

Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, 2025-26
SPRING 2026

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Date.

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.

Date	Group	Title/Topic	Speaker(s)	Location(*)	Contact & Cost (for non-members)
January 2026					
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	SOC	Bird Ringing with the Grampian Ringing Group	Raymond Duncan	SDR Library, Kings	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
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
Thurs. 22	SWT	ECHO Soil Project	Karolina Trdicova	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 28	MammalSoc	National Polecat Survey	Katherine McBride	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
February 2026					
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	SDR Library, Kings	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
Wed. 25	MammalSoc	Rural Hedgehog Project (Endangered Species Trust)	Morag Boyd	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
March 2026					
Mon. 2	RSGS	Gardening for Biodiversity	Kate Bradbury	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Mon. 2	SOC	Stonechats and Glen Dye	Moray Souter	SDR Library, Kings	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
Thurs. 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	Aberdeen City Rangers: Local Nature Reserves	Jack Elphinstone	By Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 25	MammalSoc	British Divers Marine Life Rescue in Scotland	Stacey Esson	By Zoom	https://nesmamnet.org/
April 2026					
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	SDR Library, Kings	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 9	FCBG	Plants and Pollinators	Bryce Reynard	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

Thurs. 16	SWT	AGM plus "Sea the Connection" talk	Elouise Dalziel	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			
SDR Library, Kings = 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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