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### Dates for your diary

#### [9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April: Glasgow](#)

If you're going to the annual gathering of archaeologists at the IFA conference in Glasgow, come and say hello.

#### [18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April: Sanday](#)

Catch up with the Sanday community and archaeology group. Various activities including talks and field trips to visit coastal sites at risk.

#### [Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Kirkcaldy](#)

6.30pm, Adam Smith theatre, Kirkcaldy.

Launch of Wemyss Caves 4D at the annual SWACS lecture.



### [Ask an Expert: archaeology fact finding event](#)

We've had great positive feedback from you about our Ask an Expert event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Glasgow. You liked the 8 minute talks format, the range of topics covered and the chance to meet and sit down with specialists to discuss techniques and ideas. The biscuit selection also received high praise! Thank you to everybody who came and contributed and especially to our speakers and experts who helped make it such a successful day. We enjoyed meeting you all. For those who couldn't make it, the short talks were videoed and will be available online soon.

### [Regan's video](#)

Regan Alsup, a young freelance filmmaker from the US joined SCAPE for two weeks in March. Regan is interested in documenting the impact of climate change to cultural heritage and so SCAPE's work provided rich subject matter for her. In her brief time in Scotland, Regan shot and edited a short film based upon the community excavations at the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Brora salt pans in East Sutherland. She entered her film in an international competition run by Action 4 Climate for young film makers. It's a great film – which you can watch by clicking on the picture.



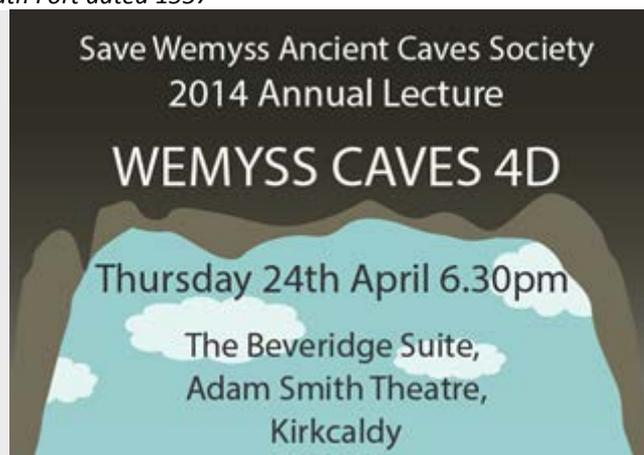
### [Eyemouth update](#)

Pupils from Eyemouth Primary School and Eyemouth High School along with the Friends of the Fort are helping us with the development of a virtual model of the fort by testing the prototype and giving us their feedback – and by helping out with surveying on the fort itself. A talk in Eyemouth Community Centre by Bess Rhodes, a St Andrews-based historian, and David Caldwell, who excavated the fort in the 1980's was attended by a record breaking c. 120 people. The friends of the Fort certainly know how to get the word out! Virtual Eyemouth Fort will be launched in Eyemouth Museum in time for the summer holidays. Read more on the [blog](#).

*Spy plan of Eyemouth Fort dated 1557*

### [Wemyss Caves update](#)

Wemyss Caves 4D is the culmination of the digital documentation of Jonathan's Cave reported in our December Newsletter. A website will enable you to visit a virtual Jonathan's Cave and explore it's history and amazing resource of Pictish cave carvings. The website will be launched at SWAC's Annual Lecture on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Adam Smith Theatre Kirkcaldy. Come along to hear about the project from all those who contributed and be the first to see the results in what will be a fascinating and exciting evening. Click [here](#) for details.





