


# Island Stories: Growing Digital Heritage

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### 1.1. Metadata

- Island Stories: Growing Digital Heritage
  - <http://bit.ly/IslandStories>
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/18gPw2qHlnUzLpklcHdo3qrsA8M9OgQBk7Xk1GGPEK6w/edit>
-  This document is free of known copyright restrictions.
- Island Stories project Google Docs master document.
- Island Stories: Growing Digital Heritage Dark Archive
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V\\_SGbE-vy0cRIboT6SlwsmlK80btDQdPeUfgjs4I58/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V_SGbE-vy0cRIboT6SlwsmlK80btDQdPeUfgjs4I58/edit)

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## 2. Introduction to the project

- The project was funded under the [RCUK Digital Economy Theme Sustainable Society Network +](#) coordinated by [Imperial College London](#).
  - <http://qtr.rcuk.ac.uk/projects?ref=EP/K003593/1>
- The initial pilot project study had a funded 6 month duration from August 2014.
- The final report of the project with policy recommendations was provided to the funder in July 2015. A copy of this is available on-line, but not openly.
  - <http://bit.ly/IslandStoriesFinalReport>
- The research built and continues to build on previous work on the [Heritage Lottery Fund Discover Bute Landscape Partnership Scheme](#), in particular work led by Paul Duffy and taken forward as [Brandanii Archaeology and Heritage](#)

- The pilot project was conducted alongside the [Pararchive Project](#) which concerns digital storytelling and the development and use of archive material and which had a Community Group based on the Isle of Bute. The direct involvement of the research team in the [Pararchive Project](#) gave this pilot project a major boost to help it build further on much other previous research.
- At the [Pararchive Community Showcase Event](#) we present the Story so far on this project. The slides for which chart our way to an extent.
  - Duffy, Paul; Philip, Fiona; Popple, Simon; Rivlin, Penny; Turner, Andy (2015): Island Stories: Growing Digital Heritage: The story so far 2015-03-27. figshare.
    - <http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1355945>

## 2.1. Project team

- The collaborative research team is comprised of researchers based at the [University of Leeds](#) and Paul Duffy of [Brandanii Archaeology and Heritage](#) based on the [Isle of Bute](#).
- [Simon Popple](#)
  - Principal Investigator
  - [School of Media and Communication](#), [University of Leeds](#)
- Paul Duffy
  - Co-Investigator
  - [Brandanii Archaeology and Heritage](#), Isle of Bute
- [Fiona Philip](#)
  - Co-Investigator
  - [School of Media and Communication](#), [University of Leeds](#)
- [Penny Rivlin](#)
  - Specialist social researcher
  - [School of Media and Communication](#), [University of Leeds](#)
- [Andy Turner](#)
  - Geographical researcher
  - [School of Geography](#), [University of Leeds](#)
- Our team persists to complete a final report and develop a funding application that will hopefully fuel a larger project with a bigger scope to look at Bute and its linked connections and the mapping of its past, present and future and the development of the place in more detail as super fast broadband takes hold and sets to change things, hopefully for the better, and develop new opportunities for sustainable development and prosperous thriving for all on the [Isle of Bute](#) and those that visit and otherwise interact with its placemaking.

## 2.2. Purpose of the study

- It aimed to investigating the potential that digital heritage (history) holds for the development of a more sustainable society on the [Isle of Bute](#).
  - The island has a rich cultural history and many heritage assets.

- To what extent can these assets be better promoted and marketed and to what extent can these contribute to a sustainable tourist economy and island identity?
- The arrival of high speed/[superfast broadband](#) offers exciting possibilities for the people of Bute to promote local business and local places via digital technologies.
  - In time this will further open up Bute heritage and attractions to a wider, global audience.
  - It will also in time lead to some digital transformational changes on the island that have been commonly happened elsewhere.
- At the start of the project high speed community broadband (as it was called then) was scheduled to be available across the island by some time in 2016. It is likely that some parts of the island, most probably parts of the main town - [Rothesay](#) will be connected first (and perhaps as early as late summer 2015), and that more remote areas will not be served with such superfast internet connectivity until considerably later.
- The pilot Island Stories project aims to investigate what is wanted and useful and how the island community might be helped to research, communicate and promote their cultural assets in readiness for and over the course of the introduction of high speed broadband.
- We hope that this pilot project will gain funding for a larger, longer project in 2015 and 2016 that conducts impactful research that oversees the changes that take place as high speed broadband becomes available and aims to make these changes better for all.

