



Report on the Calton Hill Firework Control, 1-10 November 2024, by Calton Hill Conservation Trust

The public park area of Calton Hill was a Firework Control Zone (FCZ) from 1st November to 10th November. We made the following observations:

1. During that time, the access barrier at the foot of Calton Hill Drive was manned every day from 17.00 (or 18.00) to 21.00 (or 22.00) and then closed during the remainder of the night.
2. CHCT were pleased with the large, conspicuous FCZ signage provided by the City of Edinburgh Council, placed on the hill and at the park entrances.
3. CHCT estimate that the FCZ reduced the quantity of fireworks lit on the hill by 80% or 90%, judging by the amount of firework debris compared to last year. Closing the barrier reduced the number of large-scale fireworks that could have otherwise been brought up the hill by car.
4. None of our members reported any breach of the Firework Control Zone as far as we know. The telephone line set up for members to call if they couldn't reach emergency services was not used.
5. We noted that fireworks were lit on the hill on the following dates: 15 October, 30 October, 2 November, 3 November, 5 November (five occasions), 17 November, 18 November.

In summary, we consider the measures taken to have been a success in so far as they went. In future, we would like to have either a permanent or at the very least a longer-lasting FCZ.

We take this opportunity to ask again for the closure of the Calton Hill Drive access barrier to all unauthorised traffic. After the expiration of the FCZ period, it has been left open 24 hours a day.

Calton Hill Conservation Trust, 10 December 2024