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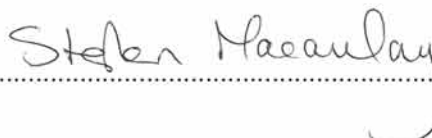
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Summary

The 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project was a Heritage Lottery funded project, based around the Fane Road/Itter Crescent villa, which ran from September 2013 until June 2015. The project comprised fifteen elements, which for ease of evaluation have been extended to twenty. This report will look at each element of the project in turn from the project launch through to the celebratory event twenty-one months later.

This multifaceted project, co-ordinated by Oxford Archaeology East (OA East), included an extensive community programme catering for all ages in a range of 'hands on' experiences. At its heart was a twenty-day Community Archaeology Excavation that targeted the southern part of the Roman villa and involved a large number of participants from the local community. Before and after this community excavation there were visits to schools and groups by OA East staff, guided walks to important heritage sites and an extensive range of heritage learning sessions that were both practical and educational. In addition to this, the project has also produced two interpretation boards to be installed close to the site of the Community Excavation and published two 'popular' booklets aimed at primary school age pupils and an older audience respectively.

The Community Excavation element of the project included a range of different opportunities for both visitors and participants alike. With the site open to visitors from day three and with four planned Open Days and one Open Evening involving tours and re-enactors there was much to offer the whole family of all ages. On two of the four Open Days Roman re-enactors engaged the visitors with their extensive displays and enlightening talks about life during the Iron Age and Roman periods. In addition to this a 'Roman type' kiln was constructed and fired over a twenty-four hour period. Beforehand visitors and staff were able to add a coloured slip to a pre-made pot and after firing collect a pot similar to the famous locally-made Nene Valley Colour Coated ware.

A range of Iron Age and Roman features was uncovered by the volunteers in all three trenches. Most features were revealed in the primary trench (Trench One), including a drip gully for an Iron Age house as well as extensive Roman surfaces, herringbone wall foundations, robbed out walls and part of a hypocaust system. In the adjacent trench (Trench Two) a Roman wall was found together with a cobbled surface. In the smallest trench (Trench Three) part of another cobbled surface was revealed along with another possible wall.

Large quantities of Roman artefacts were excavated and then washed on site by participants and visiting pupils. The finds range from a small Roman glass bead and several brooches to many kilogrammes of Roman mortar and Ceramic Building Material (CBM), as well as fragments of painted wall plaster.

While the extent of the western wing of the villa was established, the existence of the southern wing that would have complemented the excavated northern one, was not verified due to the presence of a high pressure gas pipeline. A separate archaeological report detailing the results of the excavation has been compiled and will be submitted with the archive to Peterborough Museum in due course.

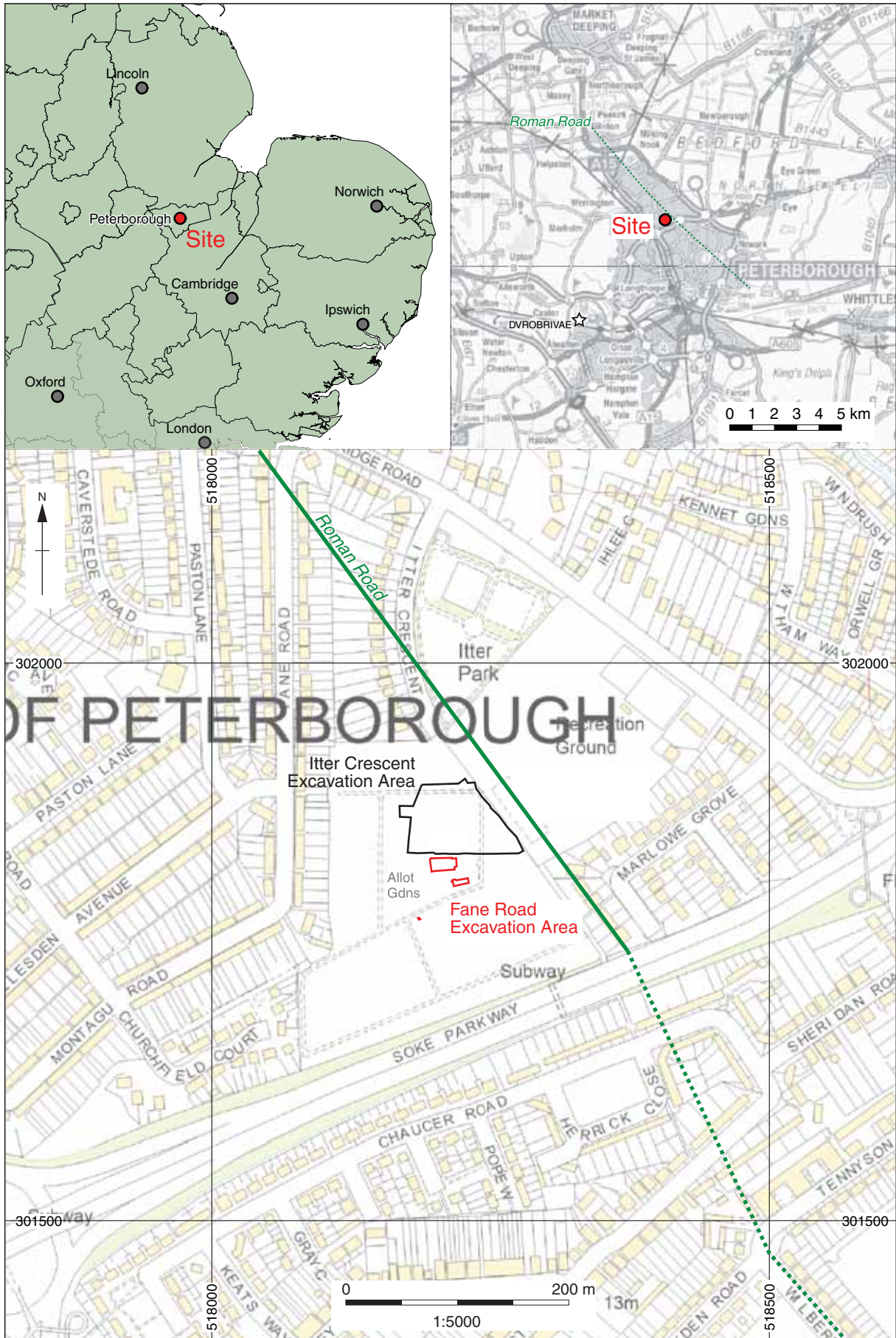
In addition to outlining the background and various stages of the project, this evaluation report also contains a series of comments from the numerous

