

HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE 2026

Saturday 10th October

Chair: Gavin MacGregor, Archaeology Scotland

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration / tea and coffee / browse the display stands</i>
09:30 – 09:35	Introductions and Housekeeping
09:35 – 09:40	Welcome
09:40 – 10:00	Excavation of a cropmark site, Wester Moy Henge, near Contin Lindsay Dunbar, AOC Archaeology Group
10:00 – 10:20	Highlights of recent coastal heritage surveys in the Dornoch Firth and Caithness Joanna Hambly, SCAPE
10:20 – 10:40	The Gairloch Roundhouse Project <i>TBC</i> Corinna Annetts, Gairloch Museum
10:40 – 10:55	<i>Discussion and questions</i>
10:55 – 11:20	<i>Break / Tea and coffee</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Before the Roof Comes Off: The Overlooked Heritage of Highland Rural Industry Calum McLean, MAAC Studio Ltd
11:40 – 12:00	The Inverness Castle Project <i>TBC</i> Stuart MacKellar, LDN Architects
12:00 – 12:20	Inverness Castle: discovering what lies beneath Mary Peteranna, AOC Archaeology Group
12:20 – 12:35	<i>Discussion and questions</i>
12:35 – 14:10	<i>Lunch / browse the display stands / poster sessions</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Excavations at Tarradale, Muir of Ord: An Unexpected Kiln James McComas, North of Scotland Archaeological Society
14:30 – 15:00	National Library of Scotland maps and archaeology: new tools and content Chris Fleet, National Library of Scotland
15:00 – 15:20	The ARCH Map Scanning Project Roland Spencer Jones, Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands
15:20 – 15:35	<i>Discussion and questions</i>
15:35 – 16:00	<i>Break – Tea/Coffee</i>
16:00 – 16:20	The Volunteer Force and their Rifle Ranges in the Highlands Tom Davis, Highland Archaeology Services
16:20 – 16:40	In hind-sight: an overview of the changing relationship between red deer and people in Scottish prehistory Kath Page, University of the Highlands and Islands
16:40 – 17:00	<i>Final discussion and questions. CLOSE.</i>



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Sunday 11th October

Chair: Lynne McKeggie, Highland Archaeology Services

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration / tea and coffee / browse the display stands</i>
09:30 – 09:35	<i>Introductions & housekeeping</i>
09:35 – 09:45	Welcome
09:45 – 10:05	Designating Protected Historic Places: HES's work in the Highlands since 2016 Kevin Munro, Historic Environment Scotland
10:05 – 10:25	Masters of Craft: artefacts from St. Moluag's, Lismore Gemma Cruickshank, National Museum of Scotland
10:25 – 10:45	Reconnecting the dead in Iron Age Britain: funerary processing and long-distance connectivity at Loch Borralie, Scotland Laura Castells Navarro, University of York
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Discussion and questions</i>
11:00 – 11:25	<i>Break / Tea and coffee</i>
11:25 – 11:45	High Five! The Highland Archaeological Research Framework – 5 years on... Helen Spencer, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
11:45 – 12:05	Broch 'n' Roll: Thirteen Years of Pointing at Inconspicuous Mounds with the Caithness Broch Project Kenneth McElroy, Caithness Broch Project
12:05 – 12:45	Transforming the Old School House to Brora Heritage <i>TBC</i> Nick Lindsay, Clyne Heritage Society
12:45 – 13:00	<i>Discussion and questions</i>
13:00 – 14:25	<i>Lunch / browse the display stands / poster sessions</i>
14:25 – 14:45	Weird Enough to be Iron Age? Excavations at Evelix Quarry Lachlan McKeggie, Highland Archaeology Services
14:45 – 15:05	Survey of an Island: An Archaeologist's Adventures on Rum Steven Birch, West Coast Archaeological Services
15:05 – 15:25	19th century Rural Industry at Meanish Pier: Skye to South Uist Subsea cable David Sneddon, Clyde Archaeology
15:25 – 15:45	New Additions to the Highland Historic Environment Record Ian Scrivener-Lindley, Highland Council
15:45 – 16:05	<i>Discussion and questions, CLOSE</i>



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