

Recording Findhorn's fishing heritage

July saw us return to the shores of the river Findhorn to record the remains of around 30 Zulu herring drifters lined up on Culbin Sands. Quick cleaning of the wooden vessels revealed a host of details and surviving features, before we recorded the most complete surviving boats in detail. Look at the [Facebook album](#) for some highlights from the weekend. Local research by [Findhorn Village Heritage](#) and the [Forres Heritage Trust](#) has unearthed some charming photos of the site at the start of the 20th century. The boats pulled up on the sand in the photos could well be some of the remains we recorded.

Early 20th century photo of a family outing at Bisness, on the Culbin side of Findhorn Bay



Video making at Wig Bay

Young people from [Apex Stranraer](#) teamed up with the RAF Wig Bay generation to make a film about the history of the flying boat base and its stories. Together we explored the remains of the site, filmed the base and interviewed participants. Two teams competed to create their films, carrying out interviews, learning to use the cameras and equipment, and editing their footage.

[Watch a preview of the films here.](#)

ShoreUPDATE roundup

Highlights (of many) from Orkney include an unusual enclosure on [South Ronaldsay](#) and [extensive multi-phase settlement at Muker Hoose on Papa Westray](#).

In the great company of [Archaeology Shetland](#) we targeted the remaining red sites around Shetland, including a [half-sectioned building in the eroding coast at Hillswick](#) not seen since the 19th century.

We had our first SCHARP visit to beautiful Islay. Wind erosion to the dune systems focused our attention on Ardnave Peninsula, where we recorded some [new sites](#) as well as updating known ones.

Half-sectioned Norse(?) building at Hillswick



SCHARP recommends...

Scotland's annual Community Heritage Conference is being held on November 14th and 15th at Pitlochry this year. More details and booking on the Archaeology Scotland [website](#).

Autumn has rolled around again with the regular round of regional archaeological conferences in October and November. There's probably one in your area where you can learn about recent archaeological work, visit [Digit! 2015's events page](#) to see what's on near you.

Could you be a citizen archaeologist of the coast?

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