HUNDREDS OF ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS HAPPENING ACROSS THE UK
FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU: FESTIVALOFARCHAEOLOGY.CO.UK
I am delighted to introduce some of the highlights of the 2019 Festival of Archaeology co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology and funded by Historic England and Cadw. This leaflet provides a glimpse of the thousands of events taking place between 13 and 28 July 2019 and you can find the full listing at: festivalofarchaeology.co.uk

The theme for this year’s Festival of Archaeology is #ArchaeoTech, or the use of science and technology in archaeology. There’s an amazing variety of things that you can get involved in from geophysical surveys at Alton Big Dig, photogrammetry at Rockbourne Roman Villa, or processing samples at Bamburgh.

This year is the 75th anniversary of the Council for British Archaeology and the launch event will be held at the British Museum on 13 July. Watch out for updates on our website. As part of this year’s celebrations, keep an eye out for A Day in Archaeology on 22 July – a series of blogs from archaeologists, and the Festival’s Youth Takeover Day. The Festival will also be working in partnership with the National Trust on the #askanarchaeologist live Q&A’s on 17 July.

I am really pleased to see so many events being organised by and for young people aged 16-25, including the Shout Out Loud project (see page 9). The CBA’s partnership with Historic England has also resulted in engaging projects in the Heritage Action Zones (see pages 9 and 15).

Whatever events you get involved with during the Festival, let us know about it via social media with the hashtag #festivalofarchaeology.

Dan Snow
President of the Council for British Archaeology
CAN YOU DIG IT?

When most people think of archaeology, they think of using a trowel and digging for artefacts. Though this is only a small part of it, there are plenty of chances to try it for yourself this year.

Digging up the Past: Cheetham Park, Stalybridge, Tameside

A chance for the whole family to dig on the site of Cheetham Park, use survey equipment and try it for yourself this year.

Test pits in Congresbury, North Somerset

Join Yatton, Congresbury, Claverham and Cleve Archaeological Research Team in carrying out a series of test pits in local gardens in Congresbury.

Community Dig at Lullingstone Roman Villa, Sussex

There will be opportunities to wash and process finds, as well as dig. Children’s activities will also be available, as will a special exhibit on the original excavations at the villa (1949-61), talks and tours of both the villa complex and the current excavations.

Barrow Hill Excavations

Join Trent & Peak Archaeology and the Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society in locating and excavating parts of a row of terraced cottages that would have formed Brickyard Terrace, later known as West Railway Terrace, or ‘Long Row’.

Lost Redesdale Excavation, Northumberland

Revitalising Redesdale Landscape Partnership invites you to take part in an archaeological excavation of an Iron Age/Romano-British enclosed settlement at Rattanraw Farm in Redesdale, Northumberland.

AGES AHA Digging at St Peter’s, Maidstone

This two-day dig will involve test pittings to identify the oldest occupation of the area next to the Norman church of St Peter’s.

The Big Launch

Don’t miss the launch of the Festival of Archaeology at the British Museum.

A celebration of archaeology will take over the museum for one day only, guiding you on an exciting journey through history. There will be activities for all ages, from archaeological activities to demonstrations and talks. You can explore life from pre-history to the present day, stopping off at fascinating civilisations such as the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons along the way.

In the day’s hands-on sessions, you’ll get a taste of what it takes to become a real-life archaeologist and work at the museum, explore ancient technology and modern science through interactive displays. Enjoy demonstrations from a range of world-class specialists at the museum, as they bring our history to life.

From hands-on sessions in the Great Court to demonstrations on the front lawns, this fun-filled day will help you explore the museum like never before. There will also be a host of object handling tables and talks in our gallery spaces, as well as free trails and backpacks specifically designed to help families get the most out of exploring the Museum and the collection.

Heritage Action Zones

Weston Super Mare

Join events at Weston Museum to celebrate the work of the Heritage Action Zone.

Learn about the New Conservation Area and the publication of a new book ‘Weston-super-Mare; the town and its seaside heritage’, co-authored by Historic England and North Somerset Council.

Find out about the work to save an outstanding example of an Iron Age hillfort, Worlebury Camp, right on the fringes of the town.

Find out about all the heritage groups in North Somerset.

Southwark

Hold the history of Southwark in your hands! Meet Southwark Council’s team of archaeologists, handle ancient objects excavated in the borough and get a chance to explore Walworth, SE17.

The first Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) established in Inner London, Walworth is a vibrant destination with a rich history, home to botanic gardens and zoos, street markets and lemonade factories, manor houses and working-class communities. As is the Walworth HAZ celebrates the unique character of this fascinating urban village and how its history has shaped SE17 today.

