



# News Bulletin

*June 2014*

An update of news from  
The Forth Estuary Forum & around the Forth

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## **The Forth Estuary features in the 2014 British Archaeological Awards**

Congratulations to The SCAPE Trust and Save the Wemyss Ancient Caves Society who work within the Forth Estuary Forum area and have been shortlisted for 2014 British Archaeological Awards. The SCAPE Trust has been nominated in the Best Community Engagement Archaeology Project category for the Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project (SCHARP) and in the Best Archaeological Innovation category for ShoreUPDATE: Sites at Risk Map web portal and app. The Trust is also nominated along with Save the Wemyss Ancient Caves Society and The York Archaeological Trust in the Best Public Presentation of Archaeology category for the Wemyss Caves 4D project. The Awards ceremony will take place on Monday 14th July at the British Museum. Further details are available via this link <http://www.archaeologicalawards.com/2014/06/02/2014-shortlist/>.

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## **Anstruther's whaling history**

Wessex Archaeology Coastal & Marine, based in Edinburgh, have been working with The Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther, Fife to investigate Scotland's early whale fishing industry and associated maritime heritage from the 18th century. The project has focused on investigating two key sites on Scotland's historic eastern seaboard; the mid-18th century whaling store, which is part of the Scottish Fisheries Museum and the late 18th century Montrose Rope & Sail works in Montrose Angus. Read more at: <http://www.wessexarch.co.uk/blogs/news/2014/06/24/investigating-scotland%E2%80%99s-early-whale-fishing-industry#sthash.TAaemCd9.dpuf>

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## **Contributing to gannet research from your own home and improved facilities for wildlife watching on the Isle of May**

The [live streaming cam](#) from the Scottish Seabird Centre allows you to observe the Bass Rock gannets from the comfort of your own home. By observing and recording the birds arriving and leaving their nests you could contribute to the research being done by Sue Lewis at the University of Edinburgh. Understanding what gannets do during the breeding season when they are under enormous pressure to feed their hungry chicks will us begin to understand how they can cope with climate change. More details are available via this link <http://lewis.bio.ed.ac.uk/2014-gannet-survey>

Should you need any encouragement to help these magnificent birds, David Pickett, Isle of May Reserve Manager describes gannets a close up encounter with gannets in this blog <http://isleofmaynnr.wordpress.com/2014/06/24/a-bit-of-a-gannet/>.

Whilst seeing gannets close up on the Isle of May is not a regular occurrence, in peak season you can experience first-hand, nearly 200,000 seabirds. 2014 is a good year to visit as last month a new Visitor Centre was opened on the island. The centre gives visitors to the national nature reserve a panoramic view of the island's scenery and wildlife, information displays will help visitors orient themselves and make the most of their time on the island, as well as giving information about the birds and the research taking place on the Isle of May. Further details are available via this link <http://www.snh.gov.uk/news-and-events/press-releases/press-release-details/?id=1008>.

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#### **Meet the wind farm project team**

The Mainstream Renewable Power project team are providing the opportunity for you to find out more about the Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm via exhibitions at a number of community events during the summer. So why not go along and talk to the team at one of the events, within the Forth Estuary Forum area, listed below. Mainstream Renewable Power has commenced the development process for the proposed Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm which is located some 15km off the Fife coast and covers an area of approximately 100km<sup>2</sup>. Subject to securing the necessary consents, it is expected that the wind farm will commence construction by 2015.

**Event:** Dunbar Lifeboat Day

**Location:** Dunbar Harbour, Dunbar, East Lothian

**Date:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 12pm onwards

**Event:** Anstruther Muster

**Location:** Anstruther Harbour, Anstruther, Fife

**Date:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 11am onwards

For further details of Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm and events outside the Forth Estuary forum area, follow this link <http://www.neartnagaoithe.com/>

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<b>Upcoming Events Around The Forth</b>	
<a href="#">Trips to the Island of May</a> Trips throughout the summer until 30th September 2014	<a href="#">Forth Bridges Festival</a> 4th - 13th September 2014

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