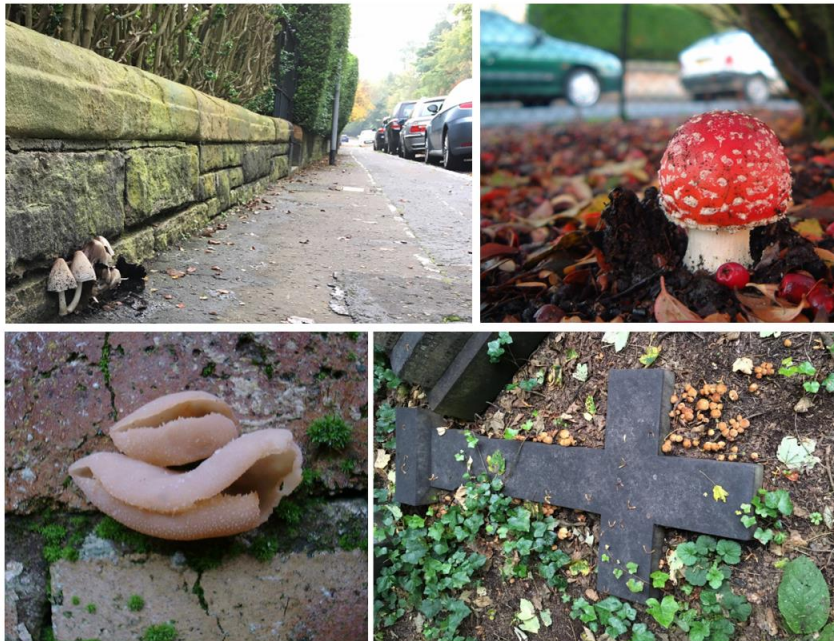


Urban Fungi Foray

Sunday 20th October, 2024

Meet: 11.00am, Priestfield Church on Dalkeith Rd.

Followed by a foray at Newington Cemetery (finish approx. 13.00)



Dr Patrick Hickey is an independent mycologist based at Summerhall and a guest lecturer to the University of Edinburgh. Patrick will give a brief 20-minute talk, prior to the foray, with an introduction to the fungus life cycle, showing microscope time lapse videos illustrating the development from spores to mycelium. Photographs will be shown of various mycorrhizal and saprobic fungi to give an insight into the diversity of fruiting bodies and the mechanisms from which spores are dispersed. On the foray we will explore different habitats with tips to help identify fungi based on their morphological features and how to make spore prints etc. After the foray we will gather round a table to look at some of the specimens and attempt basic identification before returning them to their natural habitat.

Suggested items to bring along: basket / paper bag, magnifying glass / hand lens, notebook, camera, waterproof / warm clothing.