



## ARCHAEOLOGY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

There is much yet to be discovered and learnt about Greater York's archaeology and the best people to do that research are those who live among it! If you are interested in exploring and enjoying your local archaeology, historic buildings, and ancient landscapes then get in touch with the Community Archaeologist to find out how you can get involved.

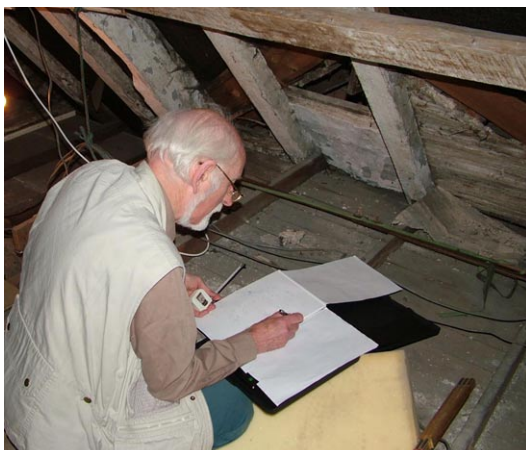
Since the project began in March 2005 there has been an increase in the number of communities investigating their local heritage. Groups have continued to explore local archaeology in a number of areas around York – a prehistoric landscape in Dunnington, a medieval village in Heslington, a battlefield in Fulford, pottery in Poppleton and the Knights Templars in Copmanthorpe. New groups have sprung up in Dringhouses, Strensall and Wigginton, igniting interest and enthusiasm among local communities. There are lots of areas of York that could do really interesting projects but have not had the impetus or resources to carry them out. Now the opportunity to explore your past is greater than ever. The past is there to be discovered so what are you waiting for?!



*Workshops in finds identification, palaeography and field survey*

### Workshops

To start you off you can come along to any of the FREE training workshops being run as a major part of the project. So far, workshops have been run on **'Identifying Finds'**, **'Starting a Local Project'**, **'Reading Old Documents'**, **'Using Archives and Historic Maps'**, and **'Interpreting Landscapes'**. These have been a great success and they are designed to help people learn how to investigate their historic environment in an enjoyable and hands-on way. DVDs of the workshops are available, and follow-up resources are on the project website. Forthcoming workshops include opportunities to have a go at geophysics, learn the principles of excavation, find out how to care for artefacts, and discover how to identify historic buildings. Contact the Community Archaeologist for further details:



*Recording a 16th-century house in Wigginton*

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Since March, the Community Archaeologist has given twelve talks to local groups and societies. If you would like the CA to come and talk to your group about the project please get in touch.



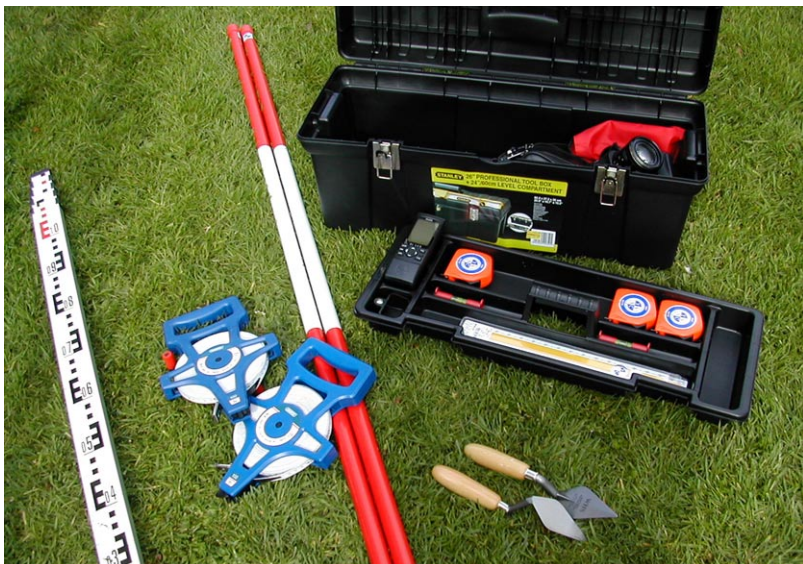
*A community dig in Dunnington in August 2005, carried out by Dunnington Through The Ages and the Young Archaeologists Club, supervised by Duncan Stirk of Onsite Archaeology*

## Timeline York Plus

If you want to find out if there is a group in your area, the Community Archaeologist has a list of contact details for local history and archaeology groups in Greater York. Every three months these groups meet to discuss recent discoveries and to share ideas and resources. As an umbrella body they are known as Timeline York Plus, and you can come along to their next meeting at Heslington on 8th October.

## Resources

The Community Archaeologist has purchased a large amount of equipment and resources that can be borrowed by anyone interested in recording their past. This includes field survey equipment, geophysical survey equipment, excavation kit, display boards, a minidisc recorder and microphone for oral history recordings, and a digital projector for presentations. If your group wants to borrow any of this equipment just get in touch with the Community Archaeologist.



## EVENTS

### ***Come and view the past***

Dunnington through the Ages open day  
Sat 1st October 2005, 10am – 4pm,  
The Reading Room, Dunnington

### ***A presentation about the Time Team visit to Poppleton***

Poppleton Parishes Archaeology Project  
Weds 2nd November 2005, 7pm  
Methodist Church Hall, The Green,  
Upper Poppleton

### ***Timeline York Plus meeting***

A gathering of local history and archaeology groups in the York area  
Sat 8th October, 2pm, Heslington Village Meeting Room, Main St., Heslington

### ***Earthwork survey of Cawood Castle Garth***

Cawood Castle Garth Group  
Sat & Sun 8th – 9th October 2005,  
Cawood Castle Garth, Cawood, Selby  
Contact Margaret Brearley on 01757 268666 to book your place.

### ***York Archaeological and Historical Bookfair***

22nd October 11am – 4pm  
St William's College, York

### ***Dringhouses Exhibition***

Dringhouses Local History Group  
From 17th October for 3 weeks at  
Dringhouses Library, York  
The group also have a programme of events until May 2006. All welcome. Contact the Secretary on 01904 706384 for further details.

### ***Brick and Tile Recording Day***

IFA Finds Group  
Weds 16th November 2005,  
10am – 4.30pm, Yorkshire Museum,  
Museum Gardens, York.  
Contact Phil Mills on CBMPPhil@aol.com for further details.

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