

For over 200 years the Society has provided an independent forum for the research and promotion of Scotland's history and archaeology. We are open to all who have a passion for the past and a love of learning.

Society of Antiquaries
of **Scotland**



Free lectures, Conferences,
Online resources, Publications,
Grants, Projects, Advocacy, ...

What is the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland?

The Society is a not-for-profit membership organisation, founded in 1780, to study the antiquities and history of Scotland. For hundreds of years, the Society has provided a forum for debate, discussion and sharing of knowledge. Many of the key objects in the National Museums Scotland were collected by our members (called Fellows) during the 18th and 19th century. Today, the Society continues to be an important player in Scotland's heritage sector.

Who are the Fellows?

Our Fellows are a diverse group of people with one common passion – the past. Nearly three thousand people world-wide are Fellows. They might be emerging researchers, established academics, heritage experts or talented lay people with a deep interest in Scotland's history.

Why should I become a Fellow?

Benefits of Fellowship include:

- The opportunity to be part of a prestigious organisation which promotes excellence
- Networking opportunities with people who share a love of the past
- FSA Scot – as a Fellow, you are entitled to use the post-nominal letters after your name
- Borrowing privileges at the National Museums Scotland research library
- Biannual newsletters and annual Proceedings
- Discounts on publications and events
- Access to the Fellow's area of our website

What does the Society do?

- **Lectures** – promotes a prestigious series of free lectures by leading researchers. Recent topics include Iona before the Viking Age, a Greek Trireme reconstruction project and the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Events are available to download free on our website.
- **Publications** – publishes current research, much of it free online, such as Annual Proceedings, reports and monographs. The Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR) are peer reviewed and freely accessible. We publish high quality books covering all periods of Scotland's history.
- **Grants & Awards** – supports archaeological and historical research through grants and prizes. Recent grants supported include a project to laser scan inscribed Pictish symbol stones, and excavations at an Iron Age site in Moray. Many awards are open to non-Fellows.
- **Advocacy** – responds to Government and other consultations with relevance to the historic environment of Scotland. Society responses are available to view on the website and include a range of issues including Treasure Trove Code of Practice and the designation of historic wrecks.
- **Conferences** – presents regional and international conferences. An annual highlight is the Archaeological Research in Progress conference that promotes recent research across Scotland.
- **ScARF** – leads the Scottish Archaeological Framework (ScARF), a collaboration bringing together experts in fields from archaeology to climatology to create www.scottishheritagehub.com where you can engage in the most up to date overview of research in Scotland.
- **Special Projects** – delivers initiatives like Dig It! 2015, a year-long Scotland-wide celebration, which will showcase the role of archaeology in today's society. Along with Archaeology Scotland, we lead on developing events and partnerships with organisations including universities, museums, heritage agencies, and commercial companies. Check out the website www.digit2015.com.

How do I join?

All you need are two referees who can confirm your commitment to the study and understanding of Scotland's past. New Fellows are put forward for election at our AGM held on the 30th November each year.

The standard Fellowship subscription rate is £60. To find out about the types of Fellowship available and to download an application form visit

www.socantscot.org.

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The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a not-for-profit organisation whose vision is to develop as a centre of excellence providing an independent heritage hub of expertise and resources to facilitate, exchange and promote research into Scotland's past.

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