



# Research in Practice



The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) is an ongoing and updateable resource first made available in 2012. Many archaeological projects across Scotland have ScARF research questions at their heart.

Here are just a few of them...

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Iron Age roundhouse, The Black Spout wood, nr Pitlochry

Through community excavations, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust has contributed to our understanding of monumental Iron Age buildings in Scotland. The Black Spout helps us understand how the brochs and duns, predominately found in the north and west of Scotland, may relate to large timber round houses in the lowlands and east coast.

See more in ScARF - Iron Age - Building in the Round Image © Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust





Source to Sea: discovering our connections with the Clyde

Source to Sea is a five-year research programme that aims to discover our past, present and potential future connections with the River Clyde system. The programme aims to create collaborative partnerships between local people and the historic environment sector more widely, by choosing different time periods, places and research themes along the river system.

See more in ScARF - Marine & Maritime - From Source to Sea Image © RCAHMS





#### Iron Age broch, The Cairns, South Ronaldsay

This image shows the floor deposits and hearth in the broch interior. The excavation will provide one of the few occasions when the full suite of deposits and features of a well-preserved broch have been excavated, sampled and analysed. This represents the entire occupation of the broch and will allow an understanding of its complete biography.

See more in ScARF - Iron Age - Research and Methodological Issues Image © Martin Carruthers





### Drumbeg wreck site, Eddrachills Bay, Assynt

This anchor lies on the seabed in Eddrachillis Bay. The anchor is part of the 17th/ 18th century Drumbeg wreck site, now Scotland's first Historic Marine Protected Area. It was surveyed by WA Coastal & Marine on behalf of Historic Scotland in the summer of 2012. Specialist photographic and photogrammetric techniques were applied to create an accurate 3D model of the site.

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**Wessex** archaeology



### Trusty's Hill, Dumfries and Galloway

A sherd of second century AD Roman Samian ware recovered from Trusty's Hill during the Galloway Picts Project, a community led research excavation, assisted by GUARD Archaeology Ltd. The excavations revealed that this vitrified fort was once an early medieval royal stronghold.

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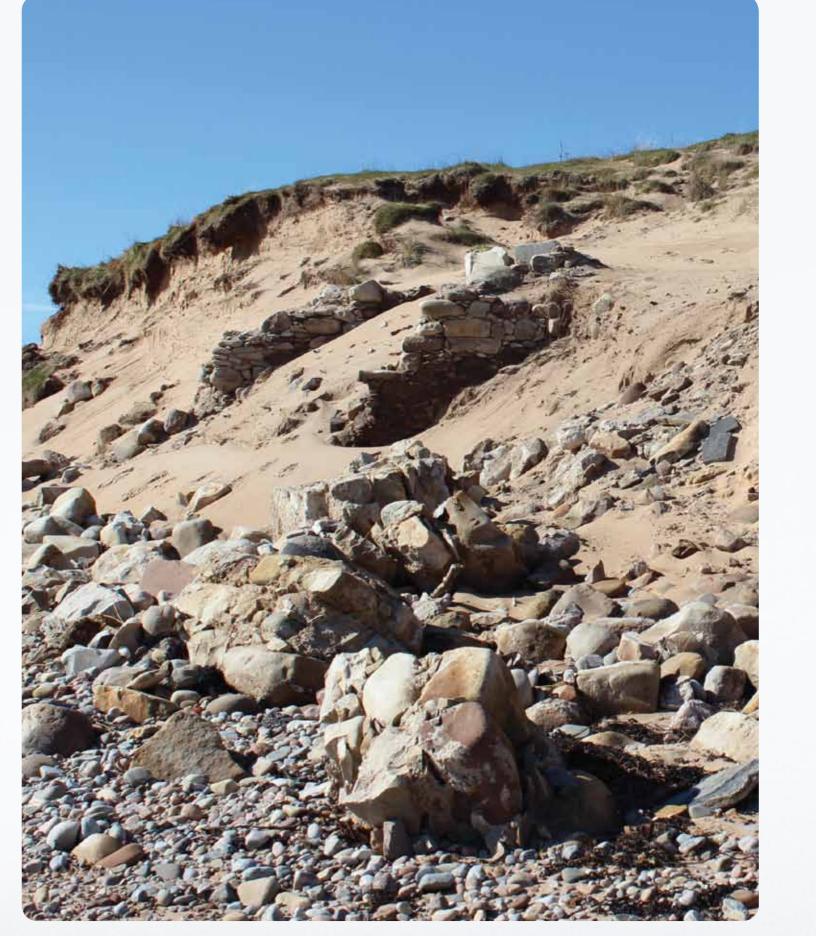
### Balbithan Prehistoric Landscape Project

Balbithan Wood, Aberdeenshire, features a remarkable prehistoric landscape containing upstanding cairns and roundhouses dating from between 6000 and 3000 years ago, as well as 8000 year old hunting camps from the first people in the area. In 2013 Rampart Scotland uncovered a 5000 year old Neolithic cairn that had later been expanded by the Picts around AD 300.

See more in ScARF – Neolithic – Identity, Society, Belief Systems

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## Sixteenth century salt pans, Brora, East Sutherland

Climate change threatens thousands of sites around Scotland's coast. Citizen Scientists participating in the Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project help to direct research towards locally-valued sites; and by working collaboratively, communities and heritage professionals can seize the opportunity to rescue archaeological evidence in advance of destruction.

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