



2017 Excavation
Saturday 29th July to Sunday 13th August

This year we will again be digging in Warnford Park, in the Meon Valley. In 2016 we undertook a major excavation consisting of a 20m x 11m trench which identified several phases of buildings covering periods from the Stuarts to the Second World War. This year we will try to answer some of the questions raised from that excavation, by more focussed exploration of key locations on the site.

As usual we are looking for two types of volunteer: diggers and finds processors. Diggers will work in the trenches and also be expected to help with finds recording, drawing etc. We may also ask some people to act in a supervisory role in their trench, as we expect trenches to be some distance apart. For this there is an extra question on our application form. Finds processors will process finds and generally help with the less physical work on the site.

We provide tea, coffee and soft drinks, but please bring your own lunches. The working day will start at 09:00 and end at 17:00, on site by 08:45 for administration and health & safety.

We will try and put people in touch with each other to enable car-sharing, due to the distance involved. This is why we ask for your address. Please indicate this on the form.

Also this year we will have a “training” session at Winchester University (Medecroft) at **6:30pm on the 17th July** for those who want to understand or refresh themselves about site records (e.g. context sheets and filling them in). Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Please register as a volunteer digger or finds processor. You can register for a whole day or morning or afternoon. As in previous years, to help offset dig costs, we shall ask for a daily contribution of **£12** from diggers and **£6** from finds processors. (Whole or a half day)
Our insurance cover means that all volunteers have to be members of WARG. Minimum age 16. Any 16- or 17-year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are not already a member, please download an application form from the website at warg.org.uk and post it with your dig registration. Depending on the number of applications, we might have to do some shuffling of dates, but let us know when you would like to dig/process. All members on site will be asked to sign the health and safety form which covers points of basic site behaviour.

As well as the digging days, we need a small number of volunteers to help in setting up the site on Thursday July 27th and Friday July 28th, and closing down the site on Sunday 13th. If you could help clear the site on Monday 14th that would also be helpful.

Both setting up and backfilling/breakdown are physically demanding, so not only don't we charge you for these days, but we offer a free day's digging for each day on set-up/close-down. (We should still need some diggers and processors on 11th and 12th although the work will mainly be recording but Sunday 13th will be all about closing the site down)

We will also welcome volunteers about a week before the dig to help with checking equipment and sorting out the trench boxes and other paperwork. Again a free site day for every day doing this, we will contact you nearer the date if you have indicated this.





Registration for 2017
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Please indicate below the sessions that you would like to attend. If you want a whole day, please fill in both boxes on that day. Please indicate D for digger; P for processor; S for setter-up (27th/28th) or C for closing down (13th/14th).

	Th 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Su 30	Mo 31	Tu 1	Wd 2	Th 3	Fr 4	Sat 5	Su 6	Mo 7	Tu 8	Wd 9	Th 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Su 13	Mo 14	
AM																				
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PM																				

Please tick to give us an idea of experience

Digging	Finds processing
<input type="checkbox"/> I have digging experience	<input type="checkbox"/> I have done finds processing before
<input type="checkbox"/> I would be happy to supervise a trench	<input type="checkbox"/> I will need training
<input type="checkbox"/> This is my first dig	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to attend the documentation refresher (17 th July)	
Please tick this box if you have first aid training	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please tick if you can help with pre-site work (Week 24 th -28 th July)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy to offer a lift to someone	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would need a lift if possible	<input type="checkbox"/>

We shall contact you by e-mail unless you say otherwise:

Print name

Address

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Phone Mobile

E-mail address

In the unlikely event that you have an accident on-site, who should we contact?

Print name

Phone Mobile

Any other notes

Please do not send money yet. We'll let you know about paying when we confirm your place on the excavation.

Post to **Maisie Marshall, 48 Burley Road, Winchester, SO22 6LJ**
 or scan and E-mail: maisiemarshall@hotmail.com