



Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the Society's outreach



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Welcome to the June monthly e-letter update for Surrey Archaeological Society's Heritage Fund Sustainable Impact project!



thanks to a team of dedicated detectorists – even metal detecting! It was a great opportunity to raise awareness of the local groups and the heritage of



We finished off May with a very busy and enjoyable open day at Bourne Hall, working alongside the Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society and Bourne Hall Museum, with some fantastic demonstrations and activities from the Butser IX Legion. Families were able to jump in and have a go at test pitting, digging for artefacts in the sandboxes and –

Many thanks need to be made to Nikki, Steve, David and Jeremy for all their help and hard work in making the day (and the Bourne Hall test pitting in general) run smoothly.



The Old Woking team also managed a successful month of training and survey with the Frobisher at Rosemead, and we look forward to hearing about the results shortly!

A final note is to congratulate SCAU and Godalming Museum for their successful Lottery bid on the exciting new 'Witley Camp in 'Two World Wars' community archaeology project! For more info, email education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk.



As always, anyone who is interested in any of the training or volunteer opportunities (or who wants to discuss potential future ones) please do contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Be sure to also keep up-to-date on activities or courses via the website (www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk) and on social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.facebook.com/surreyarch)).

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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 community test-pitting events will continue with Farnham in July, Bletchingley in August, Nonsuch Park in September and Rowhurst again in October. If interested in any aspect of these programmes, whether digging, processing or just lending a hand, please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.

Ewell

Volunteers are invited to book a slot for test-pitting at Nonsuch Park in the Old Stables Field over the Heritage Open Weekend (21-22 September). All sessions must be booked in advance.



Farnham



A weekend of community test pitting at Holt Pound will run on 6-7 July, a site which produced a large amount of Romano-British metal objects in the 1980s. On Saturday 3 August, the Society will also be running an open day at Farnham Museum, which will include a trench to investigate a probable Tudor out-building first revealed in test pitting back in 2014. Assistance with the excavations (which are likely to begin from 1 August) and open day welcome.

Bletchingley

As part of the Mesolithic Hinterlands of Surrey project, test-pitting undertaking the flint methodology will take place in the Bletchingley area over two weekends in August (10-11 and 17-18). These sessions are for adults only, and bookings are now being taken.

Monument Condition Assessment training course

This two-day course on 7-8 September at Hatchlands Park is led by the National Trust regional archaeologist Tom Dommett, who is responsible for ensuring that archaeological sites on NT land are monitored continually to help inform conservation work, identify problems and ensure future preservation. Once trained, volunteers will continue to visit and monitor sites throughout the year, taking photographs and collecting data. Participants will be encouraged to apply their training and be registered as NT 'HART' (Heritage Archaeology and Ranger Team) volunteers.



No prior training is necessary, but volunteers should be physically fit, able to walk to and around monuments (sometimes in remote locations), and have basic map-reading skills. Although this course is free, spaces are very limited, and we ask you to commit once signing up. A full schedule is to be confirmed. For any queries and to book, contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.