



# TAY VIEWS

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OF THE TAY ESTUARY AND ITS ADJACENT COASTLINE

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Hi all,

The TEF annual conference this year will take place on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015, following a theme of *Sustainable Coasts* (Items 4 & 5). It has been a busy few months for the Forum, with extension of Project Officer hours to 4 days per week, incorporating some additional duties in support of the Scottish Coastal Forum. We have been out visiting Hatton's waste water treatment plant near Arbroath (photos in Item 3) and we have seen recent changes and additions to our Steering Group too. Johanna Willi (Fife Council) and Tom Piper (The Crown Estate) have recently joined us. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like more info on our projects or features. Or visit our website at: [www.tayestuary.org.uk](http://www.tayestuary.org.uk)

Best wishes, Laura (Project Officer)

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### 1: TEF UPDATE

- Last TEF Steering Group meeting: Feb 2015, followed by site visit to Hatton's wastewater treatment plant, nr Arbroath (kindly hosted by David Wishart, Catchment Tay Ltd)
- Local Coastal Partnerships' Parliamentary Reception with MSPs, was held in December 2014. A transcript of the LCP Parliamentary debate can be viewed on the TEF website.
- TEF Steering Group wish to extend their thanks to Esther Rogers-Nicoll, representing Perth & Kinross Council, for all her support of the Forum over recent years. We wish her all the best for her retirement.



## 2. Marine Life Angus - report your coastal sightings

Explore Angus's coastal wildlife sites & report your whale and dolphin sightings at to the Angus Cetacean Awareness Project (ACAP), an Angus based project recording cetaceans in Angus waters.



[www.marinelifeangus.co.uk](http://www.marinelifeangus.co.uk) the website hosting ACAP, promotes a wealth of information on local coastal sites, great for land-based viewing and also aims to publicise other local recording schemes recording local butterflies, maritime plants and marine non native species. Sightings are reported to BARS and the Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan and there is now a twitter account to follow [@marinelifeangus](https://twitter.com/marinelifeangus)

Since the project began there have been regular sightings at more than seven locations on the Angus coast, of species including bottlenose dolphins, minke whale, porpoise and common dolphin and even humpbacks at Montrose Bay. A particular hotspot is Scurdie Ness lighthouse at Ferryden, Montrose. The number of sightings reported rose in 2014 and more than 100 bottlenose dolphins were recorded.

We are always looking for more sightings and would like to encourage those regularly out on the coast or on inshore waters to report what they see and encourage others to do so as well. Promotional material for distribution can be send out, if you would like to receive some please email: [info@marinelifeangus.co.uk](mailto:info@marinelifeangus.co.uk)



3. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the TEF Steering Group visited the Hatton waste water treatment plant, near Arbroath. The trip was led by David Wishart, Catchment Tay Ltd. and followed the quarterly TEF Steering Group meeting. Fourteen of us were given a safety briefing and tour of the facility and it was an informative and entertaining visit. (Photos can be seen below L. Booth).





Tentsmuir seals: Image courtesy of T. Dixon

## 4. *Sustainable Coasts: A Balancing Act*



**TEF's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
Booking form and info at: [www.tayestuary.org.uk/](http://www.tayestuary.org.uk/)  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, West Park Centre, Dundee**

Please return booking forms by **15<sup>th</sup> April 2015** to:  
[TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk) [01382 384933](tel:01382384933)  
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- Tackling Wildlife Crime with Police Scotland
- Sustainable Local Development and Changing Land Use
  - Marine Planning
  - Proposals for a Tayside Biosphere
  - Dundee Coast Protection Study
  - Dundee Waterfront
- Sustainable Local Coastal Communities
  - Creative Tay Projects
- TEF regional-related postgraduate projects & posters
  - Exhibits, refreshments & seated buffet lunch
- **We offer a student discount, please contact us**

# 5. Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2015

## *Sustainable Coasts: A Balancing Act*

### Friday 24th April

### West Park Conference Centre, Perth Road, Dundee

9:30-10:00 registration

£60. (includes lunch, morning & afternoon coffee & refreshments)

10am START

£30. Students

4pm FINISH

Please return your completed booking form ASAP and by **15th April**

- Cheques should be made payable to: **University of Dundee**, and forwarded to:  
**Tay Estuary Forum, Room G35, Tower Building, University of Dundee, Dundee, DD1 4HN**
- Invoices can be provided on request
- Payment should be made before the conference please
- No refunds shall be given for cancellations less than two weeks before the event

West Park Conference Centre directions and parking info: <http://www.westpark.co.uk/how-to-find-west-park>

For further details please contact: Laura Booth ( TEF Project Officer)

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### Booking Form

#### Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2015 – Friday 24th April

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending for a fee of £60.  Student (please attach photocopied proof of status)

