



For Winchester archaeology & local history

Joining

To join WARG

To join WARG please complete the enclosed membership form and bankers standing order. (If the form is missing, you can download it from www.warg.org.uk). Send it to:

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The annual subscription is £10 per person, with a joint membership of £18 for two people at the same address.

Membership runs from April to March. For those who join between January and March, membership will run until April the following year.

Amongst the benefits of joining WARG, apart from the meetings, visits and work parties, is a lively newsletter and priority for the bi-ennial June Lloyd lecture. WARG is also entitled to nominate a member to attend meetings of the Hampshire Field Club.

Often WARG hears of interesting events (such as excavation open days) at very short notice. If you have an e-mail address, we are able to send you information easily and inexpensively, so please fill in that field on the form.



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Activities

Regular activities include:

- Talks.
- Walks.
- Visits.

Practical work includes:

- Work parties helping the Winchester Museums Service with its collection of artefacts and finds.
- Training.
- Excavations.

Why WARG?

WARG was founded, in 1972, as the Winchester Archaeological Rescue Group, to try to save archaeological information before developments took place.

Changes in legislation have made the developer responsible for archaeology, so the group has changed its role.

Today, after 40 years of activity, WARG is a forum for its members to learn about the archaeology and history of Winchester and district, to enjoy hands-on excavation and to undertake work in support of the Winchester Museums Service.



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Interested in Winchester's history?

Interested in archaeology?

Want hands-on experience?

... then join WARG, for Winchester
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Learning

If you are interested in Winchester's history and archaeology, then you should join WARG, the only organisation dedicated to the City and its history.

Talks

Each year, during the autumn and winter, we have nine talks on Winchester's history and archaeology, as well as broader, related topics. The speakers are usually experts in their fields.

Recent topics have included:

- Winchester's Leper Hospital
- Bathing Houses and Plunge Pools
- The Strawberry Industry in Hampshire
- Roman Amphitheatres
- Constantinople

Talks are normally on the second Monday evening of the month, September to May, at the Hampshire Record Office. (And in January we have a party with special entertainment.)

Visits and Walks

During the summer months, we try to get out and about more. Weekday evening walks take us to places of interest both locally and further afield.

Apart from exploring Winchester, recent walks have taken us to Merdon Castle, Uffington and the Cathedral precinct, while visits have included Stonehenge, Avebury and Lacock.



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Public Lecture

June Lloyd lecture

Every two years WARG hosts a public lecture, in honour of June Lloyd, a founder member and stalwart of the society. Speakers are of international status and so far have included Martin Biddle, Sir Barry Cunliffe and Julian Richards, with topics ranging from Stonehenge to Jerusalem's Shrine of the Holy Sepulchre. WARG members get priority booking and a reduced admission to these very popular lectures.

St Cross

WARG organised a half day seminar on the archaeology and history of St Cross, jointly with the Friends of St Cross.



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Doing

Excavation

We are undertaking a programme of annual excavations at important historical sites.

At the Hospital of St Cross our excavations have uncovered a previously unknown range of buildings, which probably pre-date many of those that are currently standing.

In St Elizabeth's Meads, part of Winchester College, we have begun to untangle the story of St Elizabeth's College, built in the 14th century and destroyed in the 16th century.

As part of the programme there are training sessions in basic archaeological techniques during the excavations, and also training in the use of geophysical surveying equipment, in association with the University of Winchester.

Work Parties

The Winchester Museums Service has a backlog of work on its collection of archaeological finds. Our work parties are helping to reduce that backlog by marking finds, entering data into the computer catalogue and a host of other tasks. Work parties normally take place on Monday afternoons, working in the Museums Services' finds storage building. We also carried out finds processing for Oxford Archaeology's excavation of the Jewry Street library site.