

Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's November e-newsletter, which highlights a few of the various events – conferences, lectures, training sessions, news items, etc – which we hope to be of interest to our members. Although general queries should continue to be directed to Hannah (info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk), those interested in volunteer opportunities or general outreach can contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Please also keep up-to-date via the website and social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.instagram.com/surreyarchaeology)) for group and event updates.

Anne Sassin (*SyAS Outreach Projects Manager*)

Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework 2022

On **Saturday 26 November**, the Society will host its annual Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework (SHERF) conference, this year on the theme of 'Defensive structures: symbols of power?' This will be an online Zoom conference (tickets £5, with booking available [online](#)), with an excellent range of speakers, including:

10:10 Paul Ferris (Independent Researcher): 'The last line' – an archaeological evaluation of the 1940 anti-invasion defences between Guildford and Dorking'

10:50 Peter Mills and Michael Hutchinson (Mills Whipp Research): 'London's Civil War Defences Reviewed – Symbols of Power and Control'

11:40 William Wyeth (English Heritage): 'Door and Peace – examples of new thinking on English castles'

13:35 Stuart Brookes (University College London): 'Hiding and finding in Viking Age Wessex'

14:15 Krysia Truscoe (Forestry England): 'Defence or display? The role of linear earthworks in the landscapes of Late Iron Age territorial oppida'

15:05 Barney Harris (University College London): 'Linear modelling: interrogating defence and power in the context of linear earthworks in the landscape'

Also, save the date for the Annual Symposium which will as usual concentrate on 'Recent Work in Surrey'. It will be held in the Ashted Peace Memorial Hall on **Saturday 18 March** with the programme and booking details available soon.

Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework Online Conference 2022
Defensive structures: symbols of power?
Saturday 26 November (10:00-16:00)
surreyarchaeology.org.uk Tickets £5



Surrey's Archaeological Planning Designations, Five Year Refresh: Call for proposals

The Surrey County Council Historic Environment Planning Team Archaeological Advisors work with both the County Council and the 11 District and Borough Planning authorities in the care of archaeological remains and their protection and investigation through the planning process. The main archaeological planning policy requires consultation on development proposals within two formal categories of sites:

County Sites of Archaeological Importance (CSAI) – sites where there is a proven archaeological presence and where that archaeology is known to be of a standard and quality to require a definite presumption in favour of preservation in-situ.

Areas of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP) – areas which are likely to contain good evidence for the existence of archaeological remains. Not all sites of known archaeological discoveries are designated as AHAP's, but those considered of high significance due to comparative rarity and potential to further our understanding of the past. Development within an AHAP is likely to require the implementation of mitigation measures set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

These areas were identified in the early 1990s and were comprehensively reviewed in 2014-2017. As part of the commitment to Surrey's archaeology a programme was put in place to review the areas periodically, to ensure they remain fit for purpose and reflect current knowledge. The review is intended to be a rapid refresh and will commence in January 2023, with the aim of being concluded by April 2023.

As part of this latest review, the HEP Team would like to invite SyAS members to consider submitting proposed sites for assessment and possible designation.

Sites should either be those that are currently unprotected, or ones that have had significant additional information revealed through investigation in the past five, years which indicates they have a clearly identifiable heightened archaeological area, potential and/or significance. Sites will be considered for inclusion via assessment against a pre-defined series of Surrey-specific criteria, which are available on request. If you are unsure of the status of the site you are considering for inclusion, the existing CSAIs and AHAPs can be found as overlays on SCC's own '[Interactive Map](#)', which is available via the Planning area of the Council's website. Sites which are already designated should not generally be nominated unless the current boundary is thought to be inaccurate.

Please send any submissions, along with any supporting information, to the Surrey County Archaeologist at heritageconsultations@surreycc.gov.uk. Submissions should be clearly marked 'AHAP Review' so they can be quickly collated. Queries about the criteria for assessment or other aspects of the refresh should also be sent to this address.

The consultation will be open between **December 2022** and **January 2023**. Submissions received after this point will be unlikely to be received in time for consideration.



Graffiti recording workshop, St Andrew's, Cobham

On Tuesday 15 November, the Medieval Studies Forum hosted its first graffiti workshop at St Andrew's Church, Cobham, where a small team undertook initial training in the spotting and recording of graffiti within the church. This is part of a recent project led by the MSF which intends to revive the Surrey Medieval Graffiti survey and finally bring it to completion. While relying on previous work, including the recent [2019 survey](#) undertaken by Abigail Coskun, it will endeavour to update the county database, including expanding its coverage into the post-medieval era.



As was clear at Cobham, even heavily restored churches can still contain a significant amount of graffiti, some of which has never been recorded before and was unknown to even the local church historian. The team was very grateful to Dr David Taylor, the parish administrator and churchwardens at St Andrews for their contribution to the day.

