

# Dounreay Heritage Project

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## Progress Report, July to December 2015

1. The DFR Control Room was successfully transported to the Science Museum's store in Swindon by D Steven & Son. The move generated much publicity, both locally and nationally. The display date in either London or Edinburgh is to be confirmed.
2. The following objects were transported to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. The electrical panels will be part of the museum's new Energy gallery, due to open in summer 2016:
  - PFR control room electrical panels (x2)
  - PFR Control Room glass door showing UKAEA Coat of Arms
  - PFR demountable fuel sub-assembly (new, unused)
  - PFR simulated waste product sample (glass)
3. The DMTR Control Room exhibition in Caithness Horizons was officially opened on 16 May 2015 and is proving to be very popular.
4. A conference paper entitled "The Dounreay Heritage Partnership Project – An innovative approach to developing successful museum partnership working activities" was presented by James Gunn, DSRL and Joanne Howdle, Caithness Horizons, at the 2015 International Congress of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH) in Lille, France. Around 500 delegates from 50 countries attended the 5 day event.
5. James Gunn and Joanne Howdle visited France's Chinon nuclear site for a guided tour of the "Musee de l'Atome". The main feature of this atomic museum is the site's A1 reactor known as "La Boule" (the ball), which is similar to the DFR sphere. Contacts were made for possible international collaboration between Caithness Horizons and the Chinon museum.
6. The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland and the University of the Highlands and Islands were successful in a joint funding application for a collaborative doctoral partnership. The title of the 3 year PhD study being, "The Dounreay Nuclear Establishment and its impact on the Northern Highlands of Scotland". Linda Ross was the successful candidate. She started on 1 October 2015 and visited Dounreay on 5<sup>th</sup> October for introductions and to present her proposal for the study.
7. The design team of the NDA Nuclear Archive in Wick is investigating the possibility of transferring the historic PFR Stone Table to the archive as a design feature. The PFR decommissioning team is investigating the work required to remove it.
8. Dounreay Castle's north wall collapsed during a storm in February 2015. A specialist contractor inspected the Castle and produced a report detailing costed options for

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repairs. Public Liability issues are being investigated by the NDA before a decision on the way forward is finalised.

9. An article about Dounreay's heritage project was published in the 2015 winter edition newsletter of the UK's Association for Industrial Archaeology.
10. The guidance note for capturing oral history was updated to reference the forms used.
11. The heritage procedures were audited by Assurance department and no actions were raised.
12. A glass display cabinet with lighting, was purchased and heritage objects are on display in the new Communications room located in Dounreay's Welcome Break restaurant.
13. Three leavers completed Dounreay Memories forms.
14. Eight heritage objects were collected:
  - Aluminium model of the UKAEA coat of arms
  - Trophy from British Construction Industry for shaft isolation project
  - Trophy from British Safety Council for 2011 International safety awards
  - Caithness stone momento given to shaft isolation project team members
  - Pen momento celebrating 60 years of craft apprenticeships
  - ID card for collecting pay
  - Access card for entry to PFR's MDF room
  - Plaque from PFR transformer

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