



Surrey Archaeological Sustainable Impact

Expanding and strengthening the
Society's outreach



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

We've had a busy month, which began with a full weekend at the Hatchlands working with the National Trust archaeological team to train a small group of volunteers in assessing monument condition. Although many of the features were very ephemeral and difficult to spot on the ground, the group did an excellent job working together to locate and assess the monuments and look forward to getting more involved once the next stage of the programme is ready.



Following a very busy open day at our Abinger Research Centre, the Society ran another weekend of community test pitting at Nonsuch Park for Heritage Open Days, working in the Old Stables Field to investigate the location of the former Tudor stables. Again, the weekend saw a large number of volunteers take part – both regular Society members and young families – and many thanks are due to the Bourne Hall Museum team, Nikki Cowlard, Steve Nelson and the core group of local Epsom and Ewell volunteers who made the weekend possible!



Be sure to keep an eye out for the forthcoming October *Bulletin* which will provide reports on most of the test pitting projects of the past few months, including Rowhurst, Bourne Hall and Holt Pound, as well as future issues which will highlight the most recent fieldwork.

As always, anyone who is interested in any of the training or volunteer opportunities 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://twitter.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 Old Woking and Rowhurst again in October. This will be for adults only, rather than families, but if interested, please contact directly the emails for the respective programmes. We look forward to getting more dates in the diary for spring and summer, so please keep an eye out when the plans become finalised!

Old Woking



Volunteers are invited to contact Pam Savage (pem.savage@btinternet.com) to help carry out the final session of fieldwork in the historic core of Old Woking in October this year, which will include both evaluation trenches and test pits. Work will take place between 12-20 October, and if you are interested in joining in, whether for digging or on-site finds processing, please let Pam know the dates you can offer.

Rowhurst, Leatherhead

We will also be returning to Rowhurst at the end of the month (22-30 October) for a smaller-scale investigation, in particular to look at the platform next to the house. This will be for adults only, but for anyone who wants to be involved, please get in touch with Nigel Bond (nigelbond@yahoo.co.uk) as soon as possible (spaces are very limited).



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.

