

# Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the  
Society's outreach

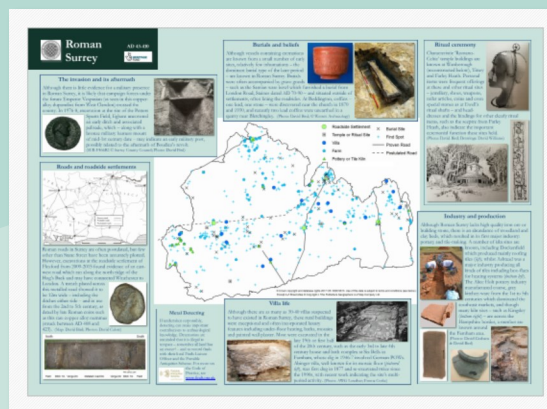


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Welcome to the May edition of the monthly e-letter updates for Surrey Archaeological Society's Heritage Fund 'Sustainable Impact' project.

It will probably not come as much surprise that we have little to update on for what has happened in the last month, though we hope that members and volunteers are still finding resources and activities which can be done safely from home. It is still too early to say for certain if the digs at Cocks Farm Abinger or Old Park Farnham will be able to run from mid-July, but we will update as soon as a decision is made.

While fieldwork is currently halted, we've been using the opportunity to focus on many of the educational and outreach aspects of the project, including loans boxes and printed material such as a series of period-based flyers. This is in addition to online talks and other virtual resources which will appear on the Society's website and social media channels, so do keep an eye out in the following couple months for more material which will be made available.



The following page will highlight a couple projects which are available and looking for participants, as well as online lectures to follow. Do follow the Society's page on Facebook for shared posts on more resources put together by others, as well as SCAU's page ([Digging Surrey's Past](#)) which has recently launched their own series of short videos highlighting previous excavations. SyAS' Prehistoric Group is also circulating regular newsletters with resources and news items (email [rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk) to be placed on the list).

For queries on volunteer opportunities, contact me at [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto: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. Please continue to stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Best wishes,

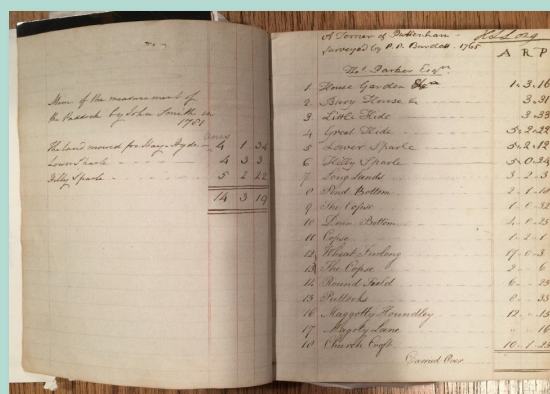
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## Puttenham Terrier Transcription Project

This online project has been set-up in order to obtain an accurate transcription of the names and other information contained within the 1765 terrier of the entire parish of Puttenham. It is hoped that the outcome will not only be a full digital transcription of the terrier, but that transcribers will become more confident in their abilities to comprehend historical handwriting as found in original documentary sources, as well as think about the meanings of the names they transcribe and possible etymologies. A page has been set-up on the website (<https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/puttenham-terrier-transcription-project>), where photographs of each of the pages of the terrier can be downloaded from, as well as a table in which the contents of those pages can be transcribed. To take part, email [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).



## Rowhurst online talk



An online talk on the excavations which have taken place at Rowhurst, part of the SyAS test-pitting programme, will be given by Nigel Bond on Monday 25 May at 19.30. The talk will include a new theory about Rowhurst in the 13th-17th century, as well as recap the recent fieldwork (more details on the talk can be found [here](#)). Hosted by the Surrey History Meetup, it will be delivered via Zoom. Pre-registration is required in advance in order to receive the password and be allowed to join, the link for which is at <https://www.meetup.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/events/270564223/>.

For access to other weekly Lockdown Lectures organised by the Meetup, membership (which is free) is required. Over the course of the summer there will be other talks given by SyAS members, and further offers of lectures to the group will be very welcome. See <https://www.meetup.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/events/> for the current programme.

## Old Park, Farnham

It is still not certain if the Society's planned summer digs will be able to take place, however (subject to change) tentative dates for evaluation trenches at the early Roman site just outside of Farnham are 16 August to 12 September. If the excavations do go ahead, the scale and numbers will be greatly reduced from original plans. Although no decision will be made until July, please note the intended dates and register your interest with (or direct queries to) [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).

