



Community Archaeology Study Days 2006/7

Study Day 7 – Computers in Archaeology

University of York. Saturday 2nd December 2006

Feedback from the Study Day:

'Introduced to new techniques by two great guys! Nice to meet other enthusiastic people.'

'It's a great series, very informative and thought provoking.'

'Clear information, well presented, plenty of hands on computer time'.

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Computers are used for all kinds of things in archaeology today, from writing reports and listing our finds to analyzing geophysics and presenting our interpretations through 3D models. There are many way that community groups thinking of getting involved in archaeology will be able to make use of the computer.

This study day was aimed at those who might get involved or who have started their own fieldwork. We were very glad to have two specialists to introduce the computer in archaeology to us, Michael Charno from the Archaeology Data Service at the University of York and Michael Berry who is a research student in the Department of Archaeology at the University.



The first part of the day was a presentation from both Michaels giving an outline of both the everyday uses of computers in archaeology and the more complex, but very photogenic 3D models, fly throughs and 360 degree panoramic images.

The rest of the day took place in the computer labs at the Dept of Archaeology where it was possible to have hands on practice in using day to day software in archaeology such as word processing and spreadsheets. We also looked at the use of image processing software to help us analyse aerial photographs and geophysics images.

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