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## Coming up ...

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**GLASGOW**

International coastal and maritime archaeology conference organised jointly by SCAPE and the Nautical Archaeology Society.

[Tickets and further information](#)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm**

**AIRTH COMMUNITY HALL**

Public talk and information evening about plans for the IFLI James IV Royal Dockyard project.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 4.30pm**

**ST ANDREWS**

Jo will be talking about the Wemyss Caves at MUSA.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am**

**HIGGINS NEUK**

Guided walk around the Higgins Neuk site prior to excavation.

Keep in touch through the [SCHARP Facebook](#) for more details as events are finalised, or [get in touch with the SCHARP team](#) to find out more

## SCHARP conference

Wow! – what a weekend last month at the SCHARP Conference in St Andrews. Saturday's presentations by volunteers from the length and breadth of Scotland were excellent, followed by a very serious Awards Ceremony to recognise your outstanding achievements. On Sunday, the highly enjoyable excursion took us to coastal sites around Fife with expert guides on hand. *'Best conference I've been to', 'best weekend I've had in ages'* and *'I haven't laughed so much in years'* sums up the weekend really. Re-live some moments with our [video of the awards presentation](#) and take a look at some of the highlights on our [flickr album](#).



## Western Isles trip

We love the Western Isles, and our trip in May took us from Vatersay in the south all the way up to the Butt of Lewis. This was a mixture of ShoreUPDATE surveys of red sites in areas not yet visited and revisiting others to check on their condition. We learned a huge amount about Barra from Calum McNeil and took a closer look at a submerged forest site on Berneray. Read [our latest blog post to learn more](#).

## Coastal heritage from above

Many of the sites we're interested in are on stretches of the coastline that are inaccessible. Others are only exposed for short periods of time at very low tides. We are, therefore, incredibly fortunate to have the [UK Civil Air Patrol](#) on board. A selection of some of their fantastic aerial photographs of coastlines and coastal sites can be explored on [this interactive map](#).

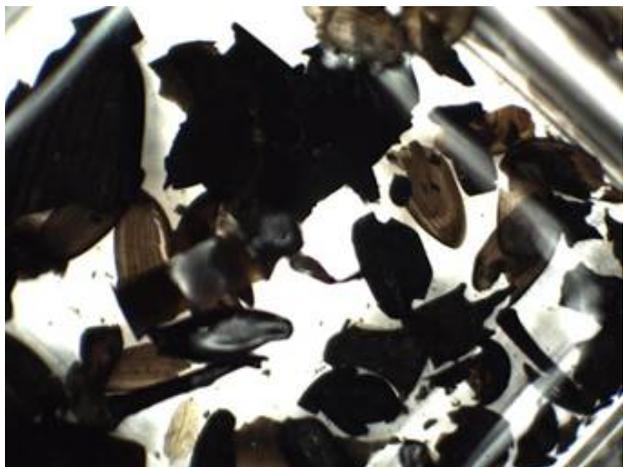


## Meur Burnt Mound update

The relocated [Meur Burnt Mound](#) has settled into its new home at Sanday Heritage Centre with an interpretation panel installed to explain the site to visitors. It features artwork from local artist Sylvia Thorne and a reconstruction drawing by Alan Braby. So many volunteers have been involved in making the new discoveries of this great project that we made a [film about it which you can watch here](#).

## SCHARP international

Our work with volunteers to improve coastal heritage information in Scotland has attracted a lot of interest outside of the UK. In March, Swedish colleagues paid us a visit to learn more about SCHARP and we had a great road trip to Sanday to meet volunteers and see some of Scotland's most concentrated eroding heritage. On the way we dropped in on Brora and met up with many old friends on a hail-swept site visit to the Brora salt pans. To warmer climes in April, where Tom and Jo travelled the east coast of the USA sharing SCHARP at conferences in Florida and Rhode Island, and the wonderful Flagler University in stunning St Augustine.



## ShoreDIG roundup

We had enormous fun in January with SWACS making a series of short films telling stories about the Wemyss Caves. These will be part of the content in the re-vamped 4D Wemyss Caves website coming soon. Analysis continues on our excavation projects. Radiocarbon dating of Channerwick broch shows the later phase was occupied from around 50BC to 200AD. At Meur Burnt Mound, we have a rare abundance of extremely well-preserved Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age beetles from the wells which is causing great excitement amongst specialists.

*Microscope image of Beetle fragments from the well at Meur*

## Looking for James IV's Royal dockyard in Airth

In October this year, we are working with the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative on an archaeological investigation of land at Higgins Neuk. Local historians believe it is the best candidate for the site of James IV's Royal Dockyard. [Contact Ellie to sign up and find out more.](#)

*Is this the site of James IV's Royal dockyard?*



## From Land to Sea a joint SCAPE and NAS conference

Glasgow, 5th - 6th November 2016  
Early bird tickets £20 day/£30 weekend



## From land to sea

In November, we and our friends at the Nautical Archaeology Society are holding an international conference on coastal and maritime heritage. We had a great response to our call for papers. Speakers from Scotland and all over the world will be presenting their latest research into coastal and underwater archaeology. It's going to be brilliant. [Take a look at the eclectic and exciting programme.](#) Early bird tickets only £30 for the weekend.

## Future plans

The four years of SCHARP are coming to end but we will carry on working on threatened coastal heritage and you can still use the SCHARP website and app to report sites to us. We still need you to monitor and record vulnerable sites.

Meanwhile, we're starting to analyse all the data you've sent in over the course of the project. That's an amazing **1122** ShoreUPDATE surveys and **3363** photos – congratulations! This valuable data will be used to create an updated list of priority sites around Scotland, and we couldn't have done it without you.

**We're also starting new coastal surveys in Caithness, Moray and Aberdeenshire, so if you live in these areas and you'd like to find out more, [get in touch.](#)**



## SCHARP recommends...

We don't want to speak to soon but it FEELS like summer may finally be here. You can use the ShoreUPDATE app to discover archaeological sites along a coastline near you that you may not have been aware of. Find the version you need to download on our [website](#). [This guidance](#) will help you if you get stuck with registration.

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Feedback](#)



[SCAPE](#) developed Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project so that we could involve more people in effectively tackling this important national issue. Our philosophy is that eroding coastal heritage provides opportunities for everyone to enjoy and to benefit from taking part in archaeological and historical exploration and discovery.

The project will run until 2016 and is generously funded and supported by the [Heritage Lottery Fund](#), [Historic Environment Scotland](#), the [Crown Estate](#) and the [University of St Andrews](#).

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