participants, supported by a range of associated tables, plates and appendices highlighting the many elements of this very successful and all embracing community heritage project.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Project

- 1.1.1 Between August 2011 and February 2012 Oxford Archaeology East conducted an archaeological excavation at Itter Crescent, Peterborough (TF 182 018), commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Bellway Homes (East Midlands) in advance of a residential development. The excavation, which covered 0.5 hectares, targeted the remains of a Roman villa that had first been identified by an archaeological evaluation in 2011 (Henley *et al.* 2011; Fig. 1).
- 1.1.2 Prior to this excavation, Peterborough City Historic Environment Record (HER) contained no records relating to the presence of archaeological sites or finds from the development site, let alone a Roman villa.
- 1.1.3 This excavation revealed multi-period archaeological remains dating from the Neolithic through to the post-medieval periods. The earliest finds were Neolithic struck flints including a retouched blade. The earliest cut features represented a substantial Iron Age settlement, with three roundhouses, a hayrick and extensive settlement debris in an enclosure surrounded by a bank and ditch. Occupation of the enclosure continued into the Romano-British period with the construction of an extremely high status set of timber framed buildings which were later replaced by a two-storey stone courtyard villa and bath house complex. The exceptional level of preservation within the villa revealed mosaic floors, painted plaster walls, deeply stratified sequences of clay floors, a domed keyhole-shaped oven and hypocaust foundations of the tepidarium and caldarium within the bath house. Beyond the main villa buildings, further evidence of daily life within the villa survived in the courtyard in the form of ovens, a well, drains and water tanks along with occupation debris. Behind the villa a tile kiln used to fire the roof and floor tiles of the building had been dug into the backfilled enclosure ditch. Sixteen neonate burials were contemporary with the occupation of the villa. The results of this excavation will be published, along with those from the Community Excavation, as part of the Oxford Archaeology monograph series (Lyons *et al.* forthcoming).
- 1.1.4 Even before this excavation was complete the idea of a community excavation on the allotment area immediately south of the villa excavation was being discussed between Stephen Macaulay (OA East Senior Project Manager) and Rebecca Casa-Hatton (Peterborough City Archaeologist). Several informal meetings took place between Alex Pickstone (Site Director), Liz Law (Allotment Representative), Rebecca Casa-Hatton (City Archaeologist) and David Crawford-White (OA East Outreach Officer). From these meetings a much broader project emerged which was then written up into a proposed Heritage Lottery application. The first Lottery application was unsuccessful but following meetings with Lottery staff and various amendments, a second bid was submitted in the summer of 2013 which was successful. The 'Romans of Fane Road' project began in earnest in September 2013 and continued through to the end of June 2015.



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Figure 1: Location of the Community Excavation (red) in relation to the 2011 OA East Itter Crescent excavation (black)

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- 1.2.4 The Committee also wish to thank the many local schools and organisations that invited OA East staff to talk to them about the project and who visited the Community Excavation and took part in a range of 'hands-on' activity sessions.
- 1.2.5 Without the effort and support from all OA East staff and the active involvement of the local community, the Romans of Fane Road Community Heritage Project would not have been as successful as it was. Whilst there are always lessons to be learnt, it was a very worthwhile and successful community project and one that could be replicated by others around the country.

