



FANE ROAD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (FRAG) TEST PIT EXCAVATIONS 21-23 OCTOBER 2017

1. **Venue.** Fane Road Allotments, Fane Road, Peterborough. Access will be via the gate off the footpath on the Itter Park side of the allotments. Parking in Itter Crescent is available on the park side; please remember this is a residential road and park with consideration. The site is accessible by local buses; Route 22 (Fulbridge Road) and citi1 (Lincoln Road).

2. **Participation.**
 - a. **FRAG.** The test pit excavations will be open free to all members of FRAG (as at 13 Oct 17) and their families.

 - b. **Fane Road Allotment Association (FRAA).** Participation is also open free to Fane Road Allotment Association (FRAA) members and their families, who should co-ordinate their interest with Amanda Bettany.

 - c. **Families.** Adult and children (8-16 years old) families of FRAG and FRAA members are also welcome to take part; children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

 - d. **Non-Members.** Non-members of FRAG as at 13 Oct 17 are also welcome, but for insurance purposes, will be required to join FRAG (£20 full membership to 31 Dec 18).

 - e. **Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC).** YAC members will participate on Saturday (21 Oct 17). Anne Horspole will coordinate YAC participation.

3. **Application.** Those wishing to participate are to complete the FRAG Participation Application Form. FRAG and FRAA members should submit applications by 13 Oct 17, after which, places will be available to non-FRAG members. Closing date for all applications is 18 Oct 17.

4. **Programme.** The daily routine will loosely follow the timings below:

Day & Date	Times	Activity
Saturday 21 Oct 17	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Pack-Up

Sunday	0800-0830	Arrival
22 Oct 17	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Pack-Up
Monday	0800-0830	Arrival
23 Oct 17	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Clean Excavations and Record
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Complete Recording and Backfill
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1630	Complete Backfill and Site Clear-Away

YAC members will follow a separate programme on Saturday.

5. **Open Day.** There will be an Open Day from 1130 - 1600 on Sunday 22 Oct 17.
6. **Welfare.**
 - a. Toilet facilities are available in Itter Park.
 - b. Food and drink is available from the kiosk in Itter Park or participants may bring their own if they wish. Additionally, participants should bring water or other drink as test pit excavating is physically demanding and, despite the time of year, requires regular rehydration.
 - c. Participants should wear sturdy and comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear (walking boots, steel capped boots, Doctor Martens boots, wellington boots, etc). Layered clothing allows for personal comfort to be maintained as weather conditions change. Waterproof jacket (with hood) and trousers should also be brought as excavation will continue during showers and light rain.
 - d. Participants may wish to bring other items for personal comfort, such as; small camping chair to sit on during breaks and lunch, kneeler or knee pads, gloves, hat, scarf.
 - e. Participants are responsible for bringing any medication they will need and for having an up to date tetanus inoculation (refer to your doctor or surgery nurse if in any doubt).
7. **Archaeological Equipment.** All excavation, recording and finds processing equipment will be provided by FRAG. However, please feel free to bring your own equipment.
8. **Insurance.** FRAG insurance includes Public Liability and small personal accident cover. Those taking part who may wish to consider their own personal accident insurance in addition

should seek advice from an insurance company beforehand to ensure the correct type and level of insurance is purchased.

9. **Excavation Strategy.** This is the sixth season of test pit excavations on the Fane Road Allotment Site. In addition, the Heritage Lottery funded 'Romans of Fane Road' excavation was undertaken in 2014. The aims of previous excavations were to; establish the location of the southern part of the Iron Age enclosure ditch, establish any outlying Roman building foundations, locate and record Roman middens (rubbish tips) and establish the extent of the Roman metalled surface found in October 2015 with students of the Perse School. This year we will revisit test pits from previous seasons that produced results requiring further investigation:

a. **Test Pits.** Six primary test pits have been identified, however, the number that will initially be opened will be dependent on consent of allotment holders and the number of participants expected on Saturday. Test pits will be 2m x 1m in the first instance.

b. **Location.** As indicated on attached drawing.

10. **Attachments.** There are three attachments to this information leaflet:

a. Attachment 1 - Google Earth image of the Allotments and Itter Park relative to the A47 - Soke Parkway, A15 - Lincoln Road, Fulbridge Road (north-east of Itter Park) and Itter Crescent.

b. Attachment 2 - Google Earth image of the Allotments and Itter Park.

c. Attachment 3 - drawing showing location of previous test pits, with test pits to be revisited highlighted.

Attachment 1



Attachment 2



Attachment 3