### 2.3. Getting involved

- We want to hear about experiences (good or bad) of using (or not using) digital technologies on Bute. What kind of 'stories' would you like to read, develop and tell about Bute, and how do you think the island community can work together to promote and communicate these assets through digital methods? What kinds of help, planning and training are wanted especially in preparation for the arrival of higher speed broadband on Bute?
- In September 2014 we launched a survey which was distributed on paper and was also made available online.
  - The survey is now closed, and we are analysing the results which will be synthesised to form the basis of some of the findings and a large section of the [final report](#).
- The research team conducted interviews to gather some more in-depth views.
  - Primarily we targeted those in some way associated with Island heritage, but we tried to gather a wide range of views from residents, ex-residents, visitors and ex-visitors.
  - We are currently not arranging further interviews, but if you are keen to be interviewed or get involved in any follow up study, please email or contact Paul Duffy or [Penny Rivlin](#) in the first instance.
- Another way to get involved is to develop some online digital content about Bute, perhaps you edit [OpenStreetMap](#) already, or [Wikipedia](#)? Maybe you would also like to contribute something to the [Island Stories Google Maps Engine Map](#)

- This was set up when we thought this technology would be around for longer, but it is being phased out and the map may no longer be available after some time in 2016.
  - Meanwhile we are working on a way to export the content and have a more sustainable resource for developing this.
- Many thanks to all those that participated in this project. Please keep in touch for updates, or check back here.

## 3. Information

### 3.1. Social Media

#### 3.1.1. Bute Facebook

- [Facebook](#) is popular with some Bute residents and community groups
  - It was perhaps the most widely used social media by residents other than perhaps email at the time we conducted the pilot surveying, but it is hard to be sure based on our sample...
- Brandanii Archaeology and Heritage
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brandanii-Archaeology-and-Heritage/102245703180938>
- Bute Photo Archive
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bute-Photo-Archive/353753048039229>
- Isle of Bute
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Isle-of-Bute/112980848728425>
  - Group
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/22730686606/>
- Port Bannatyne
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Port-Bannatyne/109629655723062>
- Wild Bute
  - <https://www.facebook.com/WildBute>
  - <http://wildbute.com>
- Project team
  - Andy Turner
    - <https://www.facebook.com/a.g.d.turner>
  - Brandanii Archaeology and Heritage
    - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brandanii-Archaeology-and-Heritage/102245703180938>
  - ...

#### 3.1.2. Twitter

- [Twitter](#) was also being used extensively by some Bute people and organisations
- Hashtagrama
  - [#butestories](#)

- [#ilovebute](#)
  - [#isleofbute](#)
- Andy's list of Twitter accounts for Island Stories
  - <https://twitter.com/agdturner/lists/island-stories/>
- Project team twitter
  - Paul Duffy
    - <https://twitter.com/ButeArch>
  - Penny Rivlin
    -
  - Andy Turner
    - <https://twitter.com/agdturner>
  - ...

### 3.1.3. Flickr

- [Flickr](#) is a photo sharing web platform where there are images of Bute to be found...
- <https://www.flickr.com/search/?q=bute>

## 3.2. Geographical Maps

### 3.2.1. Google Maps Engine Map

- In September 2014 a [Google Maps Engine](#) Map was set up to allow people to add content to. It is fairly open and is intended to focus on heritage content.
  - <http://bit.ly/1tyiWXj>
  - The following can be used to check usage statistics for the map:
    - <http://bit.ly/1tyiWXj+>
  - 2014-10-14 a new more easy to remember bit.ly link to the map was created:
    - <http://bit.ly/IslandStoriesMap>
  - The following can be used to check usage statistics for the above link:
    - <http://bit.ly/IslandStoriesMap+>
- Resources for learning about Google Maps Engine
  - <http://googlecodedevelopers.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/maps-engine-api-now-at-v1-make-maps-in.html?m=1>
  - [https://support.google.com/maps/answer/62843?hl=en&ref\\_topic=1687289](https://support.google.com/maps/answer/62843?hl=en&ref_topic=1687289)
  - <https://support.google.com/mapsengine/answer/6061491>
  - <https://developers.google.com/maps-engine/documentation/tutorial-create-map>
- In February 2015 Google decided to phase out [Google Maps Engine](#), so work has begun to try to reposition content on another system.

