



**SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY (SHS)
HILL TOP EXCAVATION, 30 NOV - 3 DEC 18 AND 7 - 10 DEC 18**

1. **Venue.** Hill Top, off Vinegar Hill, Alconbury Weston. Access will be via the gate as indicated on the map at Attachment 1.

2. **Participation.**

a. **SHS.** The excavation will be open free to all members of SHS (as at 29 Nov 18).

b. **JigSaw Affiliates.** Participation is free to members of JigSaw affiliated groups/societies who have provided confirmation they are participating under their group/society insurance, otherwise they will be required to participate as SHS temporary members (see sub-para 2.c below).

c. **SHS Temporary Members.** Non-members of SHS or JigSaw affiliated groups/societies as at 29 Nov 18 are also welcome, but for insurance purposes, will be required to take out SHS temporary membership at a daily fee of £1.

3. **Application.** Those wishing to participate are to complete the SHS Participation Application Form. Further details are contained in the application form.

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

Day & Date	Times	Activity
Friday 30 Nov 18	1230-1245	Arrival
	1245-1300	Site Safety Induction
	1300-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Saturday 1 Dec 18	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Sunday 2 Dec 18	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
1315-1530	Site Activity	

	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Monday	0800-0830	Arrival
3 Dec 18	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity/Recording
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity/Recording
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Friday	0800-0830	Arrival
7 Dec 18	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Saturday	0800-0830	Arrival
8 Dec 18	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Sunday	0800-0830	Arrival
9 Dec 18	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Monday	0800-0830	Arrival
10 Dec 18	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity/Recording
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity/Recording
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1530	Site Activity
	1530-1600	Clear Loose & Pack-Up

5. **Open Day.** The site will be open to visitors throughout the duration of the excavation.

6. **Welfare.**

a. There are no on-site toilet facilities. The nearest public facilities are at the service station by Junction 13 on the A14 and Alconbury Weald (see Attachment 1).

b. Participants should bring their own food and drinks, or be prepared to purchase from nearby commercial outlets (Alconbury or Huntingdon). Participants, should also bring additional water or other drinks as excavation and other archaeological field work is physically demanding that, 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 SHS. However, please feel free to bring your own equipment.

8. **Insurance.** SHS insurance includes Public Liability and small personal accident cover. JIGSAW affiliates participating under their group/society insurance are to provide confirmation of the Public Liability and small personal accident cover provided. Those taking part who may wish to consider their own personal accident insurance 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 first season of archaeological excavations on Hill Top, the aim of which is to test theories developed from analysis of recent geophysical and field walking surveys:

a. **Evaluation Trench.** A 15m x 2m evaluation trench will be opened on a north/south long axis in the site grid squares highlighted on Attachment 2. The purpose of this evaluation is to:

(1) Investigate the strong high resistance mass anomaly in site grid square D3.

(2) Investigate the low resistance area to the immediate north of the high resistance anomaly.

(3) Investigate the magnetometry anomaly indicative of a ditch that bounds the north edge of the high resistance mass.

(4) Determine any relationships between the anomalies through dating evidence, any truncations and assemblages.

b. **Location.** As indicated on Attachment 2.

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

- a. Attachment 1 - Google Earth image of Hill Top and surrounding area relative to the village of Alconbury Weston, the area known as Alconbury Hill and the A1(M), with site entrance marked, and the service station at Junction 13 of the A14 opposite Alconbury Weald.



- b. Attachment 2 - Google Earth image showing Hill Top with site grid overlay and site grid squares +3-B into +3-A identified.