Bridge Farm Excavation Open Day, Sussex

Guided tours around the current excavation of a defended Romano-British riverside settlement. See the Roman artefacts discovered on this dig including coins, pottery, rare carved timbers, dress ornaments and jewellery.

Find out how excavated objects are stored at the British Museum, as they bring our history to life. Credit: Jane Miller

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MEET THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Visit an archaeological dig, learn about the technology used to record excavations, hear about recent finds and meet the people making it happen.

A Day in Archaeology
Want to know what archaeologists do all day? A Day in Archaeology showcases the enormous variety of exciting career and volunteering opportunities available as archaeologists post blogs and share details of their work. Visit the Day in Archaeology area of the Festival website to find out more.

DISCOVERIES IN Grosvenor Park, Chester

Find out what has been found in the stunning surroundings of Grosvenor Park, Chester, since 2007. There will be finds displays and information about the discoveries including a Roman road, a medieval stone building and lots more. There will also be a chance to meet the PAS Finds Liaison Officer for Cheshire.

BEACON RING Open Day

Join Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust for an open day at its Cadw-funded summer excavation at Beacon Ring hillfort. As well as guided tours, there will be activities on site to celebrate 50 years of the Offa’s Dyke. Find out about the wall, the ramparts and what the archaeologists were looking for in the 1970s. There will also be a range of free, immersive activities.

DITHERINGTON FLAX MILL – CBA West Midlands Summer Field Day

Don’t miss the chance to see this remarkable site, as well as to hear about some of the latest work and research around the Shrewsbury area. This Summer Field Day is organised in partnership with the Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society and will include a range of talks.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Experts from the Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology together with museum staff from the V&A, Victoria Gallery & Museum and the Garstang Museum of Archaeology will explain archaeological techniques and the latest research. There will also be a range of free, Immersive activities.

Introduction to the Humber Historic Environment Record

Calling budding archaeologists of all ages; time to get hands-on with the Humber HER Information resource, including HER records, OS base maps, aerial photographs and archaeological fieldwork reports to help you build a general history of a village or familiar landscape from Prehistory to the Modern Period.

INSPRING CREATIVITY: Wessex Archaeology at Salisbury Museum

Be inspired by the science, art and human stories behind our shared past, through a Virtual Reality experience and demonstrations of some of the high-tech gadgets that archaeologists use. You can also handle ancient artefacts, as well as handling the modern reconstructions which have been digitally modelled and printed in 3D.

Archaeology Festival at University of Nottingham Museum

Discover work being done throughout Nottinghamshire by local history and archaeology societies, archaeological units, museums and other regional archaeological organisations. This big event will include displays, craft activities, living history events, handling of original material and talks.
ARCHAEOLOGY SKILLS

Want to know more about archaeology and gain some valuable skills? Why not head to these events to learn more?

Serial Thriller: 2000 years of life and sustenance at Bamburgh Castle
Join the Bamburgh Research Project (BRP) on its annual excavation within the West Ward of Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland, and inspect the excavated material as it leaves the trench. This event will include specialist training with a flotation tank, tuition in recording the processed material and identification of archaeobotanic material in the on-site lab.

CITIZAN – Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network
Inspired by the highly successful model provided by the Thames Discovery Programme, CITiZAN (the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network) will be delivering a full summer of national events. Piloting no fewer than six Discovery Programmes in 2019, CITiZAN will be developing a community-based recording model in six locations around the country: Liverpool Bay, the Humber, Mersea Island, the East Kent Coast, the Solent and in the estuaries of South Devon Rivers.

FOCUS ON SHOUT OUT LOUD

English Heritage is excited to be working in partnership with the Council for British Archaeology’s Young Archaeologists’ Club (YAC), National Youth Theatre and Sound Connections to deliver the innovative project, giving young people aged 11-21 unique opportunities to investigate some of the most important heritage sites in the country. Shout out Loud is supported by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, YAC and English Heritage will also be offering activities as part of the Festival of Archaeology. Linked to the festival’s theme of #ArchaeoTech; Archaeology, Technology and Science, Shout out Loud will also be at the official Festival of Archaeology launch event at the British Museum.

Londinium: The Roman City
Beginning in the Crypt Museum of All Hallows and taking in some of the best-preserved stretches of Roman city wall, this walk includes the sites of the Forum, Basilia and Fort, as well as visiting the Amphitheatres remaining under Guildhall Art Gallery, before ending at the Museum of London.

B纫cher Fort, Bishop Auckland, County Durham
Explore two of the best-preserved Roman military bathhouses in Britain. B纫cher (Roman Vinovia) was one of the largest forts in Northern Britain, and housed foot soldiers and cavalrymen for over 350 years.

Conisbrough Castle, South Yorkshire
We will spend two days excavating at the medieval fortification in Conisbrough. This will be an opportunity for participants to spend a day in the trench learning excavation and post-extraction skills alongside expert archaeologists.