### 3.2.2. Britain from above

- Andy Turner's profile
  - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/profile/97057>

### 3.2.3. HistoryPin

- Andy Turner's profile

- <http://www.historypin.com/channels/view/52795>
- Isle of Bute
  - <http://www.historypin.com/map/#!/geo:55.809015,-5.075863/zoom:11/>

#### 3.2.4. Mapillary

- <http://www.mapillary.com/>
- Crowdsourced street level photography

#### 3.2.5. Wikimapia

- <http://wikimapia.org/>
- <http://wikimapia.org/#lang=en&lat=55.817873&lon=-4.988480&z=11&m=b>

#### 3.2.6. RCAHMS Pastmap

- <http://pastmap.org.uk>
- An interactive mapping service which offers a single point of entry into five major databases covering the built environment in Scotland
- <http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/pastmap.html>

#### 3.2.7. Photosynths

- Photosynths
  - <https://photosynth.net/>
  - Ettrick Bay
    - <https://photosynth.net/view.aspx?cid=c1d5c81e-d093-4ef2-b032-dfd0df5d7403>
  - Rothesay
    - <https://photosynth.net/view.aspx?cid=50d46eeb-1e82-41da-898c-752b405b9df9>
    - <https://photosynth.net/view.aspx?cid=98c7877d-a038-44b6-985d-84447fb74cc9>
    - Castle
      - <https://photosynth.net/view.aspx?cid=845a7300-3619-455b-963b-869f7b598bbc>
      - <https://photosynth.net/view.aspx?cid=1d75be1a-c479-4990-b9d6-0aaa8a91a34d>
      -
    - West Kirk
      - <https://photosynth.net/preview/view/11ee5d99-558e-45dd-9485-7f885f1aa5cf>

#### 3.2.8. Miscellaneous

- 
- <http://mapstory.org/>
- <http://digimap.edina.ac.uk/>
- ...

## 4. Themes

### 4.1. Archaeology, myth and prehistory

- Debbie Long
  - <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/deborah-long/27/9a2/b26>
  - Argyll and Bute archaeological curator

### 4.2. Diaspora

- Types of migration past, present and future

### 4.3. Digital engagement

- Poppins Greenock
  - <http://www.poppinsproject.co.uk/>
  - <http://oakmall.co.uk/poppins-shop-will-open-mall-14th-june-31st-august-2014/>
  - <http://www.greenocktelegraph.co.uk/news/greenock/articles/2014/06/14/501346-uks-first-techy-store-for-oaps-to-open-in-oak-mall/>

### 4.4. Personal stories

### 4.5. Heritage

- Rothesay Townscape Heritage Initiative
  - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/rothesay-townscape-heritage-initiative-thi>
  - [http://www.discoverbutearchaeology.co.uk/?page\\_id=304](http://www.discoverbutearchaeology.co.uk/?page_id=304)

### 4.6. Natural Heritage

- Scottish Natural Heritage
  - Virtual Seas
    - [http://www.snh.gov.uk/about-scotlands-nature/habitats-and-ecosystems/coasts-and-seas/seas-interactive/?dm\\_i=1FWH,2UIC2,EPWR0S,ABQRP,1](http://www.snh.gov.uk/about-scotlands-nature/habitats-and-ecosystems/coasts-and-seas/seas-interactive/?dm_i=1FWH,2UIC2,EPWR0S,ABQRP,1)
    - People on Bute are unlikely to be able to enjoy these at home due to the quality of the internet connections available in September 2014.

### 4.7. Infrastructure and Sustainability

- Buteman (2015) High speed broadband coming to Rothesay this summer
  - <http://www.buteman.co.uk/news/local-headlines/high-speed-broadband-coming-to-rothesay-this-summer-1-3678156>
- Isle of Bute festival of Cycling weekend
  - <http://www.rothesayweekend.co.uk/>
  - 2014-09-20 to 2014-09-21

### 4.8. Tourism

- <http://www.buteman.co.uk/news/beautiful-scotland-gives-silver-gilt-award-to-bute-in-bloom-1-3533380>



## 5. Organisations, Government, Agriculture, Industry and Civil Society

### 5.1. Military and maritime

- <http://www.butesonsanddaughters.co.uk/navy.shtml>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/53/a2799453.shtml>
- <http://www.bute-at-war.org/vday/gallery.shtml>
- <http://www.butemuseum.org.uk/bute-at-war/>

### 5.2. Tourism

- Bute Stories

### 5.3. Agriculture

- Annual Summer Show
  - <http://www.kilchattan-bay.co.uk/basindex.html>
- Bute Heritage Potato Project
  - <http://youtu.be/0LcOosmU3fQ>
- Bute Produce
  - <http://youtu.be/5tdbdx3FanQ>
  - <http://www.fyenefutures.org.uk/buteproduce/>
  - [http://www.fynehomes.org.uk/bute\\_produce.html](http://www.fynehomes.org.uk/bute_produce.html)
  - <http://www.fyenefutures.org.uk/buteproduce/the-green-box-scheme/>

