

What is the Conference about?

The conference is a celebration of the *Year of Coasts and Waters*, postponed from 2020. It will look at various aspects of natural and built heritage, including water supply and management; wildfowl; harbour developments; medieval salt panning and uses of wood and peat; as well as the major river crossings at Queensferry. There will also be an introduction to the recently established Forth ERA. We will also launch *Forth Naturalist & Historian* Volume 44.

Where is the conference held?

This year the conference will be held entirely online. The FNH Board considered the current situation very carefully and decided that it would be prudent and safer not to meet in person. Several other organisations have followed the same path for their conferences this year.

Many of our regular conference participants may well be disappointed not to be gathering with old friends (and making new ones) in November, but we know already that there are positive aspects to the virtual platform, which is able to reach a much wider audience. We have not taken the decision lightly, so we do hope that you will still choose to attend the conference and look forward to seeing you all online. We apologise, however, to those of you who may not have the technology to participate in it and look forward to being able to hold our next conference in person again.



Cover picture: Great Crested Grebe (anon)

Grangemouth Lighthouse,
courtesy of Geoff Bailey

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The Forth: Its Waters and Coast

Online Conference

Saturday 13th November 2021

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09.40 Meeting opens

10.00 Introduction to the Day (Murray Dickie)

10.10 **The Forth Environmental Resilience Array**
(Prof Andrew Tyler, Scotland Hydro Nation Chair and Forth ERA Director)

10.40 **The Katrine water supply** (Jim Martin, Scottish Water Operations)

11.10 Break

11.30 **The River Teith Special Area of Conservation** (Paul Roberts, NatureScot)

12.00 **The Allan Water Improvement Project** (Gary Brown, Forth Rivers Trust)

12.30 *Forth Naturalist & Historian* – Annual General Meeting

12.40 *Forth Naturalist & Historian* -Launch of Volume 44 (Murray Dickie)

12.50 Lunch break

13.50 Welcome Back (Susan Mills)

14.00 **Salt, trees and peat in the Middle Ages** (Prof Richard Oram, University of Stirling)

14.30 **Clackmannan Harbours** (Murray Dickie, Clackmannanshire Field Studies Society)

15.00 Break

15.20 **Wildfowl of the Upper Forth** (Neil Bielby, WWT & BTO)

15.50 **The Forth Bridges World Heritage Site**
(Miles Oglethorpe, Historic Environment Scotland)

16.20 Summing-up and Thanks

16.40 Meeting Closes

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