

Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, 2026-27
Final 8 September 2026

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Date. If some 2027 talks have not yet been determined, a Spring 2027 JWS version will be issued at end-2026.

Any talks marked * are expected to be hybrid. To discover the Zoom or Teams procedure for online delivery, non-members should contact the relevant website or email.

For talks by Aberdeen Geological Society (normally at 6.30pm on Thursday evenings, commencing in October) see www.aberdeengeolsoc.org.uk; for those after October (normally the second Thursday in the month?) by the Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, see www.fcbgaberdeen.org.uk; for those by the Saltire Society, try jdamacartney@btinternet.com.

Date	Group	Title/Topic	Speaker(s)	Location(*)	Contact & Cost (for non-members)
September 2026					
Thurs. 3	CultsHWC	Teaching in Kabul	Angela Miller	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Tues. 8, 2pm	NTSADMC	The Elyza Fraser Mausoleum	Frances Swanston	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com
Mon. 28	RSGS	The Salt Roads	John Goodlad	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
October 2026					
Thurs. 1	CultsHWC	The Lower Denburn, Aberdeen's Banished Burn	John Corall	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 5	SOC	What's the point of a nest? - inter-specific nest variation	Catherine Sheard	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 7, 2pm	NTSADMC	The Tales behind the Tunes of Glory	Stuart Archer	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Wed. 7	CgmClub	Service to Summit: High Altitude Endeavours	Callum Richardson	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 8	FCBG	Bulbs from Seed to the Garden	Ian Young	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Tues. 13	RSPB	Highland Wildlife	RoyAtkins,SpeysideWildlife	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 15	SWT	Rare Invertebrates of the Cairngorms	Annie Ives	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 28	MammalSoc			By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
November 2026					
Mon. 2	SOC	Saving puffins from invasive plants in the Firth of Forth	Helen Anderson	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 2	RSGS	Russia Starts Here	Howard Amos	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Thurs. 5	CHWC	Coast to Coast Path	Wendy & Gerard Radcliffe	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 5	JMT	TBA	Lisa Chilton(TheBigPicture)	Kings NK10	james@brownhill.us
Tues. 10	RSPB	Phenology: Bird Populations and Climate Change	Megan Stamp	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Wed. 11	CgmClub	The Hidden Fires and Nan Shepherd	Merryn Glover	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 12, 2pm	NTSADMC	St Machar's Cathedral thro' the Education Officer's eyes	Katherine Williams	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 12	FCBG	TBC	TBC	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 18	MammalSoc			By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
Thurs. 19	SWT	The SmartRivers Citizen Science Project	Roger Owen	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Mon. 30	RSGS	Exploring the Shipping Forecast	Charlie Connelly	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
December 2026					
Wed. 2	CgmClub	An Atlas of Scotland's Geography and History	Andrew Barr	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 3	CHWC	Wildlife Crime	Ann Ashman	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash

Mon. 7	SOC	Tracking Alpine Swifts	Alex Brighten	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 8	RSPB	AGM plus Iceland Birding	Mark Sullivan	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 10	FCBG	TBC	TBC	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
<u>January 2027</u>					
Wed. 6	CgmClub	Snow and Avalanche Safety	Mark Diggins (SAIS) and Mike Reading (Met Office)	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 7	CultsHWC	Walking the Camino	Isobel Maughan	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 11	RSGS	Eye to Eye with Lions and Wolves	Raymond Besant	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Tues. 12	RSPB	New BTO Bird Atlas (joint with SOC)	Steve Willis	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 12	SOC	New BTO Bird Atlas (joint with RSPB)	Steve Willis	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 14	FCBG	TBC	TBC	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Tues. 19, 2pm	NTSADMC	Cruising the Danube to three Capital Cities	Finlay McKichan	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 21	SWT	Gight Woods: Past, Present and Future	James Davidson	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 27	MammalSoc			By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>February 2027</u>					
Mon. 1	RSGS	Antarctica to the Arctic	Cat Burford	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Wed. 3	CgmClub	Two Himalayan Adventures	TBA	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 4	CultsHWC	K2 Trek	Neville Taylor	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 8	SOC	Seabird Tracking at Whinnyfold	Sophie Bennett	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 9	SWT	Seagrass and Coastal Restoration	Lyle Boyles	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Thurs. 11	FCBG	TBC	TBC	By TEAMS	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 17, 2pm	NTSADMC	Rabbit Holes and Harbours	DavidFleming	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Wed. 24	MammalSoc			By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>March 2027</u>					
Mon 1	RSGS	The Vanishing Glaciers of Africa	Rob Waugh	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Wed. 3	CgmClub	Club Members' Night		Queen's X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thur. 4	CultsHWC	Discovering Scotland's Ancient Monuments	Douglas Ledingham	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Sun. 7	SOC	BTO/SOC Spring Conference		Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 11	FCBG	TBC	TBC	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 18, 2pm	NTSADMC	Fyvie Castle's Major Project (after AGM)		Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 18	SWT	Changes in Moth and Butterfly Diversity in NE Scotland	Mark Young	InverurieTownHall	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 24	MammalSoc			By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>April 2027</u>					
Thurs. 1	CultsHWC	Bridges over the River Dee	Lesley Bett	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 5	SOC	Overview of the Muir of Dinnet NNR, & Branch AGM	Simon Ritchie	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 15	SWT	Inverbroom Estate and Gight Woods Expansion (& AGM)	Ruchir Shah	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk

Legend:	Group	Legend:	Group
CgmClub	Cairngorm Club	NTSADMC	National Trust of Scotland Aberdeen & District Members' Centre
CultsHWC	Cults Hillwalking Club	RSGS	Royal Scottish Geographical Society
FCBG	Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden	RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
JMT	John Muir Trust	SaltireSoc	Saltire Society
MammalSoc	North East Scotland Mammal Network	SOC	Scottish Ornithologists' Club
NEMT	North East Mountain Trust	SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust
AGS	Aberdeen Geological Society (LT1, Meston Building, Kings)		
Locations (and tel. no. where available; may be office hours only)			TBA/TBC = To Be Arranged/Confirmed
Cults Kirk Centre = Cults Kirk Centre, 404 North Deeside Road, Cults. Tel. 01224 869028			
Sportsman's Club, 11 Queen's Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YL. Tel. 01224 322795			
Kings NK10 = Kings College, New Kings Building, Room 10			
Kings Library = Room 1, Sir Duncan Rice Library, Kings College, Bedford Road			
Kings Meston = Kings College, Meston Building North Entrance			
Ab'shire CClub = Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road, Aberdeen AB10 7FB. Tel. 01224 317888			
Queens X CC = Garden Room, Fountainhall (previously Queens Cross) Church Centre, Albyn Place, AB10 1YN			
Kings Zoology = Kings College, Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ			
St Peter's, P'culter= St. Peter's Heritage Centre, Howie Lane, Peterculter, AB14 0PU			

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