

PROGRAMME

STICK CONFERENCE 2026

200 years of Scotland's Railways

Friday 13 November, The Engine Shed, Stirling

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10:15-10:30	**Check in**
10:30-10:35	**Welcome and housekeeping**, Rosie Shackleton (STICK Chair)
10:35-11:35	**Session 1** ***The Scottish Viaducts Committee, 1984-2006***, Mark Watson ***Origins: The Inception, Development and Chronology of Scotland's First Railed Way - The 1722 Tranent – Cockenzie Waggonway***, Ed Bethune ***Digging and Building: Excavating and reconstructing the Tranent-Cockenzie Waggonway of 1722***, Anthony Dawson **Q&A**
11:35-11:50	**Tea & coffee break**
11:50-13:00	**Session 2** ***A social and political history of the Mallaig Railway***, Felix Birch ***A Thing So Delicate:The Hidden Voices of Scotland's Mass Concrete Viaducts***, Moira McPartlin & Colin Baird ***Steaming Ahead: How the Railways created the Fish Supper***, Linda Fitzpatrick **Q&A**
13:00-13:30	**Lunch**
13:30-14:20	**Session 3** ***Signalling Scotland's Railways: The John Young Collection and the Development of a National Centre of Signalling Knowledge***, John Young ***Returning Steam to Aberdeen***, Jon Tyler **Q&A**
14:20-14:30	**Closing remarks**
14:30-15:30	**Afternoon Activities** | x2 30 minute sessions* **Heritage Smell Walk**, Will Tullett **Stirling's Railway History Walking Tour**, Andy McEwan

*Please note these sessions will involve light physical activity.