

REVEAL ONE OF GLASGOW'S HIDDEN TREASURES



■ The chimney is the only thing left to mark the boiler houses



■ Many features are in need of repair

GARDEN

■ Park project manager Ian Fraser

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grounds were opened to the public in 1966. Recent restoration work already completed involved £15,000 of works at the Riverside footpath along the River Cart.

A £105,000 renovation project was carried out on the rock garden last autumn and new ferns, grasses

and trailing plants were planted last year, with the help of pupils from Rosshall Academy.

Plans for the future include working with local schools, and perhaps start a growing project on the site of what would have been the kitchen garden, and hosting

It is such a unique area. We want everyone to be able to share it

opens air events and plays.

Margaret McCafferty, chairwoman of the friends group, said: "There is so much history here and we want to build on that for generations to come. This is really just the start so watch this space."

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Digital plan takes biscuit for Salmond



■ Alex Salmond made his digital announcement during a visit to the Border Biscuits factory

Fund to provide greater access to the internet

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THE SNP has promised better access to the internet across Scotland with plans for a multi-million-pound digital fund.

Party leader Alex Salmond said the Next Generation Digital Fund would provide £50 million to provide greater access to the internet for homes and businesses.

He revealed the plans at the Border Biscuits factory in Lanark, which sells online.

He said: "Scotland must be positioned to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by the digital age.

"Access to high-speed, next generation broadband is essential not just for new industries but for traditional busi-

nesses and rural communities, allowing them to grow, create employment and improve quality of life."

The fund would roll out superfast broadband to areas where there are gaps.

Meanwhile, Labour outlined plans for a fund to provide musical instruments to school pupils from poorer backgrounds.

Leader Iain Gray highlighted his party's plan for the £2m fund at a Musselburgh school.

He said: "No child who wants to learn to play a musical instrument should be excluded because their family can't afford to pay for lessons."

The LibDems brought Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander to Glasgow to promote their policy on growing Scottish exports.

He joined local candidate Katy Gordon to say the party will grow exports by 50% and double the number of companies trading overseas.

Greens unveil plan to scrap Council tax

THE Greens revealed their plans to replace Council Tax and business rates with a new Land Value Tax.

Party co-leader Patrick Harvie said it would bring in an extra £1 billion a year, while most Council Tax payers, those in the lowest five bands, would pay less.

The plan would also bring vacant urban land under taxation to deter supermarkets and developers from "land banking", whereby

they hold on to land to stop rivals using it.

Speaking at the Renfrew Ferry venue in Glasgow, Mr Harvie outlined his alternative to the SNP's Local Income Tax plan to replace the Council Tax.

He said: "Neither the Council Tax nor business rates provide any incentives to promote either the maintenance of property or the sensible and efficient development of land."