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Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 22th January
[ShoreUPDATE survey with NOSAS, Cromarty Firth](#)
- Thursday 7th February:
[ShoreUPDATE training at Stranraer Museum](#)
- Friday 8th February:
[ShoreUPDATE training at the Whithorn Trust, Dumfries and Galloway](#)
- Tuesday 26th February
[Talk: The Shoreline Archaeology of Fife, Crail History Society](#)
- Tuesday 5th March
[Talk: Visualising Wemyss caves, Wemyss Ancient Caves Society](#)

Keep an eye on the [events calendar](#) on the website for more upcoming training days and events in the Spring in the Forth area the Western Isles and Orkney.



Tarradale House and Pier. Copy of a painting of 1875 by Perceval Skelton

[ShoreUPDATE roundup](#)

Thank you to everyone who's sent in ShoreUPDATE surveys over November and December. Piers deserve a special mention. Roland and Jonie submitted this survey of [Tarradale House Pier](#) on the Beaulie Firth, including a picture of the pier in use. What a find! John's survey of [Stair Haven pier](#) on the Solway Firth shows how much it has deteriorated since John Hume photographed it in 1976. The most unusual site submitted must be the [reused cannons serving as mooring posts on Kingholm Quay in Dumfries](#).

[Monreith wreck as seaweed art](#)

Look what happens when a coastal ranger, young people and an artist spend a day playing on the beach. This inspired interpretation of Monreith wreck, a priority SCHARP site on Dhoon beach near Kirkcudbright, was created by young people from Kirkcudbright Academy Outdoor Learning Class with artist Jim Buchanan, and Nic Coombey, the [Making the Most of the Coast](#) coastal ranger.

*Solway Firth Partnership, Making the Most of the Coast
Photo Jim Buchanan*



[Pictish Carvings in Wemyss Caves](#)

The caves at East Wemyss are famous for their spectacular collection of Pictish sculptures, which include carvings of fish, animals and abstract symbols like the double disc, as well as a boat filled with people at the back of Jonathan's Cave. The caves are under threat from serious coastal erosion and vandalism, so the SCHARP team went on a field trip to check them out. [Read about our experience](#) and look at our [photos of some of the highlights](#).

[SCHARP on the road](#)

We've really enjoyed meeting lots of you at recent conferences and events across the country. Thanks to the Highland Archaeology Festival, Scotland's Community Heritage Conference, Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee Conference, the Solway Firth Partnership's Conference, the Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeology Conference, the Moray Firth Partnership's Conference, the Thames Discovery Programme's Conference and the IfA Cymru's dayschool on coastal archaeology.



[SCHARP recommends...the National Map Library of Scotland](#)

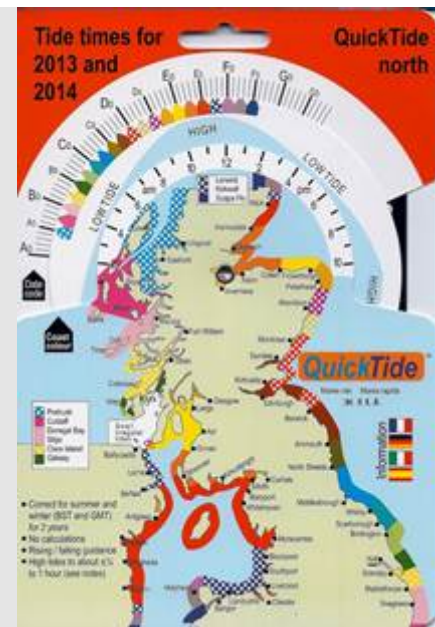
We've been playing with the National Library of Scotland's updated [maps website](#). And what a site! We love the geo-referenced maps. The OS 1st edition 6-inch series surveyed in the mid-late 19th century is an incredible resource for historic coastal sites. Use the slide bar to explore the historic maps over a modern map or satellite to explore your local coastline and see how much it's changed.



Last minute stocking fillers

Two great reads that will delight anyone who's interested in the coast and seas. Professor Chris Smout's and Mairi Stewart's **'The Firth of Forth: An Environmental History'**, is a highly readable, scholarly and passionate exploration of the relationship between people and nature on the mighty Firth of Forth. **'This Shrinking Land: Climate Change and Britain's Coasts'** by Professor Robert Duck of the University of Dundee takes you on a fascinating journey of coastal change around Britain. Both books are available from all good real and internet book shops.

For those bright January days, bracing hikes along the coast are perfect for blowing the cobwebs away, and you shouldn't be without a [QuickTide tide table](#). This clever tide table is essential for planning coastal walks, and highlights Spring Tides so you can see when you're most likely to spot intertidal archaeological features.



East coast wild weather

The combination of high tides and easterly gales last week resulted in some spectacular and damaging waves along our east coast. Now it's all quiet again, this is the perfect time to check your local beach for new archaeological discoveries and to record any damage to historic or archaeological sites. As always you can send us your information and photographs through the [website](#), or [email us](#).

Could you be a citizen archaeologist of the coast?

The project is actively recruiting volunteers to help with coastal surveys and to develop ideas for local projects. [Find out more](#)

Merry Christmas from the SCHARP Team!

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

The three year project will run until 2015 and is generously funded and supported by the [Heritage Lottery Fund](#), [Historic Scotland](#), the [Crown Estate](#) and the [University of St Andrews](#).

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