



Out & About Summer 2022

Welcome to Archaeology Scotland's June newsletter, where we bring you the latest events, news and opportunities from archaeology and heritage in Scotland, as well as a bi-monthly update from our team

Archaeology Scotland's Highlight



Student Prize 2022

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to a generous anonymous donation, we are running for a second year a competition to recognise excellence in written work on Scottish archaeology produced in the 2021–22 academic year by students at Scottish universities.

There are two categories:

1. Best Undergraduate Dissertation
2. Best Taught Postgraduate Dissertation

Find out more about the competition [here.](#)



Cathkin Park Dig

We concluded our work excavating at Cathkin Park in Glasgow last Sunday, 26 June.

During this time, we hosted various activities tailored for all audiences, including our Summer Field School, school visits, our New Audiences project, YAC's competition prize and an open day part of our contribution to this year's European Heritage Days and Scottish Refugee Festival.

Some of our finds include the foundations of the Third Lanark pavilion, including what we believe to be the dressing rooms and bath, pottery with the colours of the Third Lanark AC, bricks and objects such as sweet wrappers and bandages tins.

We were delighted to receive coverage from various incredible journalists and publications, including articles written by [Sandra Dick](#) and [Debora Anderson](#) for The Herald Scotland, [Lee Dalgetty's](#) article for Glasgow Live and a special feature in STV news by Olly Dickinson. Find out more about the site's stories, our work, the discoveries and participants who made this dig a great success by clicking on each journalist's name.



Royal Highland Show

We attended the Royal Highland Show from 23 - 26 June at Inverness.

As part of our participation, we prepared various activities, including our digging pits, our querns to make flour, quill writing and rock painting stations and a mini-exhibit of the fantastic work we do at Archaeology Scotland.

We also organised a corporate prize draw to engage with the community at large.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to say hi and participated in the activities we prepared for you. We hope to be back again next year!



Archaeology in Schools

Exploring Local Heritage

Learning

You can now view 'Archaeology in Schools: Exploring Local Heritage' on Archaeology Scotland's YouTube channel.

The workshop is aimed at teachers, home educators and youth leaders looking to gain inspiration and hear practical tips for their next project.

Watch the recording [here](#).



Scottish Archaeology Month - Call for Entries

The call for entries to this year's Scottish Archaeology Month is still open!

If you are planning an in-person or online event, such as a guided walk, dig, open day, exhibition, lecture, online talk or other digital content, we would like to hear from you.

Please share your event plans through our website's [registration form](#) or send details about them to m.gundestrup@archaeologyscotland.org.uk.

We have extended the deadline until 1 August.

We look forward to all the events already shaping an excellent programme for this year.

European Archaeology Days

Archaeology Scotland participated in the European Archaeology Days for the first time this year.

This celebration is an initiative by the French National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research (Inrap), which has spread from France to the rest of Europe since 2019. It takes place over a weekend every year in mid-June.

This year 30 European countries participated, with more than 1500 sites offering activities.

We will return for next year's edition from 16 to 18 June!

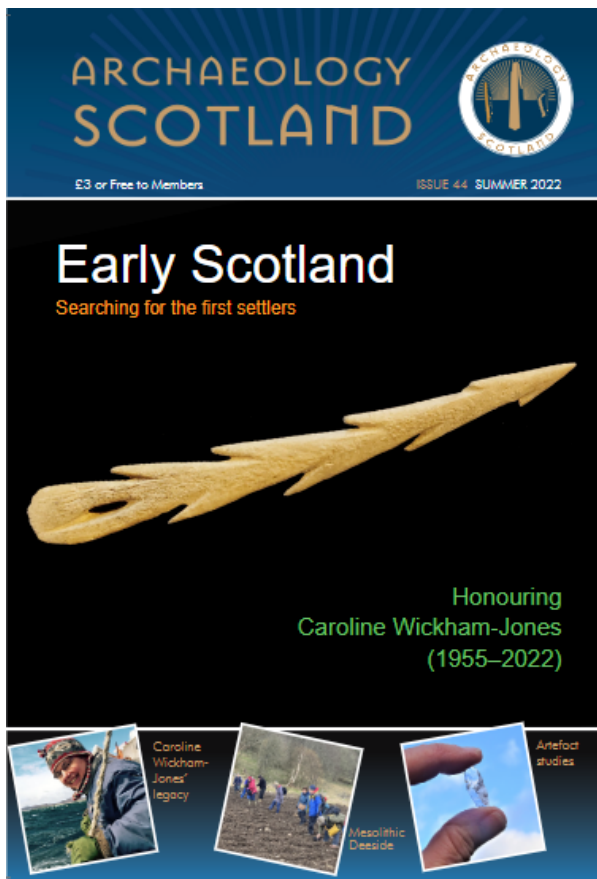


Scottish Archaeology Fair

Mark your calendars! On 4 September, Archaeology Scotland and Can You Dig It will bring back the Scottish Archaeology Fair after years of absence. We will be celebrating the launch of Scottish Archaeology Month, and the end of the Can You Dig It project, part of the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership in Dumfries and Galloway.