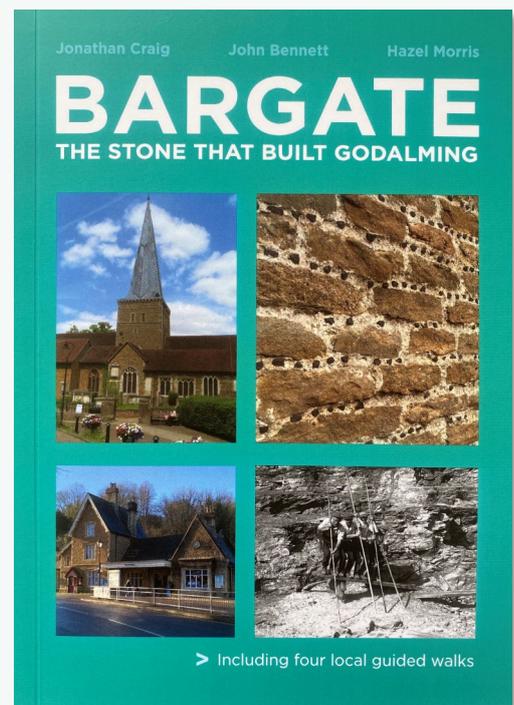


If interested in joining the survey team, even if just contributing to individual churches or areas, please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Help is needed at all levels, from administrative, to IT, to the fieldwork itself. When able (timing willing), survey dates will be announced in the relevant e-newsletters.

New publication on Bargate stone

Just published: *Bargate – the stone that built Godalming* by Jonathan Craig, John Bennett and Hazel Morris, a substantial 90 page volume that describes the Bargate stone quarried around Godalming since medieval times. The book describes the geological background, the usage of the stone in buildings around Godalming and further afield, and its cultural impact in the area. It also contains four guided walks locally where Bargate stone can be seen both in the ground and used in buildings.

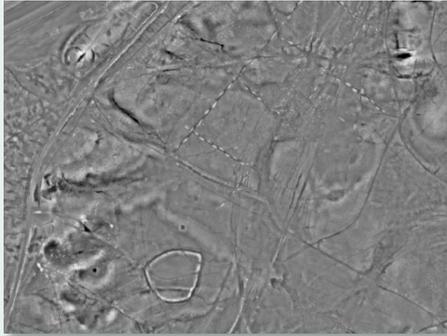
The book can be obtained from the Society for £10.00 collected from Abinger or £11.50 paid in advance and posted to you. Please contact Hannah Jeffery at info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.





YAC groundtruthing at Chobham Common

Many thanks go to the Chertsey Young Archaeologists Club, who undertook some excellent groundtruthing at Chobham Common for their November session. This involved identifying two very different features from the 50cm LiDAR and assessing them on the ground: the possibly late prehistoric earthwork at Albury Bottom and a



section of the WWI practice trenches. The YACs were fantastic at getting their eye in to spot the humps and bumps and were not daunted by the somewhat boggy landscape – a huge well done to all!



Surrey LiDAR Portal training session

Whilst we eagerly await the final release of the composite 1m data for the county to be added to the [Surrey LiDAR Portal](#), online recording and groundtruthing of select sites will be continuing over the winter months. An online session ([registration](#) required) on using the Portal, digitising features and groundtruthing will be held on Zoom on **Wednesday 14 December** (10:00-11:30). If you cannot attend this session but would like to be involved with the LiDAR project in general, including fieldwork, please do get in touch with us at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.

Surrey Climate Commission update

Jacquetta Fewster has recently been appointed as the Coordinator for the Surrey Climate Commission. The Commission is a Community Interest Company which supports organisations across Surrey to contribute to the climate target. Read their latest newsletter [here](#). Jacquetta lists archaeology amongst her interests, and took part in the Church Meadow excavation in Ewell in 2013. Her role is to support community groups active on the climate. She brings experience from organizations including the Active Travel Academy, the Graduate School of the Environment and the Transition Town Movement. Her current priorities include supporting local groups to publicise their climate projects and events and apply for grants from the Climate Action Fund. Is your local group taking action on the climate? If so, Jacquetta would love to hear from you. Contact her on jacquetta@surreyclimate.org.uk.

Emma Coburn (SyAS Council)



Finds from the FLO

For an appropriately themed #FindsFriday this month, here is a rather special find from the WW1 period recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme and found near Send. [SUR-07E25F](#) is a 'willing' badge, issued on behalf of John St Loe Strachey, High Sheriff of Surrey, between 1914 and 2015 to individuals who attempted to enlist but were turned down for military service on the basis of being medically unfit as 'proof of service proffered to the state' and thus an acknowledgement of patriotism. The five-petalled flower in the centre is surrounded by a legend in three concentric circles reading from the outside in: WHEN THE PEOPLE WILLINGLY / OFFERED THEMSELVES / SURREY 1914. In smaller characters below the 1914 in the centre are the words 'Judges V 2'. This is a biblical reference to the text of the legend as it appears in the Book of Judges 5:2: 'When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves--praise the LORD'.



Society YouTube

Recent additions to the Society's YouTube channel include the November RSG guest lecture, ['From "Roman" to "Anglo-Saxon": evidence old and new for developments at Dorchester-on-Thames'](#) by Paul Booth (Oxford Archaeology), who is leading the post-excavation programme for the publication of the joint Oxford University Institute of Archaeology/Oxford Archaeology training excavation undertaken at Dorchester on Thames from 2008-18. Dorchester is one of only two walled Roman settlements currently known in Oxfordshire and has Iron Age, early Romano-British military activity, late Romano-British buildings (after AD 395) and early Saxon burials.



Bronze Age hoards Zoom talk

This year's CBA-SE AGM on **Thursday 8 December** will be preceded by a special free online lecture at 19:00 by Dr Sophia Adams on 'Battle of the Bronze Age Hoards: Havering versus Boughton Malherbe'. The lecture is open to all, but [registration](#) is required in advance. For this and to follow the upcoming winter CBA-SE lecture series, visit their [website](#).

For more information on opportunities in your local region, be sure to follow SCAU (education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk and [@diggingsurreyspast](#)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East (www.cbasouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](#)).