No. of places..... Total amount payable £ ..... Invoice required: Yes/ No

Any special dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed booking form, via e-mail to: [TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk)

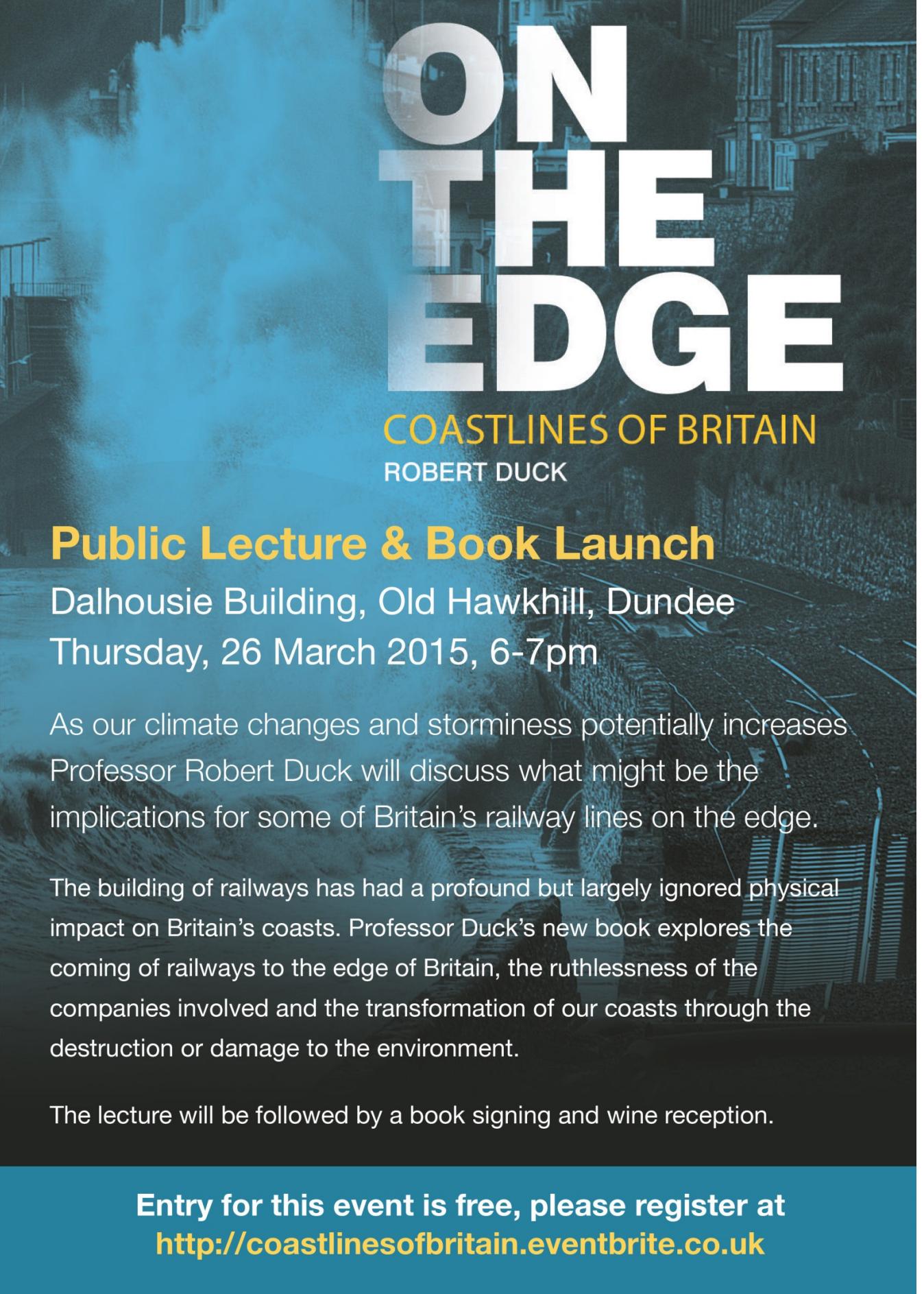
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# ON THE EDGE

COASTLINES OF BRITAIN

ROBERT DUCK

## Public Lecture & Book Launch

Dalhousie Building, Old Hawkhill, Dundee

Thursday, 26 March 2015, 6-7pm

As our climate changes and storminess potentially increases Professor Robert Duck will discuss what might be the implications for some of Britain's railway lines on the edge.

The building of railways has had a profound but largely ignored physical impact on Britain's coasts. Professor Duck's new book explores the coming of railways to the edge of Britain, the ruthlessness of the companies involved and the transformation of our coasts through the destruction or damage to the environment.

The lecture will be followed by a book signing and wine reception.

**Entry for this event is free, please register at**  
**<http://coastlinesofbritain.eventbrite.co.uk>**