

Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, 2025-26**Final 8 September 2025**

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Date. A few 2026 talks have not yet been determined, but a Spring 2026 JWS version will be issued at end-2025.

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; by North East Mountain Trust (NEMT) see nemt.info@gmail.com; by the Saltire Society, try jdamacartney@btinternet.com.

Date	Group	Title/Topic	Speaker(s)	Location(*)	Contact & Cost (for non-members)
<u>September 2025</u>					
Thur. 4	CultsHWC	Scottish Air Ambulance Service	Malcolm Duckworth	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 25, 2pm	NTSADMC	Aberdeen's Banished Burn	John Corall	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Mon. 29	RSGS	A Photographic Journey: the Coast of Great Britain	Quintin Lake	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
<u>October 2025</u>					
Wed. 1	CgmClub	Magnificent Obsession: Climbing Scotland's Munros	Graham Watt	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 2	CultsHWC	Aberdeen City Council Countryside Officer	Simon Whitworth	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 9	FCBG	The Seed Box	Joanne Harmon	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Tues. 14	SOC	Ringling Birds in Mongolia (joint with RSPB)	Paul Baxter	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 14	RSPB	Ringling Birds in Mongolia (joint with SOC)	Paul Baxter	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Tues. 21, 2pm	NTSADMC	The Silver Lining - Walking the Aberdeenshire Coast	Keith Miller & Tony Boyle	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 23	JMT	Cairngorms Connect	Jeremy Roberts	Kings NK10	jmtnescot.eventbrite.co.uk
Wed. 29	MammalSoc	Conservation Detection Dogs	Lindsay Taylor	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>November 2025</u>					
Mon. 3	SOC	Gannets: Where to Go and What to Eat?	Thomas Bodey	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 3	RSGS	Seeking Harmony: Plants, People & Planet	Yoseph Araya	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Thurs. 6	CHWC	Sea Bird Project	Timothy Morley	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Tues. 11	RSPB	Phenology: Bird Populations and Climate Change	Megan Stamp	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 13	SWT	Protecting the NESBiP Big 5 - what you can do	Abbie Ferrar	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
Thurs. 13	FCBG	Woodland Plants and Peonies	Billy Carruthers	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 19, 2pm	NTSADMC	St. Machar's Cathedral through Education Officer Eyes	Catherine Williams	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Wed. 19	MammalSoc	New Arc Wildlife Rescue: North East Scotland	Paul Reynolds	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>December 2025</u>					
Mon. 1	RSGS	Alone Across Gola	Jude Kriwald	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Wed. 3	CgmClub	Cold Mountains, High Winds and Big Seas: South Georgia	Iain Young	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 4	CHWC	Silver Lining: Walking the Aberdeenshire Coast	Keith Miller & Tony Boyle	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 8	SOC	Building a 60-acre Nature Reserve in Aberdeen for RGU	David Hunter	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 9	RSPB	AGM; and “My Big Year”	Edgar Joly	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2

Thurs. 11	FCBG	Horticulture of Commonwealth War Graves Commission	Neil Cameron	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
<u>January 2026</u>					
Mon. 5	SOC	Bird Ringing with the Grampian Ringing Group	Raymond Duncan	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 7	CgmClub	Avalanche Awareness Presentation (SAIS & Met office)	M. Diggins & M. Reading	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 8	CultsHWC	Walking the Camino	Isobel Maughan	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 8	FCBG	Snowdrops	Helen Rushton	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Mon. 12	RSGS	Snow Leopards in the Mountains of Kyrgyzstan	Dan O'Neill	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Tues. 20, 2pm	NTSADMC	Burnbanks Village	Joe McLeod	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Wed. 28	MammalSoc	National Polecat Survey	Katherine McBride	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>February 2026</u>					
Mon. 2	RSGS	Talking Science and Taking Action	Laura Young	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Mon. 2	SOC	Wading Birds on Orkney: Farmland and Predation	Leah Gray	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 4	CgmClub	Cuillin Ridge Traverse with Health Challenges	Imogene Newlands	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thurs. 5	CultsHWC	Sustrans	Fiona McBain	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 12	FCBG	My Life in Horticulture	George Anderson	By TEAMS	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 18, 2pm	NTSADMC	Visiting the Islands of Youth: a Greek Islands Cruise	Finlay McKichan	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 19	SWT	Smart Rivers Project	Roger Owen and others	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 25	MammalSoc	Rural Hedgehog Project (Endangered Species Trust)	Morag Boyd	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>March 2026</u>					
Mon 2	RSGS	Gardening for Biodiversity	Kate Bradbury	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Mon. 2	SOC	Stonechats and Glen Dye	Moray Souter	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 4	CgmClub	Cairngorm Club – Members' Night	Club Members	Queen's X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3 cash
Thur. 5	CultsHWC	OS Maps	Nick Varley, Robt. Maskall	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Thurs. 12	FCBG	Crathes Castle	James Hannaford	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 19, 2pm	NTSADMC	AGM, plus Drum Castle Update	Castle Staff	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 19	SWT	TBC	TBC	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 25	MammalSoc	British Divers Marine Life Rescue in Scotland	Stacey Esson	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
<u>April 2026</u>					
Thurs. 2	CultsHWC	Clouds and Weather (tbc) -	James Brownhill	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3 cash
Mon. 6	SOC	AGM & Storm Petrel Travels	Mark Bolton	Kings Library	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 9	FCBG	Plants and Pollinators	Bryce Reynard	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 16	SWT	AGM plus talk	TBC	By Zoom?	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>May 2026</u>					
Thurs. 21	FCBG	Fungi	Andy Taylor	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

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 (talks in LT1, Meston Building, Kings College)		
Locations (and tel. no. where available; may be office hours only)		TBA/TBC = To Be Arranged/Confirmed	
Cults Kirk C'tre = 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			
St Peter's, P'culter= St. Peter's Heritage Centre, Howie Lane, Peterculter, AB14 0PU			

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