ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND OUT & ABOUT
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If you would like an event, course or new publication to be included, please send basic
details (e.g. date, title, place, organising body, very brief description, website and/or email
address and/or phone number) to volunteer@archaeologyscotland.org.uk. Please do not
send attachments. The next deadline is 14 October. Archaeology Scotland members who
wish to be added to the mailing list, or those who would like their name removed, should
email volunteer@archaeologyscotland.org.uk.

*NEW* and *UPDATE* indicate additions or changes to the previous list.

1. PROGRAMMES OF EVENTS

September 2011
SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
Events throughout Scotland for everyone, free of charge.
http://www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk

September 2011, every weekend
DOORS OPEN DAYS
Free access to hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland.
http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays

*NEW*  September 2011
PERTHSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH: EXPLORING PERTHSHIRE’S PAST
Co-ordinated by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust
A month long series of walks, talks, displays and hands-on events focusing on the
archaeology of Perth and Kinross.
http://www.pkht.org.uk/Exploring-Perthshires-Past/Perthshire-Archaeology-Month/

*UPDATE*  1 - 17 September 2011
EAST LOTHIAN ARCHAEOLOGY & LOCAL HISTORY FORTNIGHT
Guided tours and illustrated talks throughout East Lothian.

*NEW*  10 - 18 September 2011
BORDERS HERITAGE WEEK
Scottish Borders Council
A host of activities throughout the Scottish Borders, celebrating our human connections
with our rivers and our spectacular coast.
http://www.scottishbordersheritage.co.uk/50125

1 - 16 October 2011
HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL
Events around the Highlands for everyone.
Highland Council Archaeology Unit
http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology/highlandarchaeologyscotland.org.uk

2. DIGS AND CONSERVATION

*NEW*  2011 - 2012
ADOPT-A-MONUMENT
Over coming months Archaeology Scotland will be beginning work with community groups
across Scotland to conserve and interpret a range of important archaeological and
historical sites. There are still opportunities to have Archaeology Scotland help you adopt a
local archaeological or historic site. For further information, please contact Phil Richardson, Adopt-a-Monument Project
Manager, at Archaeology Scotland on 0845 8723333,
p.richardson@archaeologyscotland.org.uk
17 August - 17 September 2011
KILWINNING COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG
Kilwinning Abbey, Main Street, Kilwinning.
Contact: Christine Watson, Kilwinning and District Preservation Society.
Tel: 01294 557295

*NEW* Continuing
DAER VALLEY PRE-HISTORIC SITES
Biggar Archaeology Group
We are currently excavating a series of prehistoric sites under threat by forestry in the
Daer Valley, south of Crawford and just off the M74. Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age
sites are being worked on. We are desperate for more volunteers, no experience is
necessary. We work weekends only. Further enquiries will be welcome.
http://www.biggararchaeology.org.uk, info@biggararchaeology.org.uk

*NEW* 28 August – 16 September
LOCH BORRALAN CHAMBERED CAIRN
Booking essential!
Contact Gordon Sleight 01571 855207, gordon@gsleight.freeserve.co.uk
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=936

*NEW* 26 September – 8 October
GLENLERAIG PRE-CLEARANCE LONGHOUSE
Booking essential!
Contact Gordon Sleight 01571 855207, gordon@gsleight.freeserve.co.uk
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=936

3. CONFERENCES

*NEW* 8 October 2011
ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND AGM & MEMBERS’ DAY
St Andrews
Details will be mailed to members and posted on http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk.

*NEW* 16-17 October 2011
HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL CONFERENCE
Spectrum Centre, Inverness
16 speakers on a range of recent archaeology projects around the Highlands.
Book by 14 October. Form and programme downloadable from
http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology/highlandarchaeologyfestival.htm

*NEW* 22 - 23 October 2011
THE EXPERIENCE OF TECHNOLOGY
University of Glasgow
Organised by the Scottish Archaeological Forum
Details from http://www.scottisharchaeologicalforum.org.uk/conferences.html

*NEW* 4 November 2011
TRAVELLERS, TURNPIKES AND TAR: 1000 YEARS OF SCOTLAND’S ROADS
Renfield Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow
Organised by the Scottish Local History Forum
http://www.slhf.org/index.php/conferences.html

5 November 2011
SCOTTISH PLACE-NAME SOCIETY CONFERENCE
Dingwall
All welcome. Details t.b.a. in late September — see http://spns.org.uk.

