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**Discovering the
archaeology of the Brecks**

**Are you itching to get your hands
dirty in a real excavation? Dying to
know more about mysterious crop
marks?**



As part of the Heritage Lottery Funded Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership Scheme for the Brecks, **on the 1st November** West Stow Anglo Saxon Village will be hosting the launch event for an inspiring series of day schools led by Norfolk Historic Environment Service and Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.

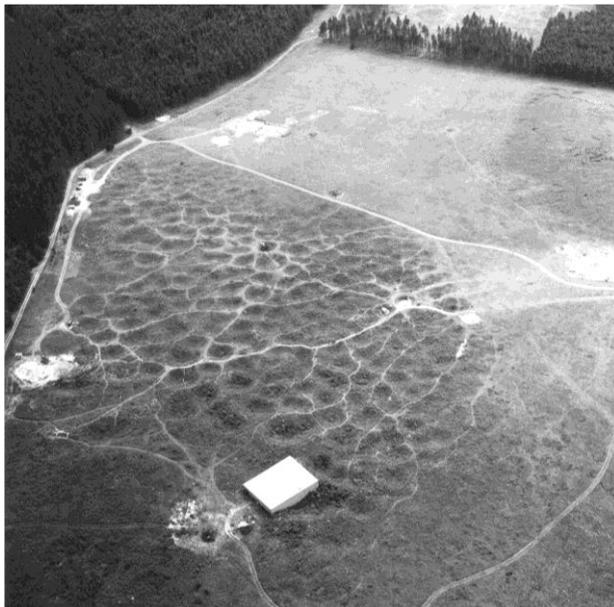
From rooting through the records to rooting through the earth, learn how to investigate the past with presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Day schools will be led by heritage experts in a variety of fascinating locations throughout Norfolk and Suffolk.

Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, places on these day schools are free.

Workshops

Launch Event	Learn what has already been found in the Brecks from David Robertson, Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Officer, talk to our experts about the project, and sign up to get involved in our day schools. 1st November. Drop in 12-4, talk 1pm.
Revealing Records	Archaeologists and historians have been investigating our past for decades. Find out what information we have about your area in this workshop. Learn how to access the information and use it in your own research.
What Lies Beneath	Introduction to the methods and practices involved in archaeological fieldwalking, including

	the opportunity to undertake practical fieldwork in the hunt for traces of the early Brecks.
Can you Dig It?	Get hands-on as you learn how to conduct small scale excavations. A practical session on digging a 1m ³ test pit.
Fantastic Finds	Learn about the ancient objects that are commonly found in the Brecks, and how to recognise them.
Brecks and Mortar	A look at methods and techniques used to record the fabric, fixtures and fittings of historic buildings. There will also be the opportunity to practise these techniques on the day.
Eye in the Sky	Our specialists will teach you to spot archaeological sites from the air using Google Earth and how to recognise different types of features



Throughout the series of day schools heritage experts aim to connect participants with the past, through an exploration of the archaeological techniques that can be used to investigate it. They will support participants to use their new skills around their own homes and parishes.

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For more information visit www.breakingnewground.org.uk or phone **01842 815465**.

Booking is being done by **Norfolk Historic Environment Service** at heritage@norfolk.gov.uk or by calling **01362 869296**.

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