2 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROJECT

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The project was born out of a visit by David Crawford-White to the Itter Crescent excavation in the winter of 2011-2012. While the excavation of the villa was being undertaken by OA East a series of informal meetings took place (see Section 1.1.4 above) that discussed the possibility of applying for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to organise and deliver a community excavation south of the villa on an area set aside by the Fane Road Allotment Association.
- 2.1.2 As the Itter Crescent excavations had already located a northern wing and part of the western wing it was assumed that, as has been found on many other villa sites, there should be a southern wing as well. It was also clear from the OA East excavations that the western wing of the villa continued southwards, extending under the Fane Road allotments. As such, a local supported community excavation would afford an ideal opportunity to find the extent of this western wing and to see if the villa followed the norm with a possible southern wing.
- 2.1.3 A range of meetings took place over the following months and eventually a small committee was formed consisting of Mrs Liz Law, David Crawford-White, Rebecca Casa-Hatton and James Fairbairn (Project Officer, OA East). Permission to excavate on the Fane Road Allotments was agreed by Peterborough City Council, who own the land and lease it to the allotment association.
- 2.1.4 A draft proposal for a community heritage project was produced and submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in the summer of 2012. After further discussions with lottery staff and getting support from a range of different organisations, schools and allotment holders, a full application was submitted in the autumn of 2012. Unfortunately, this first application was rejected in the spring of 2013. However, after further discussion with Heritage Lottery staff and a re-write, another application (Application No. OH-13-01369) was submitted in July 2013. This application was successful and in September 2013 the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded the project £88,200.
- 2.1.5 In their letter to the Project Management Committee agreeing the project the Heritage Lottery Fund identified fifteen different clauses or elements ('Approved Purposes') that the project had to fulfil:
1. Organise a 20 day community archaeology excavation involving over 200 people in an area set aside by the Fane Road Allotment Association.
 2. Arrange a project launch event to inform and engage people in the project – target audience of 300.
 3. Organise a range of other community heritage related activities including 10 heritage learning sessions for 200 people.
 4. Arrange 14 visits to schools and 8 visits to local organisation by the project archaeologists.
 5. Organise visits to other sites including St Albans, Water Newton and Flag Fen for 180 people.
 6. Arrange schools visits to the site for 280 pupils and other organisations including Scouts, Rotary, Medcap and Perkins factory workers.

7. Organise 4 Open Days and 2 evening tours for the general public.
 8. Produce publications for adults and children about archaeology and the history of the site – 1,000 copies of each publication.
 9. Working with Peterborough Museum staff and local teachers develop and produce teaching resources.
 10. Create a project website and install 2 display boards at the site.
 11. Create 2 exhibitions: a one day exhibition at the site at the end of the community excavation and a 2 week exhibition at Peterborough Museum at the end of the project.
 12. Organise a School Art Competition for children aged 4-8 and display the artwork at the community exhibition and on the website
 13. Organise a celebratory event for participants
 14. Produce an Archaeological Report and place it in the public domain.
 15. Evaluate the project and provide HLF with a report at project completion
- 2.1.6 In order to help with the implementation and evaluation of these clauses, some of which contained several elements, the Project Management Committee expanded the number to twenty elements. The relationship between these two sets of requirements is shown in **Appendix A**.
- 2.1.7 The site archive is currently held by Oxford Archaeology East and it is intended that it will be deposited with Peterborough Museum by the end of 2015.

3 THE PROJECT ELEMENTS

3.1 The Website

- 3.1.1 Besides the creation of a website as part of the project's requirement, this section of the evaluation report also includes details about media involvement (*i.e.* newspapers, radio & TV) in the project and the production of a project newsletter.

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- 3.1.2 During the project development it was decided by the Project Management Committee to use two existing websites. This would reduce the grant set-up costs as well as the ongoing post-project costs in terms of maintenance and support by any one organisation. Also, to ensure that there was a legacy to the project, it was decided by the Project Management Committee that instead of having a standalone website it would be more appropriate in the long term to have a set of pages dedicated to the project on the Oxford Archaeology (OA) website. The website, which went live in November 2013, was set up using the expertise within OA and has been maintained and updated by OA from the start of the project.
- 3.1.3 Availability of all Project information in one location via the website, with linked pages and downloadable PDFs, has been an important aspect of the project. The Project can be found on the main OA website via the link below:
- <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>
- (It can also be accessed by just typing 'The Romans of Fane Road' into any internet search engine).
- 3.1.4 It was also agreed that where possible the Fane Road Allotment Association (FRAA) website would also have information about the project and also be linked to the OA East pages. Again, the aim for the FRAA website was to make information available about the project long after the funding had ended. This has not worked as well as expected. Over the past twelve months there have been significant changes in the working relationship between Peterborough City Council and all the city allotment sites. This has meant both managerial and constitutional changes for FRAA and unfortunately this has resulted in an intermittent FRAA response for much of this time with only basic information about the project being available on their website (<http://faneroadallotments.co.uk/default.html>). However, at all times there has been a direct link to the project's main OA web page.
- 3.1.5 At the local allotment level, the allotment notice boards were used by the Management Committee to keep the allotment holders informed of the various events, Open Days and the Exhibitions. Indeed, many of the allotment holders were on the mailing list of the project Newsletter and several signed up as participants on the Community Excavation as well as attended the Heritage Learning Sessions.
- 3.1.6 On the main project web page there are a number of separate links to the various elements of the project so that visitors could download relevant information and forms. The various aspects of the project were updated on a regular basis with details being sent to schools, groups and organisation on how to find out more about the project.
- 3.1.7 As noted in the project evaluation methodology in the original OA East Heritage Lottery Application (Document OH-13-01369) these links have been monitored and the number of 'visits' recorded, as shown in **Appendix B**. This appendix shows that the total

