



# Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the Society's outreach



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Welcome to the November monthly e-letter update for Surrey Archaeological Society's Heritage Fund project ('Sustainable Impact project').

The last couple months have been challenging for fieldwork, what with the sometimes torrential rain, but two successful test pitting/fieldwork programmes carried on in October: test pitting and geophysics at various properties in Old Woking, and two trenches at the multi-period site of Rowhurst, Leatherhead.

Both projects are still undergoing post-ex analysis of the finds, but updates will be available on the various test pitting projects at the annual symposium on Saturday 29 February. Many



thanks to AARG and the volunteers from both teams for their dedication and hard work, including Richard and Pam Savage, Jo Mansi, Nigel Bond and Lyn Spencer.

Due to the high success and constant full bookings of our QGIS courses, we have two more to offer in 2019 (November 30th and December 7th). If you find you cannot make one but still have a desire to get a slot, please email me directly and request to be put on a waiting list.

We are hoping to carry on with fieldwork, including fieldwalking and geophysics in the New Year, and will have further dates shortly.

As always, anyone who is interested in any of the training or volunteer opportunities please do 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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## QGIS courses

Led by Simon Miles ([loosegoat.com](http://loosegoat.com)), these one-day courses will provide an introduction to the uses of GIS and QGIS for archaeological purposes. All of the courses on QGIS will take place at Abinger Hammer Village School and run from 10:00-15:00. Please bring your own lunch or utilise the local village shop. As these courses are part of the HLF training programme, they will be provided at no charge. However, booking is essential and spaces are limited to 5-6, 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.



### Introduction to GIS and QGIS:

This course on Saturday 30 November is an ideal workshop for those that want to learn about what GIS is and how it can be applied in Archaeology. Using a free piece of GIS software called QGIS you'll apply what you've learned about GIS in QGIS. After learning the basics of software, you will discover how to setup new projects, create, load and edit data, plus explore open-data resources. You will also use data supplied from a recently excavated Roman site in Surrey to make the learning more real. Throughout the day you will discuss wider 'GIS in Archaeology' themes, based upon what you have learned.

### QGIS for Archaeology:

This course the following Saturday (7 December) will take a more advanced look at the uses of QGIS and will build upon the previous workshop, but attending that course is not a prerequisite of attending this one. Using actual site data, combined with a series of Open-Data sources you will explore how to use QGIS. You 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 geo-referencing).

### Landscape survey at Headley Heath

Plans are forming to get a small team together to undertake a landscape survey at the National Trust site of Headley Heath this winter, an open heathland, woodland and chalk downland with everything from prehistoric findspots to a WWII military training ground. To register your interest, please contact [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).

