

## **Unfolding Argyll's Archaeological Story: Research Framework Symposium**

Period Summary - Medieval (John Raven)

### **A) Research Questions identified in original paper:**

1. Further work required to date and understand mottes and ringworks
2. Are ringworks setting a precedent for masonry castles to come?
3. What is the relationship between hall houses and ringworks?
4. Architectural spatial organisation (internal and external) of early castles and tower houses
5. Understanding castles and their relation with the fishing economy
6. Understanding the development of tower houses
7. Understanding early churches
8. Understanding Medieval sculpture
9. Understanding land divisions/units and later parish boundaries
10. Understanding society structure
11. Identifying and understanding assembly sites
12. How was coastal monitoring undertaken?
13. Need to identify 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century settlement
14. Typological analysis and re-analysis of medieval handmade pottery
15. Re-analysis of shielings as possible medieval settlements.

### **B) Other Research Questions identified by discussions:**

- Women in Argyll's medieval society
- Identify the date range of wickerwork found in tower houses
- Where are ordinary people living and is their contraction up onto the hills?
- Where is the evidence for shipbuilding and weapon manufacture?
- We need to understand the warrior class and how they were supported.