

## **Scottish Group newsletter - Winter 2017**

A very Happy Christmas to  
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### **Scottish Group recent activities**

Members of the Scottish Group represent CIfA on a number of other panels and groups, including:

- SHED programme management group;
- Regular Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) Historic Environment Working Group meetings;
- Archaeological Archives in Scotland discussion group;
- Historic Environment Bill stakeholder workshops.

Part of the Group's work is to assist CIfA in responding to historic environment consultations relevant to Scotland and Scottish members.

Full consultation responses can be found [here](#).

### **Training**

A number of training workshops are being planned for next year.

Watch out for details on the Scottish Group [facebook page](#) and through emails.

## News



**BRIGHTON 2018**

### **CifA2018 Pulling together: collaboration, synthesis, innovation**

Hosted at the Brighton Racecourse, our 2018 annual conference event will be packed with sessions, training and networking opportunities.

Our usual three-day conference programme includes papers, seminars and activities that aim to both challenge and illuminate, as well as showcasing how archaeologists can - or could - 'Pull Together' to develop archaeology as a forward-looking and dynamic profession.

The abstracts for our confirmed sessions can be found [here](#) and our call for papers is now closed.

#### **Book your place!**

Book online via our [Eventbrite webpage](#) now!

More information, including bursaries and sponsorship, exhibition and advertising opportunities can be found on our [CifA2018 webpage](#) and #CifA2018

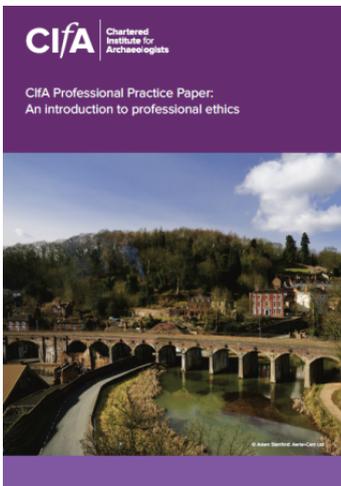
The conference is sponsored by [Towergate Insurance](#)



### **An introduction to professional ethics**

At the AGM in October we officially launched our new Professional practice paper - **An introduction to professional ethics.**

This Practice Paper is a starting point to help archaeologists develop awareness of ethical issues in the profession. It examines what ethics are and



what comprises ethical behaviours, and then, using specific case studies relevant to archaeology, takes the reader through a series of questions and discussion as to how these issues could be addressed. The case studies were developed by a Working Group of ClfA members appointed by the Advisory Council.

**Kate Geary**, our Head of Professional Development and Practice says:

*'This is a very important and timely practice paper and provides an important CPD resource for our*

*members. All professionals have to deal with ethics as part of their day-to-day lives, juggling conflicting priorities to reach the right decision....and accredited professionals more so as they have signed up to be accountable for their actions under a Code of conduct. This paper provides some useful insights into what to consider when navigating ethical dilemmas. The application and regular assessment of professional ethics is a key part of the proposal for the assessment of a **Chartered Archaeologist** grade.'*

The Practice Paper is available free of charge to all members on the **members section** of the [ClfA website](#). Hard copies are available [on request](#).

## Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee seeking early career archaeologist



The Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee is leading on the delivery of Scotland's Archaeology Strategy, in partnership with the sector. We would like to invite an early career archaeologist to join the Committee to help shape the strategy delivery and provide the voice of someone early in their career or a student. To tie in with the 2018 Year of Young People we are looking for someone who is under 26 (in 2018). Members usually serve four-year terms although this is flexible.

### **What is in it for you?**

- A chance to shape delivery of the archaeology strategy
- Influencing the future development of the sector in Scotland
- Experience in strategy delivery
- Networking opportunities

### **What is in it for us?**

- We are discussing the future of archaeology in Scotland - you are the future!

- A new perspective into Committee discussions

The Committee usually meets around three times a year in Edinburgh - financial support for travel to meetings can be provided if required.

If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact [archaeologystrategy@hes.scot](mailto:archaeologystrategy@hes.scot)

Information on the Committee can be found online on the [Archaeology Strategy website](#) as can details of the [Strategy](#).