FOCUS ON YAC

The Young Archaeologists’ Club (YAC) branches will be hosting many exciting events that will let your budding archaeologist meet other young people who share their passion for the past. Check the website for further details, if you’d like to find out more about the YAC, head to yac-uk.org

Revealing the Past
Get hands on experience with the East Riding Archaeological Society as they carry out geophysical surveys of the deserted medieval village of Burton Constable, handle objects in the Great Hall, join walks around Capability Brown’s landscaped parkland or short talks by the curator.

From Ancient to Present Technologies
Discover the ancient technologies used by our ancestors for survival at this unique event. Through demonstrations and hands-on activities, learn the skills required to make flint tools, making and dyeing cloth and living off the land. Members of the Young Archaeologists’ Club from the Museum of Cannock Chase will be demonstrating how objects are cleaned and accessioned prior to going on display. To celebrate 30 years of the site as a museum, the Young Archaeologists will also be burying a time capsule.

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ARCHAEOLOGY FOR ALL

Since it was founded in 1944, the Council for British Archaeology has been passionate about making archaeology accessible to everyone.

Ancient Egyptian New Year celebrations at Durham University Oriental Collection
The Ancient Egyptians celebrated the new year with a festival called Wepet Renpet. Join an afternoon of Ancient Egyptian fun including crafts, stories and getting hands-on with archaeological objects. Why not dress up too?

Tysoe Archaeology
A display of the history and archaeology of the Parish of Tysoe, Warwickshire, from the Bronze Age, Iron Age and the Roman period. There will be a display of pottery finds and metal detecting finds from the main sites around the village and the finds from the main sites will be a display of pottery, including crafts, stories and getting hands-on with archaeological objects.

Brading Roman Villa Archaeology Day, Isle of Wight
Family-friendly fun day celebrating the archaeology of the Isle of Wight. There will be finds identification by the I.O.W Finds Liaison Officer, artefact displays, talks and craft activities.

Mufti Games presents Romans! In Tyneside, Bath and Worcester
Play 3000-year-old board games and strive for victory in a gladiatorial rock-paper-scissors tournament in a mini colosseum. Romans! is aimed at all ages and also features dice games and an area for younger players to devise their own games. Check out these Mufti Games events at The Mouth of the Tyne Festival, Bath City Farm and the Big Dreamers Festival, Worcester.

Roman Feast Butser Ancient Farm
Enjoy a splendid Feast in a Roman Villa. Make merry by candlelight, enjoy accompanying music and entertainment and a wide selection of Roman delicacies from savoury to sweet, accompanied by wine and Roman soft drinks. Dressing up is optional but certainly encouraged.

Animal archaeology
Celebrate the Festival of Archaeology at the Museum of London with a fun-packed programme of activities for the whole family, inspired by the museum’s exhibition ‘Beasts of London’. Get hands-on with objects from our archaeological archive, learn how to identify animal materials, take an animal-themed tour and get creative making your own beastly archaeological artefacts.

The Raging Sea Comes to Norwich
An exhibition displaying the history of Norfolk coastal communities and their perennial fight against the sea, including talks and films and a display of fossils found on the shore.

CRAFTY ARCHAEOLOGY!

Make something to take home and keep at one of these fantastic crafty events.

Heritage Skills Centre – Lincoln Castle
In Lincoln Castle’s Heritage Skills Centre there will be an artefact handling session where you can touch objects found during real excavations at Lincoln Castle and a guided tour around some of the less well known parts of the Castle.

Crafty Archaeology! Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincolnshire
Investigate images and real and replica artefacts and explore how we can learn about people in the past and how they lived. Enjoy a selection of crafty activities – you can use a variety of materials including clay to make a jester’s head and card and embossing foils to create a decorated Roman scabbard and your own version of the famous Witham shield decorated with Celtic designs.

Craft Archaeology Day Rutland County Museum
Get Crafty! With our archaeology themed crafts. Our popular craft sessions return with an archaeology twist.

Explore Kendal through Archaeology
Visit Kendal Museum and discover the history of Kendal through an object based trail and fun craft activities for children.

Mysteries of the Manor – Bruce Castle Museum Archaeology Day
Visit this 16th century manor house and get hands on in the museum galleries exploring artefacts from the archaeology collections.

Gainsborough Old Hall – Artefact handling session
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Bones in the Basement
Come along and search for bones in the basement at Benjamin Franklin House. Become an archaeologist for the morning and help uncover its fascinating past.

Fabulous Frome Finds Day
Have you found an archaeological find? Bring objects you have found while walking, digging in the garden or deliberately searching along to Frome Museum to have them identified and recorded. The Frome Tunnels Team will also be showing their archaeological finds from the tunnels beneath Frome!

