

RCAHMS – AMY GILLESPIE CBA COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PLACEMENT

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RCAHMS also hosts placements from the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) and at the moment Amy Gillespie is working as a Community Archaeologist. Below is her contribution to Day of Archaeology as she explains her placement, work she's currently undertaking particularly with the Scotland's Rural Past team at RCAHMS as well as her plans for the future.

RCAHMS Amy Gillespie, CBA Community Archaeology Placement

As I've described in the video clip I'm here at RCAHMS for one year as a trainee community archaeologist. I recently completed an MSc in Scottish Studies and I was working part time at the University of Edinburgh as an e-learning resource developer when this opportunity came up. There are quite a few 'on the job' training opportunities out there at the moment and I think they are a great way for newly qualified people like me to gain lots of skills and experience.

Today I'm working on Gairloch estate maps, using our online database to catalogue and link each map to relevant sites on Canmore. Once this is completed the maps will be available to the public online. The maps came to be digitised following an SRP training session in Gairloch and so I'm sure the SRP groups in the area will be keen to see them.

One of the great things about my placement is the variety of projects and activities I can get involved in: I have been working with the SRP team validating records sent in by volunteers before uploading them to Canmore; I've been to conferences, including one on the Isle of Man where we held a training session in survey and recording techniques; I'm spending time at East Lothian Council and Archaeology Scotland in

the run up to East Lothian Heritage Fortnight and Scottish Archaeology Month; I'm in the process of starting up the Edinburgh branch of Young Archaeologists' Club; and I'm preparing for a two week survey trip to Rum! Phew.

I hope you have a good Day of Archaeology! For more information on the Community Archaeology Bursaries Project go to the [CBA website](#) and visit our [Facebook](#) Page.