



**FANE ROAD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (FRAG)  
EXCAVATION 17-20 MAY 2019**

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/Paston Lane).

2. **Participation.**

a. **FRAG.** The excavation will be open free to all members of FRAG (as at 16 May 19) 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 the Secretary.

c. **Families.** Adult and children (8-16 years old) family members 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. **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 pay the non-member daily fee (below).

e. **Non-Members.** Non-members of FRAG are also welcome, but for insurance purposes, will be required to pay a daily fee of £3.

f. **Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC).** YAC members have been invited to participate on Saturday (18 May 18). Anne Horspole will coordinate YAC participation.

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

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

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Friday 17 May 19	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	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Saturday	0800-0830	Arrival
18 May 19	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	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Sunday	0800-0830	Arrival
19 May 19	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	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Monday	0800-0830	Arrival
20 May 19	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 Open Days from 1130 - 1600 on 18 and 19 May 19. Further details will be publicized separately.

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 excavating is physically demanding and, particularly at this 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. 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 in addition should seek advice from an insurance company beforehand to ensure the correct type and level of insurance is purchased.

9. **Excavation Strategy.** Unfortunately, and disappointingly, the excavation planned for Oct 18 was cancelled at short notice due to circumstances beyond the control of FRAG Field Officers. This, therefore, will again be the seventh season of archaeological 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. Last year the test pits from previous seasons that produced results requiring further investigation were revisited. This year the intent is to expand on the successful results of test pit 17-1:

a. **Evaluation Trench.** Open a 3m x 2m evaluation trench incorporating last year's test-pit 17-1 at the southern edge and extending north on the long axis and west on the short axis. The purpose of this evaluation is to:

- (1) Investigate the Roman wall found in test-pit 17-1.
- (2) Determine whether there is any relationship with the villa to the north.
- (3) Determine period and methods of construction.
- (4) Determine the extent of any collapse and whether it is protecting other archaeology (floor surface, etc).

b. **Optional Test-Pit.** Should the opportunity arise, a test-pit will be opened south of the hedge immediately south of the evaluation trench. The purpose of this test-pit will be to explore the southward extent of the Roman wall to be investigated in the main evaluation trench.

c. **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 2014 villa excavations, location of test-pit 17-1 (red), this year's evaluation trench (white) and photographs from last year's test-pit 17-1 showing the Roman wall of interest.