

# Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the  
Society's outreach



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Welcome to the March monthly e-letter update for Surrey Archaeological Society's HLF Sustainable Impact project. Although we've been quiet on the course-side in the last month, we have a couple more dates in the diary for spring fieldwork, and are busy getting the autumn calendar filled as well!



At last month's Symposium, many aspects of the project were featured both amongst the displays on view and the talks themselves, including Jo Mansi's overview and update on the Old Woking test pitting project. Don't forget that for those who are around during the Easter holidays (14-16 April), experienced volunteers are still needed to supervise test pits and finds processing. Those who are not free in April but can make the May Leatherhead test pitting are also encouraged to sign-up!

Now that Spring is (almost) here, we can also tentatively provide dates for resistivity survey training with the new RM Frobisher. Bearing in mind that adverse weather could affect individual days, we have pencilled in from 23-27 March for survey and fieldwalking at Old Park in Farnham. Further resistivity training is planned at Rowhurst, Leatherhead in April (24-26), and no doubt other opportunities will arise as and when.



Although further desk-based courses are largely earmarked now for the autumn, those who are interested in QGIS training and who missed out on the 2018-19 sessions, please get in touch, so we can plan for numbers.

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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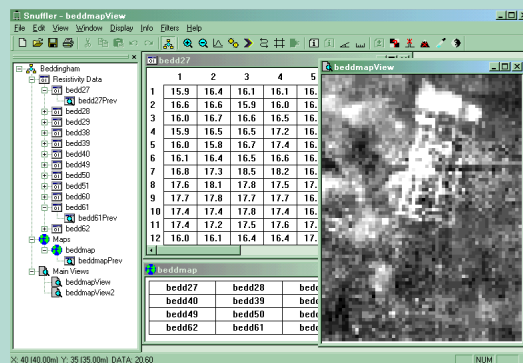
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## Snuffler (Freeware Geophysics Software) course

Led by Carl Raven (Liss Archaeology), this one-day course will take place on Friday 29 March from 10:00-15:00 at the Abinger Research Centre (Hackhurst Lane, Abinger Hammer RH5 6SE).

This is a detailed overview introductory course on using the free Snuffler geophysics software for processing of both magnetometry and resistivity data, but will also cover theory and methods in undertaking geophysical surveys.

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



## GIMP (Free Image Editor) courses

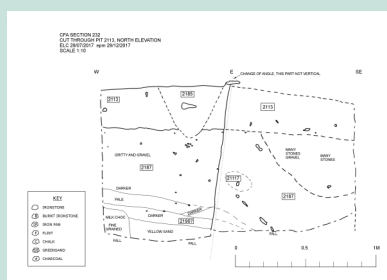
Led by Elvin Mullinger (SyAS), these will be offered as two-part courses (introduction and advanced) with a choice of two different dates. Introduction courses will be from 10:00-14:00 and on either Friday 5 April or Saturday 13 April. The advanced follow-up course will run from 10:00-16:00 and be either 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.



Email [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk) to book.

\*Please note that a laptop and computer mouse are needed for this course\*

## 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)).



### 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 taking place at Bourne Hall Museum on Saturday 25 May to raise awareness of the Nonsuch dig). Updates of Autumn dates will follow in due course.

## Resistivity and fieldwalking training

Following the magnetometry survey carried out in September, the first large-scale survey with the new RM Frobisher resistivity meter will take place at Old Park, Farnham in March after the field is ploughed (pencilled in for 23-27 March). The opportunity will be taken to combine this with a fieldwalking exercise, which will be run by Juliet Smith (Liss Archaeology). Those who are interested do not need to be available for every day, but please contact [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk) to express an interest and for more details and directions to the site.

In late April (24-26), a small resistivity survey will also take place at Rowhurst, for which those interested can also express an interest.

Details of further opportunities to hopefully follow soon!

