

**For immediate release**

## **Dig into the past with the Festival of Archaeology**

Communities all over the UK get a unique hands-on opportunity to explore their past when the Festival of Archaeology gets under way on July 15.

This year the Festival, co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology, is bigger than ever with hundreds of events hosted by museums, heritage organisations, community groups and volunteers giving local people an opportunity to find out more about the archaeology of their area and get involved with local projects.

Historian, TV presenter, and CBA president Dan Snow says the Festival gives people an opportunity to experience their past at first hand:

*“Archaeology gives us a tangible connection with the past, telling us about how our ancestors lived thousands of years ago and what everyday life was like for our families in the industrial revolution or on the home front in the First World War. The Festival is your chance to dig into the past and have your own archaeology adventure.”*

People can take part in digs, go on walks, attend lectures, see behind the scenes of archaeological projects and experience historical re-enactments during the two-week Festival.

For example, festival-goers can get up close with Roman Cavalry at Segedunum fort in Wallsend or discover medieval graffiti at St Helena’s Church in Rothbury. Local experts will be on hand to explain cutting-edge technology behind modern archaeology and let you get stuck in yourself.

You could discover the skills behind facial reconstruction at the Museum of Liverpool, cast your own bronze age axe at the Royal Cornwall Museum or discover the techniques used to uncover the remains of Richard III in Leicester.

Now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, The Festival of archaeology takes place between 15-30 July. You can find details of events near you using the event search on the Festival website:

<https://www.festivalofarchaeology.org/>

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**Notes to editor:**

Interviews are available on request with the CBA President, Dan Snow and CBA Director, Dr Mike Heyworth MBE. Photos and logo available via this [onedrive link](#) or on request

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**The Council for British Archaeology (CBA)** is a leading educational charity working throughout the UK to involve people in archaeology and to promote the appreciation and care of the historic environment for the benefit of present and future generations. Since 1944, it has been active in safeguarding the UK's historic environment demonstrating that archaeology matters. [www.archaeologyuk.org](http://www.archaeologyuk.org)

**Historic England** (formerly known as English Heritage), is the public body that champions and protects England's historic places. It looks after the historic environment providing expert advice, helping people protect and care for it and helping the public to understand and enjoy it.

**Cadw** is the Welsh Government's historic environment service working for an accessible and well-protected historic environment for Wales. It conserves Wales's heritage, helps people understand and care about their history, and helps to sustain the distinctive character of Wales. Cadw is a Welsh word meaning 'to keep' or 'to protect'.