*NEW* 5 November 2011
TAYSIDE AND FIFE ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE
University of Abertay, Dundee
Further details t.b.a. — see http://www.tafac.org.uk/conference.html

10-12 November 2011
POWER AND PLACE IN LATER ROMAN AND EARLY MEDIEVAL EUROPE:
INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL ORGANISATION
UCL Institute of Archaeology, London
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/research/projects/assembly/events

*UPDATE* 19 November 2011
EDINBURGH, EAST LOTHIAN AND SCOTTISH BORDERS ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE
Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology

*UPDATE* 26 November 2011
SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES DAY CONFERENCE
Augustine Centre, Edinburgh
Theme: Material Culture
Dr Arne Kruse (University of Edinburgh) will give a lecture on Iona, Rogaland and the Art
of Interaction.
http://www.northernstudies.org.uk

4. WALKS, TALKS AND OUTINGS

* NEW* 18 September 2011
WALK: POULOURISCAIG, SUTHERLAND
Guided walk by Highland Council Rangers.
Walk to abandoned post-clearance settlement of Poulouriscaig. Good level of fitness
required.
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=827

*NEW* 26 September 2011
HIGHLANDS AT WAR!
Dingwall Community Centre, 7.30pm
Allan Kilpatrick of RCAHMS looks at the archaeological remains of the world wars in the
Highlands, discussing in particular the results of the recent survey of Inchindown
underground fuel depot.

*NEW* 24 October 2011
THE MULTI-PERIOD LANDSCAPE OF TARRADALE IN THE BLACK ISLE
Dingwall Community Centre, 7.30pm
Illustrated talk by Eric Grant.

*NEW* 28 November 2011
NYBSTER BROCH
Dingwall Community Centre, 7.30pm
Andy Heald of AOC Archaeology will discuss recent fieldwork on brochs in Caithness,
including the community excavation at Nybster broch.

*NEW* April to end October every year
THE TRIMONTIUM WALK
Guided 5-mile walk each Thursday from the Trimontium Exhibition in the heart of medieval
Melrose to the site of the Romano-native complex at Trimontium, beside Newstead.

*NEW* THE SCOTTISH CRANNOG CENTRE, KENMORE, LOCH TAY
Featuring a unique reconstruction of an early Iron Age loch-dwelling.
Exhibition, guided tour, 'hands on' crafts and technology demonstrations, and special
events. Open daily from 1st April to 31st October, and on weekends throughout
November.
http://www.crannog.co.uk
*NEW* ORKNEY ARCHAEOLOGY TOURS
All-inclusive small group holidays and private tours run by professional archaeologists who are also accredited Orkney Tourist Guides.
2012 brochure downloadable from http://www.orkneyarchaeologytours.co.uk

*NEW* BORDERS HERITAGE WEBSITE
Official web site of the Countryside and Heritage Service of Scottish Borders Council.
Information includes places to visit and publications.
http://www.scottishbordersheritage.co.uk

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE
For archaeological guided walks in East Lothian, see
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology

HIGHLAND COUNCIL RANGERS
For guided walks led by Highland Council Countryside Rangers, see
http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/what-to-see/rangers/countrysiderangerevents.htm
Their walks of archaeological interest are also listed on
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp

LOCAL MUSEUMS
See Museums Galleries Scotland website,
http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/search-for-museums-&-galleries/results/?all

5. EXHIBITIONS

*NEW* 24 September 2011
KILLEARNAN MEMORIES: CASTLES, CAIRNS, CROFTS AND SO MUCH MORE!
Tore Hall, 10am - 4pm
Arising out of ARCH’s Black Isle Heritage Memories Project
North Kessock and District Local History Society

*NEW* 17 September - 29 October 2011
PORT HENDERSON PAST AND PRESENT
Gairloch Museum
Focusing on fieldwork and archival research of this west coast fishing and crofting village, which was part of a Scotland’s Rural Past project and ARCH Community Timeline.

6. SHORT COURSES

July to December 2011
KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL COURSES
Short courses and field trips.
Tel: 01795 532548, email: info@kafs.co.uk, http://www.kafs.co.uk

*NEW* Starting 30 August 2011
ARCH COURSE: DELVE INTO THE PAST (ALNESS)
Classes examining the results from the ARCH summer excavation at Foulis, Evanton. Come along to some or all of the classes.
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?set=list&event=958

*NEW* Starting 22 September 2011
ARCH COURSE: PATHWAYS INTO THE PAST (MILTON)
Taking ancient routeways as a theme, these sessions offer an introduction to landscape archaeology. All welcome — no experience necessary!
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=971

*NEW* Sessions starting 26 September 2011, 16 January 2012, 16 April 2012
EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY OPEN STUDIES ARCHAEOLOGY COURSES
Courses covering a wide variety of topics and areas worldwide.
http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/short-courses/open-studies/programme/brochure, tel. 0131 650 4400

