

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/opensdays>

NEW September 2011
PERTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH: EXPLORING PERTSHIRE'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.
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=929

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/highlandarchaeologyfestival.htm>

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.freemove.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.freemove.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.
<http://www.trimontium.org.uk/wb/pages/fort/walks.php>

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/3>

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>

ARCHAEO NEWS

Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide.
Subscribe free via <http://www.stonepages.com/news/>

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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<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/index.asp>.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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