

## SHTP February Blog- Hannah Fraser

February I began with focusing more on vessel *Research* which had previously sunk in Anstruther harbour and is badly damaged. The framework has cracked as a result and the starboard side has begun to come away from the rest of the boat. I was shown how to make wooden clamps that support the frames of the vessel; which bolts to use; and the best way to drill them in as the frames are distorted from damage.



Along with this, rigging wires are being added to support the starboard side of the boat. The rigging wires will be placed throughout the boat to ensure the weight is proportioned throughout the boat. I was then shown how to add the rigging wires into the frames of the boat. I feel I am enjoying working in the boatyard more and more each week as I am constantly learning new skills.

I then attended a photogrammetry training session at the Museum where I learnt how to photograph objects in the collection and use software to transfer it into a 3D image. This was a great opportunity as I gained a completely new skill and feel it will be useful in the future as another way to display a variety of collections.

I have also worked with some of the costume collections and was shown how to handle, pack and store these types of collections. I really enjoyed working with the costumes as I don't have a lot of experience in this particular type of collection and I really felt this session was valuable for me.



I then did more work on the object entry forms. These forms need to be filled in when a new object is donated or loaned to the Museum. This was really useful for me to focus on completing these forms as it would be something I would need to know for working with collections in the future.

I then had a meeting with another member of staff to discuss upcoming events and the social media schedule. We discussed making regular posts about the ongoing conservation project of *Research*, along with specific events that are coming up in the next few months that I can help with.

I then had a great opportunity to have a meeting with someone at the National Library of Scotland to discuss future career options that would be useful for when I complete this traineeship. I received a vast amount of advice regarding my CV, job applications and interview techniques. Overall it was a great experience to get first hand advice from an organisation that I would be interested in applying for jobs with in the future.