

Lothian Talk

Scottish Wildlife Trust Lothians Group Newsletter

<http://swtlothians.org.uk>

Update from Edinburgh Shoreline Project

Our idea of raising awareness of Edinburgh's coast, its history and its wildlife is growing tentacles!

The Shoreline exhibition in the John Hope Gateway at the Royal Botanic Gardens had a range of interesting inputs from communities along the shoreline added to it as well as a table of folders with details on specific issues. It attracted lots of visitors, many of whom were pegging interesting comments and suggestions to our fishing net, and as a result of its success RBGE actually extended the exhibition until the end of October.

We are in the middle of running over 30 different kinds of events – mostly along the coastline. At a recent evening seine netting session in Wardie bay eager bare footed children rummaging delightedly through the slippery seaweed found little flounders, gobies, shoals of tiny silver herring, shrimps and to everyone's amazement a pregnant male pipe fish.

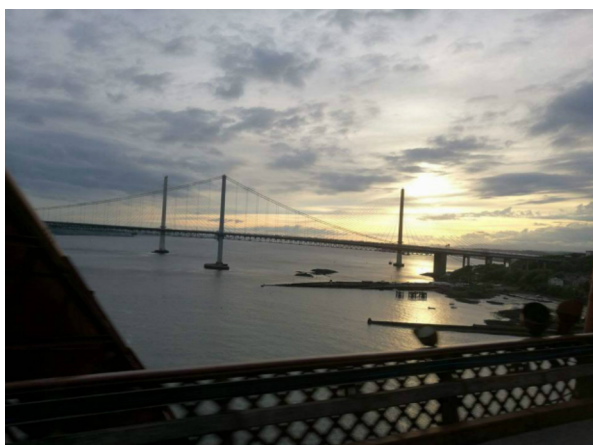


A mapping exercise with the coastal communities is ongoing – one interesting outcome being how much local people value the wealth of coastal wildlife that has taken over the huge areas of derelict land. Other events include examining this wildlife with children from two Newhaven primary schools and discussing its future with developers, hand printing 'shoreline' postcards, a children's beach exploration, a coastal art workshop, the collection of oral archives, a wading bird survey and a "Sceptics in the Pub" discussion with marine scientists.

Much of this is being documented by our commissioned filmmakers for the celebration early next year, which will include presentations, workshops and exhibitions of photographs and maps.

If you would like to find out more, or join any of the events, look on our website

www.edinburghshoreline.org.uk



Karen Chambers
Vice Chair,
Groups and Watch

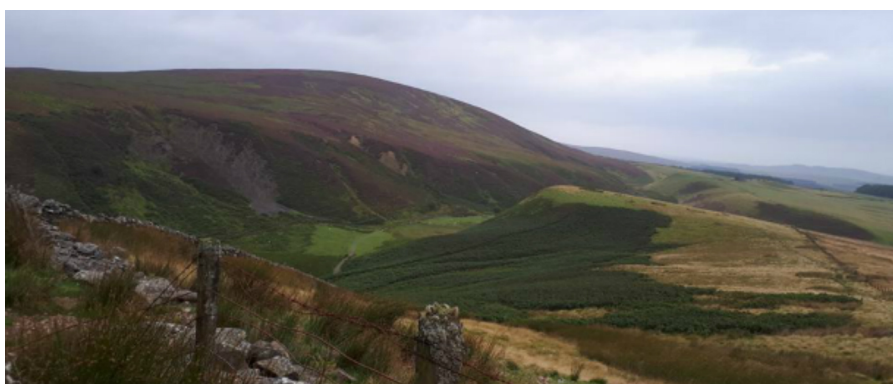
Planning matters

Planning matters has now moved online!

The full piece for this period can be found at: swtlothians.org.uk/category/swt-planning-matters/

For all planning issues, please write to the relevant contact below:

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Events for your diary

Full details for all of these events can be found at swtlothians.org.uk/events/ as well as in the SWT Events Booklet

Musselburgh Winter Bird ID

- Sat 10th November 2018: 12pm - 2:30pm
- Meet at north end of Balcarres Road next to Goose Green

Talk: WildGenes

- Thur 15th Nov 2018: 7:30pm - 9pm
- Guide HQ. 33 Melville Street. EH3 7JF

Talk: The Isle of May Uncovered

- Thur 13th Dec 2018: 7:30pm - 9pm
- Guide HQ. 33 Melville Street. EH3 7JF

Talk: Scottish Birds in History and Culture

- Thur 14th Feb 2019: 7:30pm - 9pm
- Guide HQ. 33 Melville Street. EH3 7JF

Talk: Saving the Small Things

- Thur 14th Mar 2019: 7:30pm - 9pm
- Guide HQ. 33 Melville Street. EH3 7JF

Disabled access to talks is available by prior arrangement.

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