number of visits over the time of the project to the main web page was 3,005. However, it should also be acknowledged that the visits do not denote different people. It can be assumed that many people kept visiting the site and new visitors checked it out around the main events whether just before, during or afterwards. This has been shown as shaded areas in the appendix. These spikes in visitors relate to the Project Launch, the Community Excavation and the two Exhibitions.

Social media and the project

- 3.1.8 After discussions with a range of colleagues, the Management Committee also looked at using various social media outlets to inform and involve a wider range of potentially interested individuals. The result was that the project set up a number of accounts. The first account was a Tumblr account (www.oaefr1.tumblr.com). This account charted the life of the project from the Launch Event through to the end of the Community Excavation as shown in **Appendix C** and had over eighty posts during its lifetime. A parallel tumblr account (your-toby76) was also set up by a member of OA East staff who wrote a daily diary and added photographs for the duration of the Community Excavation.
- 3.1.9 A Facebook account was also set up by OA East for use during the project's lifetime (<https://www.facebook.com/RomansOfFaneRoad>). This was a community heritage project for the people of Peterborough and to date there are fifty members that like and use it. However, once the Community Excavation element had started there was some discussion amongst staff and participants about having a more local Facebook page for those engaged in the excavation. These discussions resulted in a new Facebook page which was entitled 'The Fane Road Diggers Forum'. It has a Community Archaeology tag and is primarily for 'Fane Road volunteer diggers and OA East staff as a space to chat about anything they wanted and to post pictures (preferably of the site)'. This has proved a very successful ongoing element of the project with staff and participants adding pictures and information, mainly about all things archaeological as and when they wish. This Facebook page will therefore last as long as there are readers and contributors and will probably be ongoing well after the end of the project.
- 3.1.10 Certainly for some participants this proved a very popular way of letting others know what they were doing and what they thought of the activity. In one case, Matthew Wicks, a participant on the Community Excavation, gave an illuminating insight into what he did (see **Appendix D**). Having signed up for just one day he actually spent three days on site.
- 3.1.11 A twitter account (<https://twitter.com/oaefr1>) was also set up at the start of the project and although it was well used initially it has not proved the most popular ongoing form of communication.

Advertising the project

- 3.1.12 During the life of the project a range of press releases and articles was sent out to the usual media outlets (newspaper, radio and TV). There was however, due protocol to follow. David Crawford-White would write the first draft, which was then sent to the project Management Committee. Amendments were made and then it was sent to the project's Heritage Lottery officer for checking and possible quote. After this, it was then sent to the Communications Team at Peterborough City Council who would then send out the final version to the various media outlets they used. **Appendix E** is a copy of the first press release sent out by the Communications Team on October 10th 2013 to advertise the project's launch, including the date of the launch event.

