



## **2023 Excavation** **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

This year we will be digging at Hursley again, 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, which we found remains of over the last two years together with a possible earlier building.

We require two types of volunteers, diggers and finds processors, with some flexibility to move from one to the other, if physically able. You can register as a digger or finds processor for a whole day, a morning or an afternoon. To help offset dig costs, we ask for a contribution of £10 for a full day and £5 for a half day. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer, cheque, or cash, see below for details. Depending on the number of applications, we might ask whether you can do alternative dates.

Our insurance cover means that all volunteers must be either dig members or full members of WARG. The minimum age to participate is 16. Any 16 or 17-year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and both need to either take out dig membership or be a WARG member. Dig membership costs £5 and full WARG (annual) membership is £15, this must be **paid in advance of participation**. If you wish to Join WARG, please download an application form from the website at [www.warg.org.uk](http://www.warg.org.uk) and return it with your dig registration. All members on site will be asked to register each day, attend a health and safety briefing and sign the health and safety form which covers safety issues and points of basic site behaviour.

As well as the digging days, we need volunteers to help in setting up the site from the 31<sup>st</sup> May to the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and for close down which will be for 3 days after mechanical replacement of the spoil on the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June. Both setting up and backfilling/breakdown can be physically demanding, so not only do we not charge you for these days, and we offer a free day's digging/processing for each day of set-up/close-down you undertake (max 6 days).

The working day will start at 09:00 and end at 17:00. Please be on site by 08:45 at the latest for administration and a health & safety briefing. We provide tea, coffee, biscuits, and soft drinks, but please bring your own lunches. (The IBM club house and Stables Café also provide food and drinks). Toilet facilities will be available from 08:00.

Please park in the South or overflow carparks, allow 10-15 minutes for the short walk to site.

## **Application and Payment**

**Please complete the forms on the next two pages** and email them to [membership@warg.org.uk](mailto:membership@warg.org.uk), or post to Warg Big Dig 2023, Church View, Barton Stacey, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3RF. Along with payment if by cheque.

For Bank Transfer please pay to the account of **Winchester Archaeological Rescue Group** at NatWest Bank pic, Winchester, Old Bank Branch, Account number 88148866 sort code 55-81-26 please use the reference DIG followed by your surname e.g., DIGRIPPON

On site payments can be in cash or via card and mobile phone (phone signal permitting)

Membership must be paid in advance. Advance payment of digging fees is appreciated but must be with us by the end of the excavations at the latest.

Any queries should be addressed to [membership@warg.org.uk](mailto:membership@warg.org.uk)



## Main Dig Days

Please indicate the sessions that you would like to attend. For a whole day, fill in both boxes for that day. Please indicate a preference, **D** for digger; **P** for processor.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun
AM																	
PM																	

We are allowing extra days for dig completion, documentation, drawing and finds processing etc. on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are experienced and would like to take part in activities on these days please indicate in the table below and please outline your skill level.

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Skills	Experience - please indicate your level of experience in each area below
	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Archaeological Drawing	
	Jun	Jun	Jun	Excavation Documentation	
				Finds Processing	
AM					
PM					

## Skills

Please explain your level of skill and experience for each of the following where you want to take part. Please also indicate if you are inexperienced in an area or a novice. We aim, where possible, to assign experienced people to assist and guide those with a lower level of skill.

	Skill Area	Please describe your level of skill and your experience	Like to take part?
	Digging		
	Finds Processing		
	Supervision		
	Drawing		
	Documentation		
	First Aid		
	Other - explain		
	This is my First dig or I'm inexperienced	Y/N	I will need training
			Y/N

## Set up and Close activities

There are opportunities to assist with set up on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June. (One day's digging credit will be given for each of these days). On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June we need people who have experience of working around machinery.

Please indicate if you are interesting in taking part on any of these pre dig days.

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	
	Transport Equipment to Site	Set up Site	Turf Removal	Digger on site	
AM					Free
PM					Free

Because of the dangers of working around heavy machinery access to the main site will be limited on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June

Final close down activities are dependent on the availability of the digger and driver and will take place for 4 days starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June Assistance with Re turfing, Site tidy, Pack-up and Transport of equipment each earn a day's digging credit.

Please indicate if you are interesting in taking part on any of these post dig days.

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	
	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	
	Digger on Site	Re-Turf and backfill	Pack site	Return Kit to Container	Contingency	
AM						Free
PM						Free



## Your Details

We need the information below for insurance, health and safety and for planning and running the dig. By completing your details you are giving us permission to hold your information (as per the WARG Privacy guidelines) and contact you with current and future dig details.

Your Name	
Your Address	
Phone Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
Car Registration No	

Are you a University Archaeology Student?	Y/N	At Winchester	Y/N	Other University please state where	Y/N
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I am a Member of WARG	Y/N	I would like to Join WARG (£15.00)	Y/N	I would like to take out Dig membership (£5.00)	Y/N
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In the unlikely event that you have an accident on-site, who should we contact?

Emergency Contact Name	
Phone Number	
Mobile Number	
Any other notes	

For insurance purposes could you complete the following please

I am or will be under 18 during the dig	Y/N	I will be over 80 at some point during the dig	Y/N	Should you tick yes to either of these we will contact you separately with additional information
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## Medical Conditions.

If you suffer from any medical condition that we should know about could you please provide details on a separate sheet along with what steps should be taken should an incident occur.

Please email this to [membership@warg.org.uk](mailto:membership@warg.org.uk), or post to Warg Big Dig 2023, Church View, Barton Stacey, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3RF

This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be held securely on site

### Calculating what your digs fees will be.

1. There is a fee of £10.00 per day for any main dig day you are signing up for. (£5.00 for any half days)
2. For any setup and close days marked "free" in the tables above there is a credit of £10.00. (£5.00 for any half days)
3. Full WARG membership is £15.00 or membership just for the duration of the dig is £5.00 this must be paid before you start work on site to comply with our insurance ( 16 – 18 year olds must be accompanied by an adult who has or pays full or dig membership)

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