



# Community Archaeology Study Days 2007/8



Where Do We Begin? Can We Get Funding? Getting a Local  
History/Archaeology Group Started  
By Catrina Appleby and Jon Kenny  
Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall  
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Feedback from the study day:

*'Very useful- lots of ideas and information about aspects of running groups that were not immediately apparent.'*

*'Very enjoyable and informative day.'*

*'Inspiring-helped me to focus and will help to make decisions about the next step.'*

Forming an historical or archaeological group is a great way to meet other people who share similar interests, knowledge and experiences. However, many people are unsure where to begin when attempting to organize a formal group. Many issues need to be considered, from what kind of group to form to how to fund it. This Study Day was aimed at advising and encouraging new groups in getting started and keeping going once they have started. Members of established groups were welcome to share input to help beginners at the session both on the day and in the future.



After an introduction from Jon Kenny, Catrina Appleby discussed starting out and organizing a group. Then Jon and Catrina discussed money concerns that need to be considered. In the afternoon, Jon and Catrina opened a discussion to see how they could help interested persons form an historical or archaeological group. One of the issues covered included the need to decide on a common interest for a group, such as a specific geographic, thematic, or time focus. The details of forming a group constitution and committee, insuring the group, promotion and funding were also talked about. The day ended with a discussion of the concept of inclusivity and what it means for organizations. This Study Day proved to be very useful for all involved.