15 - 16 October 2011
LETTER CUTTING IN STONE
Cambrian Archaeological Projects & Wilderness Trust — Ancient Arts, Creative Futures
Two-day course at the Wilderness Trust, Powys. Tel: 01616 412744, email: franblockley@yahoo.co.uk, http://www.oldchapelfarm.org

*NEW* Starting 27 October 2011
ARCH COURSE: SURVEYING YOUR HERITAGE (MILTON)
Learn the practical survey techniques which will enable you to record the archaeological features in your area as part of the Pathways into the Past Project. All welcome. No experience necessary.
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=974

*NEW* Starting 24 November 2011
ARCH COURSE: REPORTING ON YOUR PAST
Putting research results on historic routeways into a display.
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=979

*NEW* January - February 2012
U3A CAMPBELTOWN ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE
The Campbeltown Branch of the University of the Third Age will run a short course led by Ann Boulton, looking at the rich archaeology of the Kintyre peninsula.
Contact Heather Smithson, Secretary of Campbeltown U3A, on heather_smithson@hotmail.com.

7. DEGREE COURSES

*NEW COURSE* BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LINCOLN
Masters Programme in Community Archaeology
http://www.bishopg.ac.uk/postgraduate

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology/

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
SCHOOL OF HISTORY, CLASSICS AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology
http://www.shca.ed.ac.uk/archaeology/

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology
http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/

UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (UHI)
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology and geophysics (subject to validation)
http://www.uhi.ac.uk/home/courses/courses-available/arts-social-sciences-and-theology/archaeology-and-geophysics
studyarchaeology@uhi.ac.uk, tel: Orkney College 01856 569000

FOR MORE COURSES
see British Archaeological Jobs and Resources (BAJR)
http://www.bajr.org/BAJREducation/default.asp

8. NEW PUBLICATIONS
*UPDATE*
SOURCING SCOTTISH REDWARES
George Haggarty, Derek Hall and Simon Chenery
pub. Medieval Pottery Research Group
http://www.medievalpottery.org.uk/occpap5.htm

*NEW*
STAGES AND SCREENS
An investigation of four henge monuments in northern and north-eastern Scotland.
Author: Richard Bradley
pub. The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
http://www.socantscot.org/partnumber.asp?pnid=346386

*NEW*
WINDS OF CHANGE: THE LIVING LANDSCAPES OF HIRTA, ST KILDA
Jill Harden and Olivia Lelong
pub. The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
http://www.socantscot.org/partnumber.asp?pnid=347437

9. E-NEWSLETTERS

ARCH NEWSLETTER
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
Subscribe free via http://www.archhighland.org.uk/index.asp

ARCHEO NEWS
Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide.

10. USEFUL WEBSITES

BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOBS AND RESOURCES (BAJR)
A wide range of information on archaeological affairs, including jobs, courses and reading material.
http://www.bajr.org/

CANMORE
The window into the RCAHMS database of archaeological sites and monuments.
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/canmore.html

HIGHLAND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD
The Highland Council’s database of buildings, archaeological sites and finds.
http://her.highland.gov.uk/

*NEW* THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND ON-LINE SHOP
http://www.socantscot.org/store.asp?Menu=

11. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE HIGHLANDS (ARCH)
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/index.asp

ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND
http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk

HISTORIC SCOTLAND
http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND
http://www.nms.ac.uk

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND
http://www.nts.org.uk/Home

THE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND PROJECT
Promoting the recording of church sites and buildings of all places of worship in Scotland.
http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND (RCAHMS)
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk

SCOTTISH MAPS FORUM
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND
Annual conference and free newsletter (Cairt)
For further information or to be added to the mailing list, email maps@nls.uk or phone 0131 623 3970

SCAPE — SCOTTISH COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PROBLEM OF EROSION
A charity that seeks to research, conserve and promote the archaeology of Scotland’s coasts.
http://www.scapetrust.org
SCAPE runs the SHOREWATCH project, involving communities in recording the eroding archaeology of Scotland’s coasts
http://www.shorewatch.co.uk

THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND
http://www.socantscot.org

TREASURE TROVE
http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk
All archaeological finds in Scotland, except for Victorian and 20th-century coins, must be reported to the Treasure Trove Unit at National Museums of Scotland.

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLUB
UK-wide club for young people aged 8 to 16 who are interested in archaeology. In Scotland there are branches in Aberdeen, Biggar, East Lothian, Falkirk, Inverness, Kilmartin, Perth, Ross & Cromarty, and Stirling.
For information contact YAC, http://www.yac-uk.org

12. OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/index.php?q=node/216

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/?q=node/212

LOCAL AUTHORITY ARCHAEOLOGISTS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/?q=node/214

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NEW MEMBERS
Archaeology Scotland welcomes new members: see
http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/?q=node/57