- 3.1.13 On the whole this protocol worked well with the press contacting David Crawford-White if they wanted further information, photographs or an interview. The local newspaper (the Peterborough Telegraph) wrote several short articles about the project (**Appendix F**) and after sending a reporter/photographer to the site during the Community Excavation wrote a two page article.
- 3.1.14 Certainly when the project was launched the local media were very keen to report on the project with the launch event being covered by several media information outlets including BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, who aired information about the launch the day before on Friday 29th November 2013 (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01122139>). ITV also aired details after the launch event, having interviewed several people earlier in the afternoon (<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/story/2013-11-30/plans-to-unearth-roman-villa>).
- 3.1.15 To ensure that the various elements of the project were advertised as widely as possible the Management Committee used a range of email mailing lists including Peterborough City Council Intranet, Peterborough Heritage E-bulletin, Peterborough Visitor Information website and all those participants that signed up for any of the project's activities. The use of these outlets continued throughout the life of the project.
- 3.1.16 Being able to access the Peterborough City Council Intranet through their Internal Communication Officer was very helpful in terms of advertising the different project elements to the 1454 staff members on a regular basis. This information included details on how to sign up for the Heritage Learning Sessions, the Heritage Walks, how to join the Community Excavation and when to come to the two Exhibitions.
- 3.1.17 Similarly, relevant information about the project was also sent to the 779 recipients of the Peterborough Heritage E-bulletin and with support from Mr Ben Turner of Peterborough Council of Volunteer Services, to 380 groups (*i.e.* community groups, charities, voluntary organisation and statutory bodies). In addition Peterborough Visitor Information Office also advertised the project's events on their internet-based 'What's on' monthly events programme, which is not only available online for anyone to read but the programme is sent out to 215 recipients - again made up of both individuals and organisations. Just south of Peterborough, details were also sent to Ms Ashley Whittaker, Community Engagement Officer for Huntingdonshire & Cambridge City, who kindly created blog posts for all the events on the 'ShapeYourPlace' website for North Huntingdonshire (<http://northhuntingdonshire.shapeyourplace.org/>). So, potentially several thousand people could have read information about the project throughout its life.
- 3.1.18 In addition to this ongoing advertising of the project throughout its life, the organisers initiated a bi-monthly Project Newsletter (**Appendix G**). While not in the original application it was felt that the Newsletter was an important initiative aimed at keeping the project's participants, and anyone else who signed up, informed about what was happening. Besides requesting to be on the Newsletter mailing list all those that signed up to attend any of the project's courses were also sent the Newsletter either by email or post. A total of six Newsletters were circulated during the life of the project both to those on this mailing list but also to Peterborough City Council contacts.
- 3.1.19 Of the 105 recipients of the Newsletter only sixteen (15%) did not have an email address. **Table 1** shows the postal addresses of those receiving the Newsletter although for eleven people (12%) there was only an email address. However, if one assumes that up to three people read the Newsletter, including the recipient, then potentially over three hundred people were kept up to date with the project and what

was happening. Besides those that had signed up for the Newsletter all those that attended the Community Excavation and all schools were also sent an email copy of the Newsletters.

PE1	PE2	PE3	PE4	PE5	PE6	PE7	PE8	PE28
13 (14%)	4 (4%)	12 (13%)	43 (45%)	2 (2%)	7 (8%)	3 (3%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)
PE29	PE30		CB1	CO3	NR13	S9	SG8	Unknown
1 (1%)	1 (1%)		1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	11 (12%)

Table 1: The postal addresses of those receiving the Newsletter

In-house articles

- 3.1.20 One of the first articles written about the project was by David Crawford-White for the Oxford Archaeology in-house magazine. The two page article appeared in the 'In Touch' magazine (Issue 28) in December 2013. This was then followed up with another post-Community Excavation article in October 2014 (Issue 32). Both issues were not only printed and circulated to all three offices but they were also put on the company Intranet. A final article on the project was written and published in the August edition.

External articles

- 3.1.21 Apart from local media coverage there was only one article written about the project and that was after Peterborough City media team had sent out a press release about the exhibition of artefacts at Peterborough Museum in March 2015. David Crawford-White (DCW) was contacted by Culture 24, a national media company based in Brighton, whose aim is to inform internet users of local and national arts and cultural events. DCW subsequently wrote an article for Culture 24 and included a range of photographs from the Community Excavation. While the company as a whole has 2.5 million hits each year, the archaeology section, by far the most popular section, has 1.5 million hits per year. The article can be found on <http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art524016-archaeologists-find-coins-bow-brooches-and-bones-among-iron-age-and-roman-finds-in-peterborough>.

General observations

- 3.1.22 The use of the web pages and other social media outlets certainly aided in the success of the project and engaged the local community in a positive way. It allowed people to see what was happening and to be able to download information and application forms when they wanted.
- 3.1.23 It is difficult to see what else could have been done to increase the number of 'hits' although a more proactive Facebook approach may have increased 'hits' and project enquiries by younger people. However, all information sent out on posters, flyers and on the website always included a contact name, address, email address and telephone number, so if anyone had wanted to find out more they could have easily done so. Where necessary hard copies were sent to any enquiry who said that they did not have access to the internet or who could not print off any information / forms that they needed.

- 3.1.24 Despite press releases being sent out throughout the life of the project nothing after the launch was heard again from either the local radio or TV, even though the Community Excavation was so successful and involved so many local people and groups. While the press coverage for the project's Launch was good, overall the local press coverage for the rest of the project, apart from the Community Excavation, was intermittent. This may possibly have improved if the Management Committee had had more time to spend on media coverage - certainly in hindsight more time and energy should have been spent on supporting the two social media sites mentioned above. Here people's comments, photographs and even video clips of the 'Roman' type kiln in action could have been sent out to an even larger audience. One area that was not really taken on board was the use and 'power' of Twitter. It should be noted that this may be an age-related aspect due to the older demographic make-up of much of the Project's participants. This is an area of social media that is increasing, however, and should be looked at in any future and similar community project and particularly if there is going to be 'Life after Fane Road'.

