

EDINBURGH, LoTHIANS & BORDERS ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE 2026



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PROGRAMME

Saturday, 21 November 2026

Queen Margaret University
Musselburgh

This is the annual conference organised by the City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council and Scottish Borders Council. It provides an important opportunity to hear and discuss first hand accounts of the archaeological fieldwork and research being undertaken in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders.

Tickets £30 each, Buffet Lunch £15
Buffet lunch MUST BE PRE-BOOKED
Conference only tickets available on the day.



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Tea and coffee will be provided at registration, morning and afternoon breaks.

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CHAIRS

Morning: City of Edinburgh Council

Afternoon: East Lothian Council

0900 - 0930 *Registration, tea & coffee*

0930 - 0935 **WELCOME**

0935 - 1000 **ROOTS ON THE RIVERBANK: EXPLORING PAST COMMUNITIES FROM EARLY PREHISTORY TO PRESENT ALONG THE RIVER TWEED AT SPROUSTON**

Cathy MacIver (AOC Archaeology Group, Uncovering the Tweed Project)

1000 - 1025 **RECORDING THE STABLES WELL AFTER THE HORSES HAVE BOLTED: (RE)CREATING NEW PENICUIK HOUSE**

Philip Karsgaard (Addyman Archaeology)

1025 - 1050 **TOO MANY DOORS. THE CURIOUS CASE OF LAMBDEN COTTAGES AND SETTLEMENT, IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS**

David Connolly & Hana Kdolska (Connolly Heritage Consulting)

1050 - 1100 *Discussion*

1100 - 1125 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

1125 - 1150 **CANNIEMILLS AND THE GREAT LADE: EXCAVATIONS AND DISCOVERIES AT NOS 1-3 CANON STREET, EDINBURGH**

Diana Sproat & Kai Wallace (AOC Archaeology Group)

1150 - 1215 **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEITH IN THREE SITES: LEITH WALK, THE KIRKGATE, AND SALAMANDER STREET**

Scott Morris (AOC Archaeology Group)

1215 - 1240 **QUERNS AND COBBLES: EXCAVATION OF AN EARLY MEDIEVAL SITE AT COMISTON, EDINBURGH**

Stuart Munro (AOC Archaeology Group)

1240 - 1250 *Discussion*

1250 - 1350 **LUNCH**

BOOK ONLINE:



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1350 - 1415 **INVERESK - A REMARKABLE ROMAN FRONTIER
BASE RECONSIDERED**

Fraser Hunter (National Museum of Scotland)

1415 - 1440 **THE PLANT AND ANIMAL ECONOMIES AT THE IRON AGE
SETTLEMENT OF EAST BARNES, DUNBAR**

Amy Halliday & Genoveva Dimova (AOC Archaeology Group)

1440 - 1505 **THEY CAME, THEY CAMPED, THEY LEFT, EXCAVATIONS AT
TWO ROMAN TEMPORARY CAMPS AT GOGARBURN,
EDINBURGH 2025-2026**

Cullen Cockburn (AOC Archaeology Group)

1505 - 1515 *Discussion*

1515 - 1540 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

1540 - 1630 **FROM SMALL THINGS... Updates from around the region**

**1) 'ALL THE SMALL THINGS: CONSIDERING SIGNIFICANCE
THROUGH RECENT TREASURE TROVE CLAIMS'**

Antony Lee & George Prew-Stell (Treasure Trove Unit)

**2) ENCLOSURE, METALWORKING AND DEPOSITION IN A
MIDDLE BRONZE AGE DITCH NEAR TORNESS, EAST LOTHIAN**

Harry Francis (Headland RSK Group)

**3) RETURN OF THE GRIFFINS; ARCHAEOLOGY AND
CONSERVATION AT SILVERLEAS, MUIRHOUSE, EDINBURGH**

Cullen Cockburn (AOC Archaeology Group) & John A Lawson (CECAS)

**4) FOURTEEN YEARS OF DISCOVERIES AT FULFORDLEES
QUARRY, COCKBURNSPATH**

Mel Johnson & Bruce Glendinning (CFA Archaeology)

1630 - 1640 *Discussion*

1640 CLOSE

HOW TO FIND US

Queen Margaret University is on the eastern fringe of Edinburgh, right beside the seaside town of Musselburgh, and is easily accessed from the city and beyond. The area is bordered by the main east coast rail line to London and the A1. It also neighbours the city by-pass.

The university is very easy to reach by train, as it is situated right beside Musselburgh Station. The rail service from Edinburgh Waverley to Musselburgh takes around six minutes.

Parking

Parking available at the venue.

Bus Information

Traveline Telephone: 0871 200 2233

More information about the venue and travel can be found at:
www.qmu.ac.uk



