

## Dowsing at Old Sarum

On the sunny afternoon of May 14<sup>th</sup> we met at Old Sarum to dowse the area around the hill fort. It was a glorious day, and 18 members met together to enjoy it.



Leading us down into Hudson's Field, Don gave an introduction to the area. We dowsed for energy lines as we walked down the field, stopping at the end by a sign for The Portway. This was a main thoroughfare taking traffic to the west from Old Sarum. It is believed that it may date back to the early Roman period.



In April 2019 the Old Sarum Landscapes Project undertaken by the University of Southampton revealed buildings alongside the road, and even rooms within these buildings by means of geophysical survey. By means of dowsing, we found buildings and were able to demonstrate the size of one of them by standing on the lines revealed by the rods as the photo shows. After a successful and enjoyable afternoon we went to the pub for a cooling drink!



Photo showing the dimensions of the building we discovered.

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