



## **2019 Excavation**

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

This year we will be digging again in Barton Stacey, located 9 miles north west of Winchester. Our successful dig last year uncovered evidence of a medieval building and a substantial ditch feature likely to be part of a manor complex. We would like to return and further examine both of these this year. We plan to uncover much more of the mound to understand the nature of some of the features and their relationship to the surroundings and to examine the full extent of the ditch feature.

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. 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.

Please register as a volunteer digger or finds processor. You can register for a whole day, or separate morning or afternoon sessions. As in previous years, to help offset dig costs, we shall ask for a daily contribution of **£10 for a full 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 dig or full members of WARG. Minimum age 16. Any 16- or 17-year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Dig membership costs £5 and full WARG membership is £15 (see note over the page).** If you are not already a member, please download an application form from the website at [warg.org.uk](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, and closing down the site on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you could help clear the site on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> that would also be helpful.

Both setting up and backfilling/breakdown can be 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 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> although the work will mainly be recording but Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> will be all about closing the site down)

Post any cheques to **Warg Big Dig 2019, Church View, Barton Stacey Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3RF**. If you wish to pay by Bank Transfer please email [wargbigdig@gmail.com](mailto:wargbigdig@gmail.com) for details.