To honour the legacy of Can You Dig It, the event will gather local heritage groups, facilitating a space to network and showcase their work, alongside various activities for all ages, including heritage walks, re-enactment, music, crafts, and talks.

The festivities will take place in Castle Douglas on Sunday 4 September. More information about it will be published soon. We hope to see you there!



Archaeology Scotland's Summer Magazine

The Summer 2022 issue of our magazine is out now!

Keep an eye on your mailbox or get your copy by becoming a member [here](#).

Legacies

If you want to ensure that our past is protected for future generations, then remembering Archaeology Scotland in your Will could be an option.

After taking care of your loved ones, making a gift in your Will could make a difference and help support the crucial work we do throughout Scotland with community groups, schools and youth groups to preserve our heritage and campaign for better legislation to protect our cultural and heritage assets.

To find out more about how to leave a legacy to us, click [here](#).

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Events



Scottish Traveller History and Heritage

Thursday 30 June at 7 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

Spectacular Jousting

Saturday 2 July to Sunday 3 July, 11.30 am – 4.30 pm

In-person at Linlithgow Palace - [Book here](#)

Metal Detecting and Treasure Trove in Scotland

Thursday 21 July at 7 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

Gaelic Landscapes of the 19th century

Friday 29 July at 7.30 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

The History and Archaeology of the Seaweed Industry

Saturday 13 August, at 7.30 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

Kilmartin V Cochno: Scotland's Biggest Rock Art Sites

Thursday 18 August at 7 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

Festival of Traditional Buildings

Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August

Hybrid – Holyrood Park Education Centre, Edinburgh - [Book here](#).

Community Heritage Conversations – Youth Takeover

24 August

Online – [Book here](#).

Oban Games: A Traditional Highland Games

Thursday 25 August

In-person – [Book here](#).

The Medieval Burial Monuments and Sculpture of Kilmartin

Thursday 15 September at 7 pm

Online – [Book here](#)

Talking Picts with Professor Gordon Noble

Saturday 17 September at 2 pm

In-person – Mintlaw Library, Peterhead - [Book here](#).

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Cammo Estate Dig - Edinburgh

Monday 17 January - Monday 26 December

In 2022, The Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society will continue its Monday digs at Cammo Estate on the outskirts of Edinburgh. [Contact them](#) to take part.

Book of Deer Dig - Aberdeenshire

Monday 18 April - Friday 09 September

Based in Aden Country Park and part of the Book of Deer Project, this opportunity entails digging at the site of the early mediaeval monastery where the Book of Deer was annotated with the earliest written Gaelic. To book a place, contact: cameronarch@btinternet.com

Ness of Brodgar Dig - Orkney

Wednesday 6 July - 17 August

Built over 5,000 years ago, Ness of Brodgar in Orkney has been the focus of this project for more than 15 decades. Visit [their website](#) to learn more about how to get involved.

Battle Hill Dig - Aberdeenshire

Tuesday 12 July - Friday 22 July

Battle Hill is the 21st season of research into Aberdeenshire's prehistoric settlement patterns. This season will focus on a previously unknown Pictish hillfort and a prehistoric burial cairn near Huntly. For more information, contact Dr Murray Cook at info@rampartscotland.co.uk or visit [Rampart Scotland's](#) website.

Building Survey at Woodhead Lead Mine – Dumfries and Galloway

Thursday 14 July

Join the Can You Dig It team to survey the remains of a 19th-century mining village near Carsphairn. Book your place [here](#).

Skaill Farm Dig – Orkney

Monday 04 July – 22 July

This fascinating dig taking place in Rousay, Orkney, is investigating a site from the Norse period. This project is a continuation of previous work done by the University of Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute, and the public is welcome to visit. For further information, contact sigurd.towrie@uhi.ac.uk

Saline Old Kirkyard Summer Dig - Fife

Saturday 23 July – Wednesday 27 July

Hosted by the Saline and District Heritage Society, this dig aims to explore the Saline Old Kirkyard church's early medieval and 16th -century heritage. To participate as a volunteer, contact salinedistrictheritage@gmail.com

1722 Waggonway Dig - East Lothian

Saturday 3 September – Sunday 4 September

Based in Cockenzie, this project returns this summer to excavate the 'coalfault', the place where the waggonway's coal was taken to be stored. Anyone wishing to take part in the dig must pre-book a space. The heritage centre will be open to visitors throughout the dig's duration. Contact info@1722waggonway.co.uk to book your place.



If you have something to share, please get in touch with us at
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