FOCUS ON IDENTIFYING ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS

Mysteries of the Manor

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This year there are many different Archaeology Festivals happening all over the UK. Why not find one near you and enjoy exploring hands-on archaeology or experience a re-enactment?

**Heritage Doncaster’s Festival of Archaeology**

Travel back in time and visit a Stone Age Village where you can try on Stone Age clothing, see how flint tools were made, have a go at making a shelter and try your hand at cave painting. You can also meet Lugg, the mesolithic hunter-gatherer and learn some hunting skills.

**Binchester’s Roman Festival Weekend**

See re-enactment group Roma Antiqua and expert cavalryman Barbaratus battle with the enemies of Rome, and enjoy demonstrations of archery, sling staves, and the firing of a full-size replica of an artillery catapult known as the ballista. You can also visit the tented encampment and inspect the soldiers’ weapons, armour and equipment, alongside the stalls of civilian traders and artisans.

**Salisbury Museum**

Enjoy a weekend in the heart of Wessex learning about ancient ceremonies at Stonehenge and forgotten villages. This festival includes an exhibition, talks and hands on activities.

**Creswell Victorian Archaeology Festival**

Explore the fascinating world of the Victorians and the very first archaeologists to explore and excavate these limestone caves. Become an archaeologist for the day and learn about the pioneering techniques in your own mock excavation of the Crags, and explore a site rich with history and controversy. Explore the fascinating world of the Victorians and the very first archaeologists to excavate these Limestone caves. This festival includes an exhibition, talks, guided walks and a diverse range of events and have-a-go activities.

**Warrior Camp Butser**

Warrior Camp is designed for 8-14-year olds to discover what life was like for young people 2,000 years ago, and what challenges they would have faced.

**Butser Ancient Farm**

Life in the past. Learn how our ancestors lived with a range of activities, and get a taste of experimental archaeology and what Butser is all about.

**All about the animals**

Find out about Butser Ancient Farm’s wildlife and rare breeds on offer. See butchers and re-enactors from Cwmwd Ial, demonstrating crafts, foods and battle drills. With hands-on archaeology activities, talks, guided walks, storytelling sessions and more, this weekend is full of things to see and do.

**Living History Festival – Offa’s Dyke Centre, Wales**

A weekend of Anglo-Saxon and early medieval excitement. Immerse yourself in Medieval life with reenactors from Cwmwd Ial, demonstrating crafts, foods and battle drills. With hands-on archaeology activities, talks, guided walks, storytelling sessions and more, this weekend is full of things to see and do.
FOCUS ON BISHOP AUCKLAND, HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

Visit Elsecar Heritage Centre and take a tour to see the Newcomen Beam Engine in action - the oldest steam engine in the world to survive in its original location. Take a stroll along the canal and explore the amazing history of the village. There will lots of other events going on during the festival too. Check the festival website for more details.

Elsecar Newcomen Engine light show
Credit: Elsecar Heritage Centre

Elsecar - Pilchards, Mills and Serpentine, Cornwall
Join the National Trust for a guided walk around the delightful Poltesco Valley, now a wooded haven for wildlife, but once the centre of a thriving Victorian stoneware industry. Learn about the valley’s fascinating history and explore the atmospheric ruins.

Geology and Industrial Archaeology in Wensleydale
Evening walk to look at the geology and industrial archaeology of the Keld Heads Lead Mine and Cobscar Smelt Mill near Preston under Scar.

Lizard Point – Shipwrecks
Join the National Trust for a guided walk along the coast path at Lizard Point. Hear tales of shipwrecks, dramatic rescues and a rich history of maritime communications, from semaphore to radio experiments, plus the strange story of the underwater bell.

Deathly Secrets of Sydney Gardens
In 1793, the tombstone of a Roman priest was discovered in what is now Sydney Gardens. Join the Roman Baths and Sydney Gardens Heritage Fund Project as it investigates death and burial through the ages.

Open Day: Pen y Bryn Quarry Barracks, Gwynedd
Discover the excavation, clearance and recording work at Pen y Bryn Barracks. The site comprises a block of four barracks, along with two further outlying blocks, yards and gardens. Most of them were built in the 1860s, though some were converted from agricultural buildings dating from the 17th century.

Combs Wood Uncovered, Goathland
A tour of the final year of community excavations at Combs Wood. Explore the remains of an ironstone mining and processing complex.

Archaeology @ County Museum Woodstock
Visit the County Museum Woodstock to explore detailed maps showing the most important local sites and handle artefacts found in test pit locations. Find out where canal navvies and rail builders camped while building our transport system, and how they lived. Discover how lidar helps archaeologists to locate important sites and what has been discovered in Woodstock so far.

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