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Fun in the sun



Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework: launching soon!

The launch of the Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework (PKARF) is less than 1 month away. PKARF will be launched at 1pm on September 5th 2022 as part of Scottish Archaeology Month.

This new framework, created by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT), will provide an important and accessible resource to anyone interested in the archaeology of Perth and Kinross. PKARF complements the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF), offering a finer resolution picture that will help inform our understanding of past human activity at both regional and national levels. This framework will assess the gaps in our knowledge and help to inform future research in the Perth and Kinross region.

There is still time to submit a Case Study and contribute to PKARF. If you'd like to do so please get in touch with the ScARF team [here](#).



Highland Archaeology Festival - Free Workshops hosted by ScARF

As part of the Highland Archaeology Festival (24th Sept-14th Oct), ScARF will be hosting two exciting workshops at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery.

These events will be free and open to anyone interested in either the conservation or illustration of archaeological artefacts.

Join us on Thursday the 29th September (10am - 1pm), for a hands on Basic Finds Conservation workshop, which will cover the initial assessment of finds, handling, packing and support, as well as which materials to use and some important do's and don'ts. This workshop will be led by Jeanette Pearson, the Conservation Officer for Highland Council.

On Friday the 30th September (10am - 12pm), illustrator Thomas Small will be leading a Small Finds Illustration workshop, perfect for beginners or those wishing to brush up on their drawing skills. Come along for expert tuition and have fun drawing fascinating artefacts from Scotland's past.

Visit the Highland Archaeology Festival website for the full calendar of events, or get in touch with ScARF directly if you're interested in attending.

Participants at a ScARF workshop in Inverness © 2020 ScARF



Registration now open for ScARF's 10th Anniversary event!

ScARF's 10th anniversary event is fast approaching!

To celebrate a decade of ScARF, we are hosting an event on Saturday 26th November at Augustine United Church in Edinburgh from 10am to 4pm. This event will give participants, old and new, a chance to celebrate how far ScARF has come, and learn about our next steps. A day of short talks from key ScARF contributors will explore the Past, Present and Future of ScARF, followed by a drinks reception and cake. We will also be streaming the event live, via Zoom, for those wishing to join us from home.

The event is free to attend and all refreshments will be provided. We hope you can make it! Please don't hesitate to contact us at scarf@socantscot.org with any questions or special requirements.

Register to attend the event in person or online via our Eventbrite link [here!](#)



SIRFA - Orkney Symposium Announced

After a long delay due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are happy to announce that the Orkney symposium for the Scotland's Islands Research Framework for Archaeology (SIRFA) will take place from 24th-27th March 2023. It will be held both in Orkney and online as a hybrid event. The project began in July 2018, with two symposiums having already taken place in the Western Isles in January 2019, and Shetland in September 2019. Now, with the final Orkney symposium fast approaching, the SIRFA project is in its final stages.

The event will be open to all stakeholders of archaeological research in the Scottish Isles, including: individuals and organisations whose work involves archaeological research, as well as anyone who engages with the outcomes of research such as museums professionals, commercial archaeologists, academic researchers, archaeology students, community heritage groups, independent researchers and local and national government agencies. The purpose of the event is to identify research gaps and areas of research potential.

Visit the ScARF website for regular updates and more details about the conference.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about SIRFA.

Participants at the Broch of Mousa during the SIRFA symposium in Shetland

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New Early Career Research Case Study

One of our ScARF bursary recipients has written a new Case Study about her PhD research at the University of Glasgow. Orla Craig is aiming to elucidate what happened in Galloway between AD 800–1100, and why the Galloway Hoard was deposited in this place at this time. We look forward to following this project as it progresses. Click [here](#) to read the full Case Study.

Since 2015, ScARF has been committed to supporting students and ECRs studying any aspect of Scottish archaeology by encouraging collaboration and awarding bursaries to attend conferences, workshops and other events. Our [ECR webpage](#) provides a platform for researchers to share their work and become part of a large network of researchers across Scotland.

If you are an ECR or student with research to share and would like to submit a ScARF Case Study, we'd love to hear from you. [Contact us](#) with a brief summary of your research and how it relates to the research questions posed across our frameworks!

Threave Castle on the River Dee © Orla Craig

Get in Touch

We are available for virtual and in person talks and chats - we are keen to spread the word about ScARF, our on-going projects and plans for the future. If your Society, university or heritage group would like to know more, please [get in touch!](#)

As always - if you have any general queries or want to contribute anything to ScARF, you can email us directly. Just click the button below:

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