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Discovering the Archaeology of the Brecks



Revealing Records: An Introduction to Suffolk's Archaeological Records

Want to find out more about the archaeology of your area? Join experts from Suffolk County Council for this free study afternoon looking at Suffolk's rich archaeological records and learn how to use them in your own research.

The Suffolk Historic Environment Record (HER) is the definitive record of the known archaeological sites and historic buildings in the county. The database contains over 29,000 records ranging from some of the earliest flint tools so far discovered in Northern Europe, dating from c. 700,000 BC, up to and including Second World War and Cold War military sites. The HER is maintained by the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.

Archaeologists and historians have been investigating the Brecks for well over a century, and much of the information gathered can be found in the Historic Environment Record and the Suffolk Record Office. As part of the Breaking New Ground archaeological training programme this half-day workshop will introduce you to:

- what sort of information the Historic Environment Record and Record Office collects;
- how to access this information through our team of specialists and from home;
- how you can use the records in your own research;
- how you can help to add to this store of knowledge.

This workshop is free to attend as the Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership Scheme is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is one of a series of heritage-themed workshops being run as part of the Breaking New Ground programme.

Where? West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, Icklingham Road, IP28 6HG

When? Saturday 28th February, 12:30–4pm

Cost? Free, but book your place by email richard.hoggett@suffolk.gov.uk or phone 01284 741226.

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Notes to Editors

Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service is the main provider of archaeological conservation, recording and advice services in Suffolk. In order to promote the conservation, enhancement and understanding of Suffolk's distinctive historic environment we maintain the Suffolk Historic Environment Record, provide archaeological advice to local planning authorities, developers, landowners and farmers, and hold archaeological archives for the county. Further information can be found on our websites <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/archaeology> and <http://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk>.

Loving Living Landscapes

Living Landscapes are where people and nature come together. **Breaking New Ground** is a Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape Partnership Project, focusing on a 231km² area in the heart of the Brecks. Over the next three years, in partnership with a wide range of organisations, the scheme will deliver over 37 landscape and heritage based projects, including a grant scheme for new ideas. The aim is to engage with local communities to tell the story of the Brecks and celebrate its unique social history, landscape character and the myriad of rare and unusual specialist wildlife.

The partnership is made up of regional, national and local organisations with an interest in the area, community groups and members of the community and includes:

Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury District Councils, RSPB, Natural England, English Heritage, Forestry Commission, University of East Anglia, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, The Breckland Society, Farm Conservation, Icenic botanic Artists, Green Light Trust, Plantlife, Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership, Orchard Barn Environmental Education CIC, Ancient House Museum and West Stow Anglo Saxon Village.

The £2.2million scheme comprises just under £1.5million from the HLF, with the remainder contributed by the partner organisations and volunteer input.

Breaking New Ground is hosted by Suffolk County Council at Brandon Country Park, the gateway to the Brecks. The park provides a convenient and accessible location for participants and partners, and is the location for a number of public events.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

HLF's Landscape Partnerships are helping bring together members of the community as well as local, regional, and national organisations to deliver schemes which benefit some of the UK's most outstanding landscapes and rural communities. Grants available now range from £100,000 up to £3m.

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported 36,000 projects, allocating £5.9billion across the UK. Website: www.hlf.org.uk

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