - Wednesday
VENUE - Thistle Foundation, 13 Queens Walk, EH16 4EA
TIME - 10-12 pm

'Stitch in Time'
DAY - Tuesday
VENUE - Hays Community Centre, 1 Hay Avenue, EH16 4RW
TIME - 10:30-4 pm

Take The Stage Open Mic Night
DAY - Friday 2nd August
VENUE - Craigmillar Hearts Club, 201 Craigmillar Castle Avenue, EH16 4DZ
TIME - 7pm-Midnight



Using 'Your Local Pantry' model which gives individuals and families living in Craigmillar access to a £4.50 weekly membership to purchase 10 food items plus fruits, vegetables and bread which would equate to £20 worth of food.
The fruits and vegetables available also feature locally grown produce from our community garden as well as freshly prepared nutritious meals to be stored in fridges/freezers for members to pick up.

Greenhouse Pantry - 64 Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh EH16 4BG

Normal Opening times:
Thursday:
10.00am -2.00pm
Friday:
9.30am - 12.00noon





Events at Niddrie Mission Church - 12 Hay Drive EH16 4RY

Cafe - Mon, Tues, Thursday, 10:30am - 2:00pm and Friday 12pm - 2pm. Their cafe serves local favourites at low prices and is a great place to meet people and have a chat.

Toddler Play Cafe - Monday, 9:45am - 11:45am

For kids 0 - 3 years of age, A weekly group for parents and toddlers

Niddrie Knitters - Tuesday, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

A weekly group that meets in the cafe for knitting, quilting, and crafts. All welcome!

1 to 6 Kids Club: P1-P6 - Thursday, 4:00 - 5:15pm

A weekly kids club with bible stories, activities and crafts

Street Team - Friday 2:30pm - 3:30pm

A group of volunteers meet at the Castlebrae 3G Pitch to play football and games with local kids in the community.

Progressing Pilgrims - Friday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

A weekly group with a focus on bible teaching and discussion.

Sunday Services

Every Sunday at 11:00am

Sunday Evening Service - 5:30pm (once a month)



Our Community Fund is open for new applications. The fund is available for awards of up to £500 each year.



Funds are offered to assist groups to deliver activities that promote the values of the Association.

If you are part of a community group and wish to apply for a grant from the **Manor Estates Community Fund**, please either email **info@manorestates.org.uk** or contact the office on **0131 510 8540 option 5** to request an application form.



We are currently working in partnership with social landlords in Edinburgh to provide an Energy Advice Service to our tenants.

Where tenants would like support, we can complete a referral to our Energy Advisors.

If you think you would like a referral please contact the Housing Team on 0131 510 8540 option 5



We Want to Hear from You!

Recently, we carried out estate walkabouts where residents were invited to join us to discuss any concerns and improvements for their area. Unfortunately, these were not well attended.



We also held local rent surgeries, providing an opportunity for tenants to get advice and support, but again, attendance was low.

We are committed to engaging with our residents and will be holding these events again. However, we want to ensure they meet your needs.

What would you like to see in your area?
Would you find evening or weekend sessions more convenient? Are there other issues you'd prefer to discuss with us?



We value your feedback – let us know how we can make these events work better for you!

📩 **Contact your Housing Officer Joanne on 0131 510 8540 option 5 or at housingofficers@manorestates.org.uk today and have your say!**

Welfare Rights Support

We are very happy to announce that our Welfare Rights Service has restarted from **Monday 10 March 2025**. For any tenants who feel like they would benefit from a check of their benefits or assistance with applying for grants, please contact our office on **0131 510 8540 option 5** or contact the housing team by email: **housingofficers@manorestates.org.uk.**



Please also see the below agencies that offer information and independent benefit advice:

The Advice Shop is accessible at the Customer Hub, 249 High Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 1pm on a walk-in basis. Priority is given to those with an urgent matter or who cannot access the service through phone or email.

Phone number 0131 200 2300
Email advice shop@edinburgh.gov.uk

Community Link worker bases in the Craigmillar Medical Group – helps with benefit issues –referral to call practice and book in with the GP's

3 Hay Avenue , Community Hub (Places for People) – Wednesday drop in 10am –1pm – Craigmillar/Niddrie