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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th January:

Joanna will be talking to Crail History Society about the excavations at Brora and the [Archaeology of Early Modern Salt Houses](#)

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February:

ShoreDIG: [Recording the scuttled herring fleet of Embo](#) with the NAS and NoSAS

Saturday 8th March:

[ShoreUPDATE training event](#), John Gray Centre, Haddington

Saturday 22nd March:

SCHARP's [Ask an Expert event](#), WILT Lecture Theatre, University of Glasgow.

Wemyss Caves

Jonathan's Cave was the focus of our digital recording and interpretation project with SWACS at Wemyss Caves in November. A team from the York Archaeological Trust applied a range of digital data capture techniques to make the best record possible of the cave and Pictish carvings. Members of the public had a go with all of the techniques, and local residents generously shared their memories and old photographs of the Caves and East Wemyss with us. All this will be brought together to create new interpretation of the caves that reflects their historic importance and local value. [Read more in our blog](#)

An old photo, brought in by Isabella Fraser, shows wild seas at East Wemyss



Recording Embo's abandoned herring fleet

In Skelbo on the shores of Loch Fleet, NoSAS members have identified the remains of Embo's abandoned herring fleet. During a wild, wet and windy day we cleared the seaweed from the boats, discovering two more wrecks in the process, and surveyed their locations in preparation for more detailed recording next year. [We'll be back in February](#) with the [Nautical Archaeology Society](#) and local volunteers to survey the remains in detail and learn more about the vessels and the story behind the scuttling of the fleet.

An antique bottle stranded in the keel of one of the Embo fishing boat wrecks



Eyemouth update

We were back in Eyemouth in October, doing a geophysical survey of the promontory and demonstrating the virtual model of the reconstructed fort. Although it's not finished yet, the model's looking great. The impressive fortifications in the model really help to make sense of the earthworks on the headland, and you can even fire the cannons on the ramparts!

An aerial view of the Eyemouth Fort model shows how the ramparts defended the promontory



Ask an Expert - Saturday 22nd March 2014

Your chance to learn about the huge range of current techniques, specialisms and services applied in archaeology. On Saturday March 22nd archaeological experts from across the discipline will gather in the WILT Centre, Glasgow for a day of talks and Q&A's. The event is free, and booking is essential. Click on the word cloud for more information.



Find out more about the event on the [SCHARP website](#).

Space is limited, so [get in touch to book your place](#).



Wild winter weather

After the recent storms that have battered our coast, now is a good time to go out and see what's changed.

We're really interested in your photos and information of sites or stretches of coast affected by the storms. Check the [Sites at Risk Map](#) for records of vulnerable sites in your area, and visit them to see how they fared in the wild weather – or see if you can spot any new ones that have been uncovered by erosion. A perfect way of testing the revised app!

ShoreUPDATE roundup

- ❖ We were blessed with beautiful weather for our visit to prehistoric sites at the wonderful Sands of Forvie nature reserve during a ShoreUPDATE event in Aberdeen, in partnership with the [North East Scotland Archaeological Research Society \(NESARS\)](#).
- ❖ The new version of the ShoreUPDATE app for Apple and Android devices has now been released, and you can download it from the [SCHARP homepage](#). Here you'll find training video showing you how to use the apps. Have a go with the new version and let us know how you get on.
- ❖ Hard to imagine we know, but the days will get longer soon and we'll be gearing up for another year of ShoreUPDATE surveys. [Get in touch with us](#) if you would like a ShoreUPDATE training event in your area.



Happy Christmas

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](#)

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[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 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](#).