

# Archaeology and... ...the public



**Archaeology**, as part of our historic environment, is important to everyone. It is a link to our past, and helps give us our sense of place. In a recent survey, 98% of those asked said that the historic environment was an important educational asset, and two-thirds of visitors from England and beyond associate Scotland with interesting history and culture. It is therefore important to share the excitement and interest of our archaeological discoveries with the public. We do this in a variety of ways, from excavation Open Days and Information Sheets, to guided walks; from talks to local societies and at national conferences, to appearing in TV and radio programmes and giving interviews to the press.



*Open Days at Fordhouse Barrow, House of Dun, near Montrose*



*Making flour the prehistoric way*

Children and young people are fascinated by the archaeological process, and through the Council for Scottish Archaeology Young Archaeologists' Club they have often been shown the archaeology of Trust properties. Work has also been done with local schools to create lasting links with several of our archaeologically rich properties.



*BBC TV 'Landward' film crew on Canna*

The press, TV and radio are always keen for their audiences to hear about the latest discoveries and the work of the Trust. This can simply be through press releases when discoveries are made, or via documentaries about how our work is proceeding over a longer period. With all the archaeological activities the Trust is involved in, we are never short of stories for the media.



*Filming at Culloden for 'Two men in a trench'*

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