### 5.4. News media, debate, information resources and stories

#### 5.4.1. National

- National Library of Scotland
  - <http://www.nls.uk>
- National Monuments Record Scotland Map Interface
  - <http://jura.rcahms.gov.uk/CANMAP/Map>

#### 5.4.2. Regional

#### 5.4.3. Local

- The Buteman
  - <http://www.buteman.co.uk/>
  - <http://www.buteman.co.uk/what-s-on/leisure/slideshow-the-beauty-of-bute-1-3502186>
- Debate Bute
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Debate-on-Bute/581986955163283>
- Have Your Say on Bute
  - <https://www.facebook.com/HaveYourSayOnBute>
- Butetube

- DigitalBute
- GeoCaches
  - [http://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC1GPRY\\_rothesay-rothesay-mk2](http://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC1GPRY_rothesay-rothesay-mk2)
- Time capsules
  - <http://www.buteman.co.uk/news/local-headlines/rothesay-girl-s-story-included-in-jubilee-time-capsule-1-2653859>
- Bute photo archive
- Bute Studio Trail
  - <http://www.butestudiotrail.com>

## 5.5. Charities

- There are 132? charities operating on Bute
- Fyne Homes
  - <http://www.fynehomes.org.uk/about.html>

## 5.6. Others

- Fyne Futures
  - <http://www.fyenefutures.org.uk/>
- Fyne futures resources
  - <http://www.fynehomes.org.uk/ffrecycling.html>
- Bute Forest
  - Christmas Trees

# 6. Place Information

## 6.1. Isle of Bute General

- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Isle-of-Bute/112980848728425>
- <http://www.madeinscotlandmag.co.uk/news/magazine-features/10-things-to-do-on-bute/>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle\\_of\\_Bute](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Bute)
- [http://dbpedia.org/page/Isle\\_of\\_Bute](http://dbpedia.org/page/Isle_of_Bute)

## 6.2. Port Bannatyne

- Wikipedia
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port\\_Bannatyne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Bannatyne)
- Facebook
  - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Port-Bannatyne/109629655723062>
- Kames Castle
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kames\\_Castle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kames_Castle)

## 6.3. Mount Stewart and the Estate

- <http://www.mountstuart.com/>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount\\_Stuart\\_House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Stuart_House)

## 6.4. Rothesay

- Wikipedia
  - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rothesay>

### 6.4.1. General

- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/royal-holiday-2>
  - 1958
- [Britain from Above](#) Aerofilms collection of aerial photographs from 1919-1953
  - 1927
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/spw019570>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/spw019571>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/spw019574>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/spw019575>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/spw019578>
  - 1948
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/saw017837>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/saw017838>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/saw017839>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/saw017840>
    - <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/saw017841>

### 6.4.2. The Pavilion

- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/scots-elect-beauty-queen>
  - 1959
- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/scots-pick-beauty-queen>
  - 1960

### 6.4.3. Winter Gardens

- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/queen-of-seaside>
  - 1961
- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/queen-of-seaside-scots>
  - 1963
- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/beauty-queen-contest>
  - 1968

### 6.4.4. West Kirk

- <https://photosynth.net/preview/view/11ee5d99-558e-45dd-9485-7f885f1aa5cf>

## 6.5. Kilchattan Bay

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kilchattan\\_Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kilchattan_Bay)

## 6.6. Ettrick Bay

## 6.7. Places to Stay

- Kildavannan School House
  - <http://www.kildavannanschoolhouse.com/>
  - 3 Beds
- Roseland Lodge Park
  - <http://www.roselandlodgepark.co.uk/>
  - Lodges, caravans and camping

## 7. People

### 7.1. Locals past and present with public profiles

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:People\\_from\\_the\\_Isle\\_of\\_Bute](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:People_from_the_Isle_of_Bute)
- Rosemary
  - Island volunteer of the year
  - <http://www.buteforest.com/2012/08/>
  - <http://www.buteforest.com/author/emma/page/3/>
  - <http://www.buteman.co.uk/news/bute-volunteers-honoured-at-awards-ceremony-1-3453476>

### 7.2. Visitors with public profiles

- Royalty
- Celebrities
- ...

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  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V\\_SGbE-vy0cRIboT6SlwsmlK80btDQdPeUfgjs4I58/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V_SGbE-vy0cRIboT6SlwsmlK80btDQdPeUfgjs4I58/edit)
- Island Stories: Growing Digital Heritage Pilot Study Final Report and Policy Recommendations
  - <http://bit.ly/IslandStoriesFinalReport>