

Dirt, dust and development. 50 years of Perthshire archaeology.

Papers from a conference marking the 50th anniversary of the Archaeological and Historical Section of the Perthshire Society of Natural Science, 5 March 1999.

The Archaeological and Historical Section of the PSNS published this 94-page occasional publication in 2000. It contains an introduction and five articles concerning archaeology in Perth, Perthshire and the wider Tayside area.

‘Introduction’ by Professor A.A.M. Duncan reviews archaeological research in the area and briefly introduces the following papers:

‘The Neolithic of Tayside – a landscape revealed 1949-1999’ by Gordon J. Barclay records developments in knowledge of the Stone Age, and places these advances in a wider Scottish context.

‘Excavation in Tayside 1948-1998’ by John R. Sherriff looks at 50 years of archaeological excavation in Perthshire and elsewhere in the Tayside and Fife area.

‘The Romans in Perthshire’ by David J. Breeze considers some of the questions over the nature of Roman advances into Tayside.

‘Time and place: the development of the historic Burgh of Perth’ by David P. Bowler looks at factors influencing Perth’s development since medieval times, particularly the River Tay and its periodic floods.

‘Black ink, steam trains and flower vases’ by Hildegard Berwick is an account of the Moncrieff Glassworks in Perth and the Monart products of the Ysart family.