



# Community Archaeology Study Days 2008/9



## Where Do We Begin? Investigating and Recording the Archaeology on Your Doorstep With John Oxley 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Feedback from the study day:

*'I appreciate the opportunity to extend my knowledge of all aspects of archaeology and its relationship with history.'*

*'A good overview of a new development and several new sources of information I wasn't aware of.'*

*'A good introduction to HERs- well presented.'*

Archaeologists beginning a new project are often faced with an overwhelming task. So much goes into planning and executing an archaeological investigation, from deciding what equipment to use to finding the right staff. A research agenda must be determined before any project begins, a project design plan must be drawn up, and results must be properly recorded and published. The first step involves examining all of the previous information about a site, including the Historic Environment Record. This desk-based assessment occurs before any physical investigation of the site takes place. Proper recording allows for the appropriate documentation of any findings so that future development proposals may be adequately researched.

A good crowd of 22 met on this study day to learn how to begin an archaeological investigation. The importance of researching the area and any associated Historic

Environment Records was emphasized. Information was provided on how and where to find different kinds of documentation and records. We learned a lot about how to research historical and archaeological information about a particular site in order to adequately plan for its further investigation.

