

Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's December e-newsletter, which highlights a few of the various events – conferences, lectures, training sessions, news items, etc – which we hope to be of interest to our members. Although general queries should continue to be directed to Hannah (info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk), those interested in volunteer opportunities or general outreach can contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Please also keep up-to-date via the website and social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.instagram.com/surreyarch)) for group and event updates.

Anne Sassin (*SyAS Outreach Projects Manager*)



Wishing all our members and partners a happy holidays and best wishes for the new year

Thank you for all your support and help in making 2022 the productive year it has been!



SHERF 2022

Many thanks to all those who contributed to November's Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework conference, including the organisers and excellent panel of speakers, all of whom kindly agreed to be recorded. For those who could not attend on the day, or who would like to hear a talk again, the full programme is now up on our [YouTube channel](#).

Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework Online Conference 2022
Defensive structures: symbols of power?
Saturday 26 November (10:00-16:00)
[surreyarchaeology.org.uk](https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk) Tickets £5





Surrey's Archaeological Planning Designations, Five Year Refresh: Call for proposals

The Surrey County Council Historic Environment Planning Team Archaeological Advisors work with both the County Council and the 11 District and Borough Planning authorities in the care of archaeological remains and their protection and investigation through the planning process. The main archaeological planning policy requires consultation on development proposals within two formal categories of sites:

County Sites of Archaeological Importance (CSAI) – sites where there is a proven archaeological presence and where that archaeology is known to be of a standard and quality to require a definite presumption in favour of preservation in-situ.

Areas of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP) – areas which are likely to contain good evidence for the existence of archaeological remains. Not all sites of known archaeological discoveries are designated as AHAP's, but those considered of high significance due to comparative rarity and potential to further our understanding of the past. Development within an AHAP is likely to require the implementation of mitigation measures set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

These areas were identified in the early 1990s and were comprehensively reviewed in 2014-2017. As part of the commitment to Surrey's archaeology a programme was put in place to review the areas periodically, to ensure they remain fit for purpose and reflect current knowledge. The review is intended to be a rapid refresh and will commence in January 2023, with the aim of being concluded by April 2023.

As part of this latest review, the HEP Team would like to invite SyAS members to consider submitting proposed sites for assessment and possible designation.

Sites should either be those that are currently unprotected, or ones that have had significant additional information revealed through investigation in the past five, years which indicates they have a clearly identifiable heightened archaeological area, potential and/or significance. Sites will be considered for inclusion via assessment against a pre-defined series of Surrey-specific criteria, which are available on request. If you are unsure of the status of the site you are considering for inclusion, the existing CSAIs and AHAPs can be found as overlays on SCC's own '[Interactive Map](#)', which is available via the Planning area of the Council's website. Sites which are already designated should not generally be nominated unless the current boundary is thought to be inaccurate.

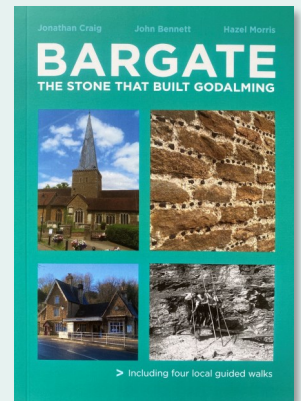
Please send any submissions, along with any supporting information, to the Surrey County Archaeologist at heritageconsultations@surreycc.gov.uk. Submissions should be clearly marked 'AHAP Review' so they can be quickly collated. Queries about the criteria for assessment or other aspects of the refresh should also be sent to this address.

The consultation will be open between **December 2022** and **January 2023**. Submissions received after this point will be unlikely to be received in time for consideration.



New publication on Bargate stone

Just published: *Bargate – the stone that built Godalming* by Jonathan Craig, John Bennett and Hazel Morris, which describes the Bargate stone quarried around Godalming since medieval times. The book describes the geological background, usage of the stone in buildings and cultural impact in the area. It also contains four guided walks locally where Bargate stone can be seen. The book can be obtained from the Society for £10.00 collected from Abinger or £11.50 paid in advance and posted to you. Please contact info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.



Surrey Climate Commission update

Surrey County Council is asking residents who are choosing a real Christmas tree to [donate £3](#) to plant a new tree in Surrey. Every year, thousands of residents decorate real Christmas trees as an essential and much-loved tradition during the festive season. To support the environment, donating £3 when a Christmas tree is purchased can help plant new trees locally. SCC is working with Surrey Wildlife Trust for the appeal, which supports the planting of 1.2 million new trees in the county by 2030 – one for every resident. Trees visually enhance the environment, provide habitats for wildlife and absorb some of the carbon dioxide in our atmosphere, making them a natural way to help tackle climate change. Residents who are having a real Christmas tree are also being encouraged to buy a potted one which can be re-planted after its use.



Wessex Archaeology have also recently been contributing to the discussion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and archaeology's role in nurturing future generations to realise a more sustainable future in a podcast, which is accessible through [Spotify](#) and Buzzsprout. It is certainly worth a listen!

Emma Coburn (SyAS Council)

Oxford Archaeology medieval towns online research seminar



OA's next online research seminar will be held on **Thursday 12 January** at 16.30 and examine the provisioning of medieval towns in England, focusing on evidence such as foodstuffs, pottery, metals, charcoal, timber and salt from case studies including Carlisle, Oxford, Norwich, King's Lynn and Colchester. More details tbc.



Finds from the FLO

For Surrey Heritage's [December Marvel of the Month](#), Dr Simon Maslin, Surrey Finds Liaison Officer, reported on an unusual and significant hoard of Roman silver coins from Elstead (recorded as [SUR-EA4D41](#) and [SUR-0E4DC2](#)). This discovery was acquired by Godalming Museum with part-funding from the Society.



Recommended YouTube videos

The MSF's recent [special lecture](#) by Katie Hawks on 'Merton's Literary Canons – the place and use of books at Merton Priory' is now available on our YouTube channel.

The CBA-SE annual lecture by Dr Sophia Adams on 'Battle of the Bronze Age Hoards: Havering versus Boughton Malherbe' is also now [available](#).

For National Trees Week in late November, Surrey Heritage recently shared a former [recorded talk](#) by Julian Pooley for Surrey History Trust on 'Not Just a Family Tree: Landscape and Memory', in which he talks about the importance of trees in Surrey across the centuries.

Other Surrey Heritage videos, which span a wide range of topics, are available on YouTube and can be easily found online via their [website](#).



For more information on opportunities in your local region, be sure to follow SCAU (education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk and [@diggingsurreypast](#)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East (www.cbasouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](#)).