



2021 Excavation
Monday 23rd August to Sunday 5th September

This year we will be digging at IBM Hursley, located 5 miles South West of Winchester. Parch marks in the lawn outside the current grand Georgian house showed evidence of the original Elizabethan Manor house and our geophysical survey of the area has confirmed this.

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. See additional COVID guidance.

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 membership@warg.org.uk** Post to - **Warg Big Dig 2021, Church View, Barton Stacey.**

Our insurance cover means that all volunteers must be either dig members 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 (annual) membership is £15 (see note over the page). If you are not already a member, please download an application form from the website at www.warg.org.uk and return 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 the 23rd and 24th August, We will not backfill and start close down until Sunday 12th September finishing on Wednesday 15th September. Both setting up and backfilling/breakdown can be physically demanding, so not only do we not charge you for these days, but we offer a free day's digging for each day of set-up/close-down you undertake.

Please send this form completed to membership@warg.org.uk **Warg Big Dig 2021, Church View, Barton Stacey Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3RF.** Along with payment if by cheque. For Bank Transfer please email membership@warg.org.uk for details.

COVID-19 Safety. Please see the additional COVID notes attached to this application.



COVID NOTES

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Please DO NOT come on site if you have any COVID symptoms

- **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal**

FOLLOW NHS guidance on Isolation and testing

Please note, the excavation will be a run as a COVID safe environment, and therefore will comply with any COVID rules or regulations applicable during the period of the excavation, as set out by the Government, the excavation director or their team.

This may include a requirement to show evidence of either

- a double vaccination (Second injection more than 2 weeks before joining site)
- or a negative Rapid Antigen Test / Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result from no more than 24 hours prior to undertaking work on the site.

If you have not been double vaccinated please obtain a test kit and take it before you come on site. You can order a test kit from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Further information on COVID Safety will be circulated to all those who have registered for the Excavation, including finds processing, prior to the dig commencing.

You may be required by IBM or the IBM Clubhouse to wear a mask or take other COVID prevention measures such as social distancing.

Please if possible bring your own lunch, plus tea and/or coffee or other drinks and water bottles. The IBM clubhouse will be open and will have toilet facilities plus food and drinks services

<p>If you are not already a member of WARG you can join for £15 a year and enjoy all the full benefits of membership including newsletters, talks and visits. Otherwise you must take out a dig membership (lasting for the duration of the dig only) at a cost of £5.</p>
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