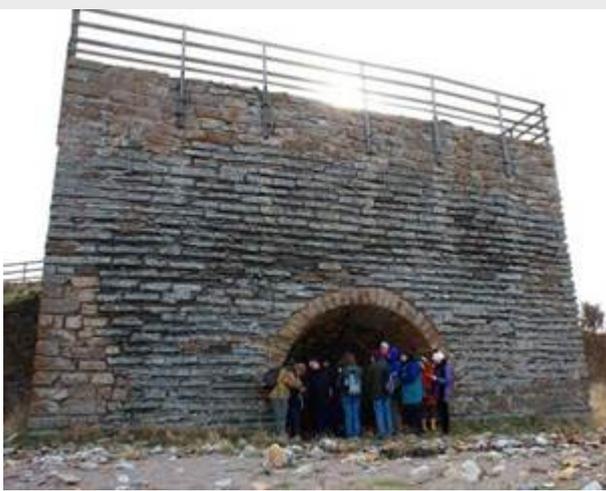
## The last of the Embo Zulus

From an unobtrusive start as a ShoreUPDATE survey record, the research and recording of the remains of wooden boats in Loch Fleet is revealing a compelling story of the impact of 2 World Wars and over exploitation on a once great national fishing industry. Thanks to the continuing efforts of NoSAS members, the survey of the boats at Loch Fleet is now complete, while the memories of local people have complemented research in the archives. Our [blog post](#) will tell you more.

## Storm response

THANK YOU to ShoreUPDATERs who responded to our appeal for volunteers to check the condition of coastal sites after the severe winter storms. We've received many ShoreUPDATE surveys and photos recording the condition of vulnerable sites and we're pleased to be able to say that although there were some areas of damage, overall most of Scotland's coasts weren't too badly affected.

*Newly exposed walls eroding out of a settlement mound at Newark on Sanday, Orkney Isles. Sent in by Cath.*



## ShoreUPDATE roundup

We've been exploring different parts of the coast with our first ShoreUPDATE events of 2014. At the start of March we visited Skateraw Harbour with a group of volunteers for our Haddington ShoreUPDATE training day. Later in the month we spent a weekend with members of Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society surveying high priority sites along the East Lothian coast. We really enjoyed learning about the area, and getting to know you all.

*ShoreUPDATERs shelter from the wind in the limekiln at Skateraw Harbour*

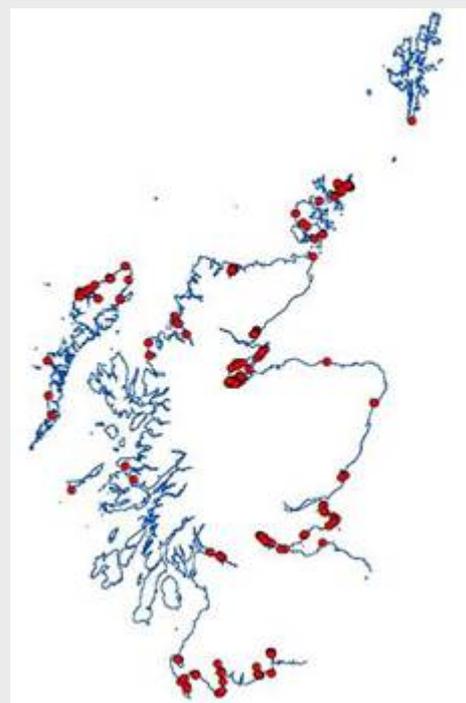
## SCHARP at half way

After 18 months of Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk, YOU have submitted **434** ShoreUPDATE surveys, **168** new records and nearly **1200** photographs of coastal heritage sites. Nearly **600** of you have become Citizen Archaeologists of the coast, taking part in coastal surveys and ShoreDIG projects.

You are making a significant contribution to archaeological knowledge in Scotland, and your information will help all of us better understand and manage coastal heritage in the future.

So well done. And keep going!

The map on the right shows the locations of your ShoreUPDATE surveys. As you can see, there are still gaps and plenty to do.



Go to our website [www.scharp.co.uk](http://www.scharp.co.uk) for more information about what's involved. Check out the training available on-line under the GUIDANCE tab. Get in touch if you would like training for your group or if you have a project idea.

## 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](#).