3.2 The Project Launch

- 3.2.1 The planning of the Launch began as soon as the application for the grant was agreed. A local venue, the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre in Gunthorpe, was booked for use on Saturday 30th November 2013 with the event running from 11am - 4pm. The Management Committee then drew up a guest list and invitations were sent out promptly. This venue was also used for most of the other project activities.
- 3.2.2 Four weeks before the Launch Event an information sheet and posters about the project (see **Appendix H**) were sent to all seventy-five schools in Peterborough (state and private) with additional posters being sent to primary schools (**Appendix I**). In addition to this, over sixty information packs and posters advertising the Launch Event were sent out to a range of organisations including community centres, youth venues, religious centres, sport and recreation centres and local businesses. As part of the publicity campaign eight local volunteers also distributed thirty posters and over 1400 flyers about the Launch Event within a mile of the launch venue.
- 3.2.3 The same poster and flyer were also sent to Peterborough Museum, all of Peterborough's libraries and the Visitor Information Office. A total of over 500 flyers (see **Appendix J**) were distributed this way with a further 600 flyers being handed out by volunteers in central Peterborough on two separate days. An information stand was also set up and staffed on two different Saturdays in January at Peterborough Central Library and Werrington Library. Along with a range of information sheets available at these events a 'Project Information Request Form' (**Appendix K**) was given out to the general public. This request form could have been completed there and then or taken away to send in later. A high response to the first question on this request form (Would you like regular updates about the Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project?) initiated the bi-monthly Newsletter which ran for six issues. A press release was also sent via Peterborough City Council to the local media which resulted in Anglia TV visiting the Launch and interviewing a range of people. A reporter with a camera also came from the Peterborough Telegraph.
- 3.2.4 The project was successfully launched by Mr Stewart Jackson, MP for Peterborough and Mr Philip Venning, Committee Member of the East of England Heritage Lottery Fund. A further twenty guests were also invited to attend the Launch Event which

included a small buffet lunch. Throughout the day a steady trickle of primarily local people visited the event. On arrival everyone was given a programme (**Appendix L**) which highlighted the main events of the day.

3.2.5 The Launch Event not only promoted the launch of the project it also showcased a large display of finds from the Itter Crescent Excavation. In the main hall there were displays by English Heritage, Vivacity Peterborough, University Centre Peterborough and Peterborough City Council. Mrs Gamble, a local potter also exhibited a range of pots inspired by the Itter Crescent excavations and made from the clay found on the allotment site. Jon Cane (potter), who subsequently built the 'Roman' type kiln, was also present encouraging people to sign up to an opportunity to slip-paint a pre-made pot during the Community Excavation. Close-by, two Roman re-enactors displayed a large range of replica artefacts and sets of dressing up clothes for children. In the small hall there was a photographic display of the Itter Crescent excavation and recent test pit excavations on the allotment site around the area set aside for the Community Excavation. There was also a range of finds from both sites as well as a looped PowerPoint (PPT) presentation about the project. At set times one of the organisers talked through the PPT presentation to groups of visitors.

3.2.6 Over 240 people attended the event (**Plates 1-8**) and although this was not as many as first hoped the majority of those that did come were predominately from the local area (**Table 2**).

How far have you travelled?	Less than 5 miles	5 - 10 miles	11 - 20 miles	20+ miles
	34 (76%)	5 (11%)	2 (6%)	3 (7%)

Table 2: The distance travelled by 44 respondents who came to the event

3.2.7 The Launch Event also involved, for the first time, groups of volunteer helpers new to the project who were briefed before the start of the day. In total fourteen volunteers (six males & eight females) not only staffed a range of family orientated activities but also gave out information to the many visitors about all aspects of the project. Information was made readily available about the ten Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS), the three Heritage Walks (HW) as well as the twenty-day Community Excavation. There were also information sheets available on how people could attend a Geophysics Learning Opportunity (GLO). Information packs were also made ready for collection by local businesses and school staff.

3.2.8 The team of volunteer helpers played a vital role in welcoming visitors, staffing the various activities and ensuring that questions about the project were answered. One volunteer took photographs throughout the day, some of which are included in the projects first newsletter and in this evaluation report. Mr Stewart Jackson, MP, also tweeted about the day and posted a photograph online.

Event feedback

3.2.9 The overall feedback from those attending and volunteering at the event was very positive as shown by **Tables 3** and **4**. Visitors were encouraged to make a short comment on the event on a slip of paper to which they also added their name and contact telephone number. They then pinned their comment to a large AO size map of the 'Isle of Peterborough' where they thought that the Celts had hidden their coin

hoard. A lucky winner was then chosen at the end of the day and given a free family guided tour of the Community Excavation at a time that suited them.

