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Rest of world (3%)
North America (15%)
UK (77%)
Europe (3%)
Australia & New Zealand (2%)

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OUR IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS:
June 2022 - May 2023

- Over 90,700 channel views on YouTube
- Over 5,000 Facebook followers
- Over 12,500 followers on X
- New Strategic Plan 2022-27 launched
- 5 books released online
- 11 projects were awarded grant funding
- 15 events developed with partner organisations
- 2 new research frameworks launched: PeatLANDs and the Iron Age Wall
- 10 years of SCARF celebrated
- 10 major events attracted over 3,900 participants
- 266+ events featured online
- Over 500,000 page views
- 1,826+ active online members


Subject time periods spanned Prehistoric to Viking Age.

In my experience, SCARF events have always left content, with a fresh understanding of the different elements of the archaeological world and inspired to engage with the online resources available via SCARF website, which provides the most up to date information.

- Over 500,000 downloads of SAIR papers
- 674,000+ downloads of PSAS papers
- Over 25 articles submitted to the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (PSAS) 152
- Over 1,070 the number of times the most read article was viewed - “Aval” a Beaker-associated woman from a cist at Auchinarvie, Highland, and the glory of her Raised Bell-Ring and subsequent study.

“DR. [NAME]”

DIG IT!