## Members' news

### Analysis of Historic Environment Specialists published

#### **Kevin Grant ACIfA, Historic Environment Scotland**

Reports on surveys of [Archaeological Specialists \(2016-2017\)](#) and [Skills Needs in Buildings History and Garden History](#) have been published online.

These studies were commissioned by Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland, with input from the other home nations. The results help us understand the nature of these roles across the UK, comparing specialists working in different areas and considering changes in this part of the sector since the last comparable surveys. These audits also contribute to Aim 5 of Scotland's Archaeology Strategy - Innovation and Skills.

Broadly, the audits suggest that specialists have generally recovered from the economic downturn but many have concerns about capacity in the future as large infrastructure projects come online over the next few years. The reports, by Landward Research, put forward a number of recommendations, including considering whether current charging rates are sustainable, and the need to improve training and routes of entry for those who choose to specialise in this part of the sector.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the surveys.

### South East Scotland Archaeological Research Framework (SESARF) Update



#### **Lesley Dalgleish, Wessesx Archaeology (Scotland)**

Following recommendations raised in ScARF for regional research frameworks (RRF), SESARF (South East Scotland Archaeological Research

Framework) has been under development by SESAP (South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership) and Wessex Archaeology from earlier this year. The Research Framework will cover the council areas of Edinburgh, Midlothian, East Lothian and The Scottish Borders and is being supported by the Society of Antiquaries for Scotland through a grant from Historic Environment Scotland. Due for final delivery via an online portal in Spring 2019 a lot of progress has already been made this year, with a specific focus on collating the 'known' archaeology of the region. The RRF is formed around three key themes of Understand, Value and Protect and will be developed throughout 2018 with a wide range of stakeholders.

In the autumn, a series of workshops with a variety of professional, community and public stakeholders were held in Edinburgh, at the Quaker Meeting House, to discuss this baseline and begin to identify gaps in knowledge and priorities for future research.

### **First workshop**

This was aimed at commercial archaeologists, consultants and academics and received a good turnout. The day consisted of some short presentations and more focused discussions with the themes of: 'Looking Backwards' to assess the character of the known archaeology of the region is; and, 'Looking Forwards'; to investigate knowledge gaps and what future research questions might be.

### **Second workshop**

This was targeted at the community and volunteer sector as it is an important aim of SESARF to be as accessible as possible for all people interested in the archaeology of South East Scotland. The workshop followed similar themes to the first one, with more focus on what the community value from the archaeology and history of the region. Again, the day was successful with lots of interesting points raised. There are also plans under development to target the museums and curatorial sectors during 2018.

### **Conclusions**

Since the workshops the information has been collated and the core of the Understand themes will be delivered for the end of 2017. The online portal has also been under development and will go into its beta testing phase at the start of next year. This will allow all interested parties to contribute to the RRF whether through peer-review, providing case-studies and other content or developing priorities and research questions in collaboration with the wider Working Group.

Further workshops will be planned for 2018 and we are still very keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved or providing

content for the Research Framework. We have a particular interest in involving early career researchers so please get in touch via our email at [sesarf@wessexarch.co.uk](mailto:sesarf@wessexarch.co.uk).

Further information can also be found [here](#) prior to the launch of the online portal in the New Year.

## Other news

### ScARF Update

**Emma O’Riordan, ScARF**

This is just a quick end of year update from the ScARF Project – short but hopefully happy!

We’ve been mentioning it for months now, but we are finally pleased to announce that the

**Regional Archaeological Research**

**Framework for Argyll** (RARFA) is now online! You can find it [here](#).

This represents a great achievement for the ScARF team – mainly in being able to bring to publication over 150,000 words on the archaeology and history of Argyll in just less than 2 years since the idea of turning Kilmartin Museums’ symposium into a research framework. There were over 42 contributors to the text of RARFA and an additional 125 people from across the heritage sector who commented and contributed to the debate.

There will be a wider announcement on the release of RARFA in the New Year but we would like to say thank you to everyone who has been involved so far!

Don’t forget that you can read more about regional archaeological research frameworks in general [here](#).

