



2018 Excavation
Saturday 18th August to Sunday 2nd September

This year we will be digging in Barton Stacey, located 9 miles north west of Winchester. The Barton Stacey History Group have been researching the medieval history of the village and have discovered the existence of a medieval manor house which was lost around the mid 1400's. A Geophysics survey last year identified one paddock that might be the site of this lost manor along with a significant number of Saxon and medieval pottery shards. Our aim is to undertake initial investigations to understand and date what lies in this field.

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.

Also this year we will have a "training" session at Winchester University (Medecroft) at **6:30pm on the 16th 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 **£10 all day (£5 half day)** from diggers and **£8 all day (£4 half-day)** from finds processors. **Advance payment can be by cheque payable to WARG, by direct bank transfer or cash on the day. For payment by cheque and bank account details please contact Stuart Rippon (address and email address on application form). Our insurance cover means that all volunteers must 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 August 16th and Friday August 17th, and closing down the site on Sunday 2nd September. If you could help clear the site on Monday 3rd 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 31st and 1st although the work will mainly be recording but Sunday 2nd 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 2018
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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 (16/17th August) or C for closing down (2nd/3rd September).

	Th 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Su 19	Mo 20	Tu 21	Wd 22	Th 23	Fr 24	Sat 25	Su 26	Mo 27	Tu 28	Wd 29	Th 30	Fri 31	Sat 1	Su 2	Mo 3	
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 (6:30pm, 16 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 13 th – 17 th August)	<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

Post cheques to **Stuart Rippon Church View, Barton Stacey, Winchester, SO21 3RF**

If paying by Bank Transfer please let Stuart know at "stuart_rippon@btconnect.com"