

Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact



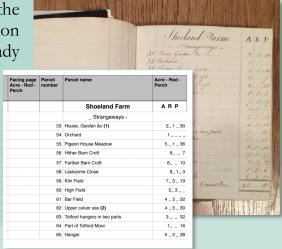
Expanding and strengthening the Society's outreach

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Welcome to the July edition of the regular e-letter updates for Surrey Archaeological Society's Heritage Fund 'Sustainable Impact' project.

Excellent work has been taking place at home by the volunteers on the Puttenham Terrier Transcription Project, with a thorough first batch of pages already

in. The original and checked final transcription pages are both visible on the Society's website, as is a new note on the cartographer Peter Perez Burdett, placing the Terrier in context https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/puttenham-terrier). Many thanks to Rob Briggs for leading on this project, and to those who have contributed so far! Anyone who would still like to be involved, please let us know (outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).





After careful risk assessment and approval from the trustees, a socially distanced dig at Abinger has been able to resume in the past month, albeit on a very reduced scale. A similar protocol will be in place for the Old Park Farnham dig in mid-August (August 15th to September 15th), though with such tight numbers and restrictions, we won't be able to accommodate everyone we would like to on this particular occasion. Experienced diggers who are not shielding should contact me at assessinallen@gmail.com to express interest.

The following page will highlight a couple on-going training sessions which will be offered virtually, while we await being able to run indoor sessions again at Abinger. For queries on other volunteer opportunities in the meantime, please contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk, and keep up-to-date via the website and social media (@surreyarch), which is always the first port of call for group and event updates.

Best wishes,

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QGIS for Archaeology REFRESHER: online/remote session

QGIS is a powerful Open-Source GIS application and is ideal for desktop archaeological assessments, site analysis, research work and post excavation write ups. This four hour follow-along remote training course will provide you with refresher of the QGIS for Archaeology course previously run. Using actual site data, combined with a series of Open-Data sources we will re-explore some of the key functions of QGIS with a basis towards archaeology. We will look at pre excavation tasks such as geophysics, field walking and site grids, as well as post excavation find plotting, digitising of trenches and georeferencing.

Install QGIS 3.14; for Windows it is recommend that you use the standalone installer. There are Mac and Linux installers also available on the <u>qgis.org</u> website.

You will need to install the Zoom client (zoom.us/download). Having a webcam is not essential but having a microphone is. If you are using a laptop then it is recommend that you have a mouse, as using a touch-pad for GIS is hard work.

Due to the nature of remote training it will not be possible to provide individual technical help during the session. As such, if your computer or QGIS installation experiences technical issues during the training, the session will carry on while you try to resolve the issue your self. At the end of the session, where possible, technical support may be offered by the trainer.

Two dates are available for this session: 10.00-14.00 Saturday 25 July and 8 August. A download link to training material and the Zoom meeting will be provided before the session. As spaces are limited, please register with <u>outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk</u>.

Flint Group: online/remote session

Although the initial meeting in March of the new flint group being formed in the Society has been postponed, Chris Taylor has kindly offered to run a short series of introduction sessions online to those who are interested in joining the group. These will be very basic introductory talks broken down by period – Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic – which will be provided by Zoom software, combining both powerpoint slides and lithics being held to the camera for closer inspection.



The sessions will take about an hour in total, including time for set-up and questions at the end, with the first one on the Palaeolithic running on Wednesday 29 July at 19.00.

Spaces are limited and reserved for those who are interested in potentially joining the group. No prior experience in lithics analysis is needed, as the group is specifically intended for those who are less familiar with studying flints, although an intent to commit longer term to the group is desired. Please contact out-<u>reach@surrevarchaeology.org.uk</u> if you would like to be involved.