**In conjunction with our project partners, Aberdeenshire Council museums service, our Museums project recently hosted another in the ScARF Skills Workshop series.** We wanted to host a workshop which capitalised on the particular archaeological landscape of Aberdeenshire. This event focused on what archaeology can mean in the area – a beautiful patchwork of hills, cliffs, granite, farming, fishing, cliffs, sea, museums, heritage, archaeology and more. This is a huge geographic area – accounting for almost the whole north-east bulk of mainland Scotland. From pastoral land to densely populated urban areas, small fishing villages to sub-arctic mountains; the archaeological record is no less diverse. Aside from the local authority museum presence, there is a strong network of independent, public and third-sector heritage organisations all of



which use – or want to use – archaeological content in some capacity. What is often lacking for these organisations and those who work in them is having the chance to grill professionals on how things actually work in the archaeological process. One of the great things about the day was how dispersed heritage organisations working across the Shire had a fantastic opportunity to discuss and learn from each other.

A lot was touched on throughout the day – including how and why commercial archaeology work occurs, the Treasure Trove process, exhibiting and interpreting archaeological collections, ethical considerations of human remains, handling, packing and storing collections. Just as broad ranging was the different ways in which people were looking at using archaeology in their work – straight-forward exhibitions, renewed interpretation, loaning objects, simply to better understand the role of the archaeologist in the wider heritage landscape.

This was the third Skills workshop ScARF delivered in 2017 and we intend on hosting more in 2018, including a specialist workshop on zooarchaeology (postponed from last year). We have also committed to delivering more training with and for our partners in Aberdeenshire – what topics that will cover remains to be seen! We already have a good list of topics related to the local heritage landscape but if you are reading this in Aberdeenshire feel free to get in touch!

You can sign up for the [monthly ScARF e-newsletter](#).

**That's all for now, just leaving the ScARF team space to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018!**

**Emma and Anna**



Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage's Glorious Gardens project is entering its second stage. The purpose is to produce a conservation strategy for the historic designed landscapes of the Clyde and Avon Valleys (CAVLP) based on the site records researched and written by a team of volunteers during Phase 1 on the project.

The first of a series of three workshops was held on 23 October 2017 in

Lanark to introduce this stage of the project. Discussions considered the scope and purpose of the Conservation Strategy, with several points emerging:

- The need to identify the current condition of significant landscape features
- Determining their relative priority for conservation – perhaps considering what would be missed most if lost
- The need for ongoing management and maintenance as well as conservation
- The need for the strategy to fit within the context of surrounding areas
- Recognition of the woodlands of the Clyde and Avon valleys as being very important
- The role of tourism in bringing in visitors and funding
- The drivers of Historic Environment Scotland outcomes focussing on giving local communities ownership of the strategy and promoting health and welfare

This workshop formed a useful starting point for the process which will be continued at two further workshops:

- Workshop 2: 27 November 2017 (Lanark Lifestyles, 2.30-4.430pm)
- Workshop 3: 22 January 2018 (Lanark Lifestyles, 2.30-4.430pm)

**Workshop 2** will be a focused session seeking to gather answers to the following questions:

- Which key features and elements of the designed landscapes need to be conserved?
- What are the constraints and opportunities for conservation?
- What are the roles of the Conservation Strategy and Guidance Notes for those who will be using them?

Landowners, land managers, community/heritage groups in the CAVLP area, and anyone with a passion for historic designed landscapes and gardens is welcome to join us! Contact Jacqueline Macleod on [talamh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:talamh@hotmail.co.uk) / 07447 357 257



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Membership of the Scottish Group is free for ClfA members, and is £10 per

year for non-CIfA members. Please feel free to circulate this newsletter and we would ask you to encourage your friends/colleagues to join the Group.

For more information on the CIfA's Scottish Group please see our [website](#), where you can download copies of meeting minutes and past newsletters, and keep up-to-date with the work of the Group and training courses.

Keep in touch with us via the Scottish Group's [Facebook page](#), where information about events and the work of the Group will be publicised. Search for 'Scottish Group of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' and 'like' us.

Newsletters are published four times a year and contributions from members are welcome. The deadlines for articles in 2018 are:

Spring Edition (9 March)

Summer Edition (8 June)

Autumn Edition (7 September)

Winter Edition (30 November)

To make a contribution to forthcoming editions of the Newsletter or for any queries please email [Biddy Simpson](#).



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