

Stop, Look and Listen



The ARCH Stop, Look and Listen project came to an end this month.

The 3 year project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the European Community Highland LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, and with support from Highland Council and Scotrail packed in lots of courses and activities from Skye to Auldearn and Golspie to Boat of Garden.

The six programmes - Community Timelines, Pathways into the Past, Delve into the Past, Display the Past, Living in the Past and Heritage Along the Kyle Line -attracted over 493 people, resulting in 23 displays which toured locally and at conferences, 2 professional displays at Groam House Museum and Nairn Museum, 14 archives of information distributed to 29 libraries, museums, or community centres, 3 books (one for each of the first three programmes), a tourist leaflet and MP3 commentaries for the Kyle line and an excavation manual.

The benefits of having local people research and promote their heritage can clearly be seen by the contributions to

heritage databases: 139 new records and 402 updates including 771 pictures and 61 reports!

Participants ranged from primary school age to their 80s, sometimes working side by side.

The excitement and fun were commented on by many of you.

Lots more information about the courses can be found on the website

www.archhighland.org.uk

What next?

ARCH continues to offer courses and other activities and we are fundraising for another large, 3 year project focussing on Telford remains. The application passed the Heritage Lottery Fund's first round, and now the difficult task of finding match funding will take up the next few months.

We are also in discussion about a number of other courses or small projects. In the meantime, we are keen to hear from groups and individuals for other ideas you might like to take forward in your area.

We are always keen to respond!



Evanton Wartime Remains

The Evanton Wartime Remains project will take off from the end of February. On Wednesday evenings at the Cornerstone Cafe in Evanton, 7-9:30pm, from February through to July, there will be sessions to explore memories of the wartime remains in the village, to explore archive and other information, and then sessions to create a display and tourist leaflet. There will also be walks and opportunities to record by photograph and GPS some of the many remains still surviving.

We are very lucky that plans and aerial photographs from the 1940s survive, as well as some interesting buildings. All in all it is shaping up to be an exciting few months.

The programme will kick off on 20 February with a lecture by Allan Kilpatrick of the RCAHMS about wartime remains in Easter Ross. Many of you will have heard Allan speak before, or have been on one of his guided walks during Highland Archaeology Fortnight, so know that his knowledge and enthusiasm for Highland wartime remains is both impressive and infectious!

For the reminiscence sessions, all are welcome, whether you remember the wartime years or just want to learn more! We invite people to help write down the memories of those who are contributing, and to help ask questions. Other



ARCH reminiscence sessions have shown that they are exciting and highly informative - and there is every reason to guess that the Evanton sessions will also be!

If you would like to be kept informed of events, please contact the ARCH office if you have not already done so. Come for some or all of the sessions! If you need help getting to and from the Cornerstone Cafe, do get in touch and we will try to arrange car share or transport.

The Evanton Wartime Remains project is funded by the European Community Highland LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, Community Council's Novar Windfarm funding Kiltearn Community Council (supported by RWEpower renewables), Highland Council, The Co-operative Membership Community Fund and the Robert Kiln Trust.



Evanton Wartime Remains Programme

Everyone welcome. No previous experience necessary

Easter Ross wartime remains:
lecture by Allan Kilpatrick Wed, 20 Feb 7.30pm

Sharing Memories Community gatherings on Wednesdays from 7.00 - 9.30pm from 27 Feb to 13 March

Exploring Archives, Maps and Aerial Photographs on Weds 20 March to 10 April from 7.00 -9:30pm

All indoor meetings are in the Cornerstone Cafe, Evanton There will be further sessions through to July, to pull together results from sharing memories, research and walks. A full programme is available on the website, or by contacting the office.

Weekend walks and building surveys
March through May (subject to change due to weather!)
Saturday 2 March: Outdoor walk 1
Saturday 24 March: photography and GPS
Saturday 6 April: Family walk: matching archive materials to remains on the ground
Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 April: Outdoor Survey
Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 April: Outdoor Survey
Weekends in May depending on interest



Using Heritage Databases at The Cornerstone Cafe, Evanton on Wed, 30 Jan 7-9:30

Information about our heritage is held in two databases available on the internet. The Highland Council Historic Environment Record (HER) contains records dealing with the Highland Council area. The RCAHMS Canmore database has information for all of Scotland. Both databases encourage local people to submit photographs and information and, as ARCH courses have shown, local people can make significant contributions to our local heritage knowledge.

Coastal Erosion around Evanton

Training session 28 April

After some residents of Evanton expressed concerns about coastal erosion around Evanton and the deteriorating state of Kiltearn Old Parish church, Susan approached the SCAPE project (Scottish Coastal Archaeology and the Problem of Erosion).

They have just started a new project called Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project (SCH@RP) which encourages local people to record and monitor sites which are subject to coastal erosion. Some they know about already, but they are keen to hear about new ones. If you have an android

phone you can record information and photographs with their smartphone app and interactive map. For those without, it is possible to submit information in more traditional ways.



