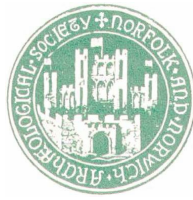


Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society

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NNAS Announces Community Archaeology Conference

The Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society (NNAS) is one of the oldest county archaeological societies in Great Britain, founded in 1846. We exist to encourage interest in Norfolk's rich heritage, and to work for its protection.

We do this through a range of activities:

- Supporting life-long learning of history and archaeology
- Providing grants for academic and community-led archaeology and history projects
- Advocating for better access, understanding and care of Norfolk's historic archives, buildings, objects and sites



Figure 1 NNAS members on a site visit

In Spring 2022, the Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society plan to celebrate the resilience, variety and success of the thousands of volunteers doing archaeology in the county, with a day conference to be held at UEA on Saturday April 9 2022.

What is community archaeology? A precise definition is difficult, but it includes not just 'digs', but all the ways people become involved in the subject as non-professionals, and by doing so enrich their experience of the past. Community archaeology can address identity, and help develop belonging and a sense of place, and can be a collaborative way for people from diverse backgrounds to explore and produce narratives related to the past.

The themes of the day will be:

- Community and Diversity
- Specialisms
- Health and Wellbeing

High profile speakers already confirmed include:

- Professor Tim Darvill, Professor of Archaeology at Bournemouth University, and Director of Human Henge, an archaeology, mental health and creativity project
- Alex Fitzpatrick, zooarchaeologist and PhD candidate at the University of Bradford is the co-host of "ArchaeoAnimals", a zooarchaeology podcast on the Archaeology Podcast Network
- Neil Redfern, Executive Director of the Council for British Archaeology, the voice of archaeology in the UK

The keynote address will be given by Professor Will Bowden of Caistor Roman Town Project, and there will be a 'marketplace' area showcasing local projects and groups.

The aim of the conference is to explore the richness of community archaeology in Norfolk, and to shed light on current practices, aspirations, key interests and potential partnerships, as well as looking into future needs, and how we can improve access and widen participation in archaeology for all.

We hope that this conference will be a chance for all those interested in community archaeology and in archaeology more generally to hear about ways of becoming involved, perhaps more involved, and meet others who are embarked on their own explorations of the past.

Booking will open in February at www.nnas.info.



Figure 2 Site work at SHARP

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