Very informative – fascinating!	It was very fun to do	Excellent exhibit
Volunteers very friendly and keen to share info.	Ideal venue – well labelled display Informative, relaxed atmosphere	Very interesting
It was interesting	I am so glad to see so much interest in your efforts	It was interesting
Lots to see	Well organised displays	Great project!
Nice to be able to handle the pieces	Wonderful community involvement	

Table 3: Comments by some of the visitors to the Launch Event

Everything	Making a pot	Variety – interesting for adults and children
Food displays and make up – displays about recent excavations, pottery sherds, everything	Good because you could interact and have a go at lots of real Roman things	All the activities and being able to talk to the archaeologists who excavated the site
You can make things and it's interesting	Interactivity	Displays and information sheets
Lots for children to engage in	The explanation / interaction	People were really friendly
Involving everyone – age and disabilities	Clear labelling, lots of info from stall holders, lots of artefacts, photos and things made as in Roman days	The knowledge they gave at all levels

Table 4: Comments by some of the visitors when asked about what did they most like about the displays and activities

- 3.2.10 Another feedback method that was also used was to get two young volunteers in high visibility vests to walk round the Launch and ask people what they thought. **Table 5** shows just some of the comments from the forty-four visitors who completed the questionnaire. The rest of their comments along with other answers to a series of questions can be found in **Appendix M**.

It was all very welcoming	The range of activities	The event was well advertised and it showed with the amount of interested and eager people. Great event for children to learn with their parents
All of it especially the food stuffs and the pottery	It made the local people aware of this marvellous piece of history we have on our doorstep – it gave an opportunity for like minded people in the community to meet and share an enthusiasm for the Romans	Being able to communicate with all the people that attend Talking to and meeting people with similar interest
The enthusiasm displayed by all.	Lots of practical activity	All the activities were set out well
Range of ages attending and range of displays and activities to interest all ages from children to pensioners. Lots of people stayed for a long time. Presence of an archaeological celebrity was commented on favourably		

Table 5: Thoughts about the displays and activities from volunteers

- 3.2.11 Feedback was also sought from all the volunteers that assisted at the event. The details about the distance they had travelled and their views on what they most liked about the displays and activities can be seen in **Appendix N**. Their views on what they most liked about the event are summarised in **Table 6**.

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The enthusiasm displayed by all.	Lots of practical activity	All the activities were set out well
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Table 6: Comments on what the volunteers most liked about the event

- 3.2.12 The Evaluation Session at the end of the project also looked at the Launch Event, which was agreed to have been a great success and an excellent start to a worthwhile community heritage project. However, as **Appendix O** shows there are always elements that can be improved upon, particularly concerning the use of social media

(i.e. use of a Facebook page to spread the word, see above). Despite this, with the project at just two months old it was felt by those at the evaluation meeting that the Launch went well.

General observations

- 3.2.13 The general feeling by those attending the Evaluation Meeting was that in general public relations (PR) in Peterborough are not very good, even when information about an event goes out in so many different ways. Several attendees said that they knew little about the project when it started, while others were keen for it to start. Having said that, it was felt that overall the numbers who attended the Launch Event were good but more would have been welcomed by all concerned. A more proactive use of Facebook was suggested as one way to have increased numbers and this was noted for future projects. Although information sent out included a range of different community groups, more specific targeting could have been done. However, this all has to be seen in proportion to the resources available: primarily in terms of staff time.
- 3.2.14 Those who did attend the meeting felt that overall it was well organised with lots for families to do and staff were found to be very easy to talk to. One person wrote that the project *'filled me with anticipation, especially the thought of building a Roman kiln'*.