The project team will be coming up to this area in April to provide training sessions. On Sunday 28 April there will be training sessions at Cornerstone Cafe in Evanton, and then

along the coast. Then on Monday 29 April, Jo Hambly from SCAPE will tell us more about the project as part of the ARCH lecture series at Dingwall Community Centre.

Jo encourages people to register and start doing your own surveys as individuals if you know a stretch of coastline well or would like to have a go before the training sessions. The recording is designed to be as straightforward as possible - and if you get stuck you can give the project a ring or contact them by email. Winter is actually the best time to do surveys - and the weather is good sometimes!

Further information about the SCH@RP project is available on their website <http://scharp.co.uk/>

Putting Scotland's Women on the Map

Many women have contributed to the life and history of Scotland. Memorials such as statues, plaques, street signs, bridges or buildings have helped to keep these women's names alive and commemorate their achievements (photo is from Portree).



The Women of Scotland website, part of a project run by the Glasgow Women's Library and Women's History Scotland, is encouraging people to find and record memorials celebrating women in Scotland, contributing to their map on the website www.womenofscotland.org.uk

The Highlands are noticeably sparse - and we can help to change this!

Morag Smith from the Glasgow Women's Library will be coming up to give an ARCH workshop on **Monday 25 February at Alness Heritage Centre** (note change of venue from normal ARCH lectures), at 7:30. She will also be leading workshops as part of the **WEA Women@Work project** in Inverness (Monday 25 Feb, 1-3:30pm) and Brora Community Centre (Tuesday, 26 Feb, 1:30-4pm). These are open to any women in these areas.

Further details of the women@work workshops from Cath Findlay at womenatwork@weascotland.org.uk or 01463 710577.

Picturing Archaeology



Lachlan will be sharing his love for photography and teaching the skills needed to use images to record heritage sites. These day long courses will involve a site visit, where Lachlan will teach scale drawing techniques and the use of photography to record information - including the wonderful world of photosynth and 3-D images.

The courses will take place in Tain, Invergordon and Alness on 24 Feb, 3 Mar and 24 Mar. Get in touch with Lachlan to confirm times on lmkeggie@archhighland.org.uk or through the ARCH office and website.



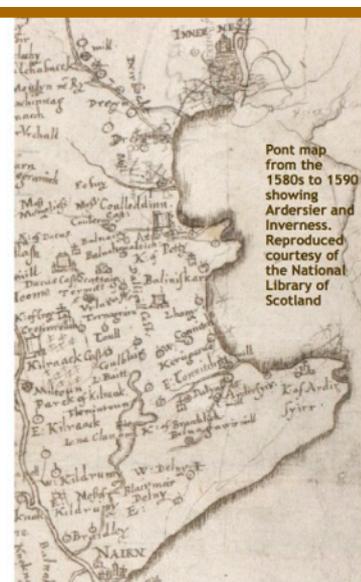
Ancient Crafts

Dingwall Community Centre
Saturdays 10:30-15:30

Free workshops - make something to take home!



No lunch provided
For more information:
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Pont map from the 1580s to 1590s showing Ardersier and Inverness. Reproduced courtesy of the National Library of Scotland



Ardersier Heritage

Interested in your past but confused about what happened when?

Find out about the heritage of the area, from the earliest settlers to recent remains, then research sites, buildings and finds of interest

Informal and lively, this course assumes no previous knowledge.

Come to one or both parts
All welcome

Part 1 Heritage overview
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 19th February to 5th March from 7.00- 9:30pm at The Old School Hall in Ardersier

Part 2 Focus on the Past
Saturdays 9 - 30th March 10.00am - 1.00pm at The Old School Hall in Ardersier

Cost will be £2.50 per session/ free to low income



Norse mount, found near Ardersier. Image courtesy of Treasure Trove

ARCH Lectures

This season we have lectures and related walks.

Archaeological measured survey on Scotland's national forest estate

Monday 28 January, 7.30pm at Dingwall Community Centre. Matt Ritchie, Archaeologist for Forestry Commission Scotland, presents a number of recent archaeological surveys. The whistlestop tour of Scotland's national forest estate will include late Neolithic four poster stone circles, Iron Age duns and vitrified forts, medieval mottes and 18th century military bridges.

Wartime remains in Easter Ross

Wednesday 20 February: Cornerstone Cafe, Evanton at 7.30pm. Allan Kilpatrick will talk about Wartime Remains in Easter Ross, including some of the remains in Evanton which will feature in ARCH's Evanton Wartime Remains (see page 2)

Mapping memorials to Women in Scotland

Monday 25 February, Alness Heritage Centre at 7.30pm. (see p3)

Not "just some old huts in the hills!" - Shielings in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland

Monday 25 March, Dingwall Community Centre at 7.30pm. Until the early nineteenth century, shielings - upland summer pastures - were an indispensable part of the farming cycle right across the Highlands and Islands. Steve Boyle of the RCAHMS will look at the history and archaeology of shieling settlements across Scotland. There will be an opportunity to explore some shielings and other sites with Steve on the Tuesday and Wednesday (26 and 27 March). Contact the office if you want to be kept informed.

Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project (SCH@RP) (see details on p3).

Monday 29 April, Dingwall Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Suggested donation for talks £3

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