

# Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the Society's outreach



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Welcome to the February monthly e-letter update for Surrey Archaeological Society's HLF Sustainable Impact project. We've managed to plan in a couple more courses since last issue, and are still busy planning for the spring (and summer) fieldwork seasons!

This month, one of the major training achievements was the survey at Gibbet Hill, Hindhead, working with the local National Trust Archaeology team, Liss Archaeology and surveyors from Archaeology South-East – particular

thanks are due to Phelim McIntyre, who is carrying out the research of the site.

Over the two days a small team worked together and conducted walkover and metal-detecting surveys of two locations to help identify the possible site of the former RAF tower masts – both evidence for the pylons (in the form of cross-bracing) and the concrete bases for the Nissan huts were identified and mapped. Work is expected to continue later in November after the main nesting season on the Commons is over.



As always, anyone who is interested in a specific opportunity please contact me at [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk). Be sure to also keep up-to-date on activities or courses via the website ([www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk)) and on social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.instagram.com/surreyarch)).

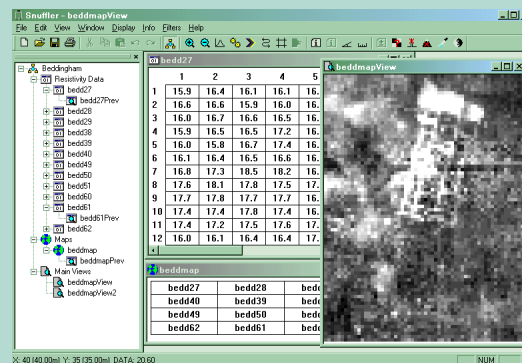
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## Snuffler (Freeware Geophysics Software) course

Led by Carl Raven (Liss Archaeology), this one-day course will take place on Friday 1 March from 10:00-13:00 at the Abinger Research Centre (Hackhurst Lane, Abinger Hammer RH5 6SE).

This is a basic introductory course on using the free Snuffler geophysics software for processing of both magnetometry and resistivity data. The session will be brief and is intended for those who already have knowledge of processing geophysical data, as another more intense course to cover theory and methods in geophysical survey is planned for later March or April.



As this is part of the HLF training programme, the course will be provided at no charge. However, booking is essential and spaces are limited, so we do ask that you commit to attending, once signed up. Please email [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk) to book and for any queries.

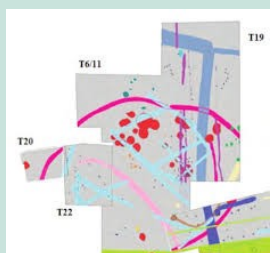
## GIMP (Free Image Editor) courses

Led by Elvin Mullinger (SyAS), these will be offered as two-part courses (introduction and advanced) with a choice of two different dates. Introduction courses will be from 10:00-14:00 and on either Friday 5 April or Saturday 13 April. The advanced follow-up course will run from 10:00-16:00 and be either Saturday 16 April or Saturday 4 May. The venue is also at the Abinger Research Centre (Hackhurst Lane, Abinger Hammer RH5 6SE).

### Digital Line Drawing for Archaeology introduction

The course will involve looking at the installation and setup of GIMP for line drawing; an overview and description of the screen and basic functions; a demonstration and practice drawing simple shapes; demonstration by use of a computer graphics tablet; basics of image manipulation, copying cutting and pasting; working with digital drawing layers; use of text, scaling and measuring; and saving and exporting files to common file types.

### Digital Line Drawing for Archaeology follow-up workshop



The follow-on course will consist of a review of the GIMP introduction course; demonstration and practice digitising drawings from photographs and scanned pencil sketches (trench sections, pot sherds and lithics); standards – Historic England and SyAS; manipulating, scaling and joining sketches; file organisation and backing up.

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## Community Test Pitting

As part of the project initiative to increase outreach potential and engage with more areas and local groups across the county, the first of the community test-pitting events will take place in April at Old Woking, followed by Rowhurst, Leatherhead in May.

### Old Woking

The community test-pitting days in Old Woking have been set to run over the Easter school holidays from Saturday 13 April through to Monday 15 April. All test pits will be dug in the grounds of Rosemead, and for most of the days members of the public will need to apply for a time-slot to excavate, with sieving and finds-processing also taking place. More experienced diggers will also be needed to help lead on the excavations and processing – if interested please get in touch with Pam Savage ([medforum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:medforum@hotmail.co.uk)).



On Saturday 13 April, there will be an open day at Rosemead where the public may simply turn up and take part in the various events. This will involve children's activities, including Anglo-Saxon living history demonstrations. Volunteers to assist with organisation and activities will be greatly appreciated.

### Leatherhead

Test-pitting is also planned for the first three weekends of May (4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19) at Rowhurst and Teazle Wood near Leatherhead, with an open day on the Bank Holiday Monday (6 May). It is anticipated that at least one day will also be planned for finds processing. For those who are interested, whether in finds processing or excavation, please contact [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).

### Other locations

Test pitting is also planned for Bletchingley in August/September and Nonsuch in September (with an open day currently in the diary to take place at Bourne Hall Museum for Saturday 25 May to raise awareness of the Nonsuch dig). Updates of Autumn dates will follow in due course.

### Fieldwork training

Opportunities to train on the Society's new RM Frobisher resistivity meter will take place in March and April, with geophysical surveys planned in the Farnham and Leatherhead areas in particular. Field-walking is also currently planned for March 2019. Anyone who would like to be more involved please do get in touch. More details to come!