Plates 1 - 8: A selection of photographs from the Launch Event

3.3 The Ten Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)

- 3.3.1 The aim of the Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS) was to deliver a range of heritage related subjects covering the period of the Community Excavation as well as the preceding months. Ten evenings were planned (**Appendix P**) with each session lasting approximately two hours. The evening was divided into two parts with usually a different speaker for each part, separated by a comfort break. During the comfort break tea, coffee and squash were made available provided for free by Morrisons, who kept the project topped up throughout its life. The project had to just buy the paper cups for squash, along with milk, biscuits, teaspoons and tea towels. Where possible the evening included a talk with a PPT presentation followed by a practical session. While **Appendix Q** shows the full list speakers and their basic profiles, **Appendix R** shows the basic application form that was completed by all.
- 3.3.2 Within the first month of the project, planning for the ten Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS; **Plates 9 - 16**) was well underway. The venue was booked, the speakers and subject matter agreed, information sheets and booking forms completed and available on line. The biographies of speakers and the basic content of their session were also completed. The aim was to have everything ready for the Launch Event and to have all details available on the appropriate web page. This aim was achieved with many people taking away from the Launch Event the various booking forms and information sheets. Some people even signed up on the day.
- 3.3.3 Besides the details on the OA East website, a poster (**Appendix S**) was also sent out to the following groups / organisations: Peterborough City Council Intranet, Heritage Peterborough E-Bulletin, all the libraries, 6th form colleges, Peterborough University College, Peterborough Tourist Information Office.
- 3.3.4 Enrolments for the HLS were received either by email, post or telephone with confirmation being sent out by email or post. It soon became apparent that not all attendees wanted to attend all the sessions. Some weeks there were 31 attendees and other weeks just 27.
- 3.3.5 New attendees enrolled on a rolling basis from the beginning of the project. For health & safety reasons the maximum for each session was limited to 50 people although where sessions involved more 'hands on' session this was reduced to 35. Ninety-one different people attended the sessions and the total attendance for all ten HLS was 195 attendees.
- 3.3.6 The venue chosen (Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Hallfields Lane, PE4 7YH) had ample parking and was also accessible by a local bus service. The room had a small kitchen with a constant supply of hot water for making tea and coffee as well as an ample supply of cups and saucers.
- 3.3.7 Each week two volunteers helped to set out the room with the PPT projector and laptop ready for the speaker, and got the tea/coffee ready. A set of handouts (where appropriate) were made available by the speaker/s for distribution to those that attended. There was also a range of free notes on different subjects including archaeology, talks by Vivacity, English Heritage leaflets and the Portable Antiquities Scheme.
- 3.3.8 The session began each time with a welcome, the 'rules of the centre', announcements about future events and any other relevant information prior to the introduction for the first part of the evening. It soon became apparent that a few attendees only wanted to come to the first part of the evening. Everyone was then reminded to sign in and if they

left at the comfort break they were reminded to also then sign out as part of the H&S procedure of the centre. All those that signed up for any HLS sessions were sent the project Newsletter by post or email, with most of those attending a session living locally as seen in **Table 7**.

HLS No.	Session Title		Number of attendees	PE postcode %
	Part 1	Part 2		
1	An introduction to archaeology and archaeologists	An archaeological timeline	28	100%
2	The Roman Villa at Itter Crescent	Peterborough's Historic Environment Record	38	100%
3	An introduction to Roman Peterborough and the surrounding area	Introduction to Roman pottery found in the Peterborough area	30	100%
4	Old bones and what they tell us	An introduction to human Skeletal Remains	32	97%
5	The role of English Heritage	Sorting finds and why	27	100%
6	The Portable Antiquities Scheme	Metal detecting and archaeology – an overview	21	95%
7	Must Farm and the Bronze Age boats	Vivacity and Peterborough's Heritage	24	100%
8	Archaeology and Planning	Making replica pots	21	95%
9	Environmental Archaeology and what it can tell us	Conservation in Peterborough	31	100%
10	The Fane Road Community Excavation – A talk about latest results and viewing some of the artefacts+		43	98%
	Total		295	

Table 7: The number of attendees living within a Peterborough postcode

3.3.9 The total number of persons signed up for the Heritage Learning Sessions was 78 and of these 57 (73%) came from the Peterborough area as clearly seen in **Table 8**. This is what was expected by the organisers.

PE1	PE2	PE3	PE4	PE6	PE8
9 (11%)	9 (11%)	11 (14%)	28 (37%)	2 (3%)	1 (1%)
PE26	PE28	CB1	NR32	No postcode given	PE26
2 (3%)	2 (3%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	12 (15%)	2 (3%)

Table 8: The post code areas of those attending the Heritage Learning Session

3.3.10 The gender ratio of those attending the sessions was quite interesting with **Table 9** showing the attendance numbers by gender for each session. It's very noticeable that for all sessions there were considerably more females attending than male. Of a total of 295 attendees just 29% were male compared with 71% female. There would appear to be no apparent reason as to why there is such a difference. The average number of people attending a Heritage Learning Session was twenty-nine people. This is an

impressive number compared with other similar types of evening classes, although these were free and most are not.

HLS	Attendance Figures			HLS	Attendance Figures		
	Male	Female	Totals		Male	Female	Totals
1	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)	6	7 (33%)	14 (66%)	21 (100%)
2	11 (29%)	27 (71%)	38 (100%)	7	7 (29%)	17 (71%)	24 (100%)
3	10 (33%)	20 (67%)	30 (100%)	8	6 (29%)	15 (71%)	21 (100%)
4	8 (%)	24 (%)	32 (100%)	9	9 (29%)	22 (71%)	31 (100%)
5	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	27 (100%)	10	13 (30%)	30 (70%)	43 (100%)
TOTALS	42 (27%)	113 (73%)	155	-	42 (30%)	98 (70%)	140
A total of 84 (29%) males and 203 females (71%). A grand total of 295 attendees							

Table 9: The numbers attending the Heritage Learning Sessions

- 3.3.11 At the end of each session all attendees were asked to complete a basic feedback form with four basic questions each scaled from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor) as seen in **Table 10**. The same feedback form was used for both the HLS and the Heritage Walks so that there was a consistent approach in collecting data.

The Romans of Fane Road: Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS) and Heritage Walks (HW)

Could you please fill in this form to help us improve future talks and visits:

Number of HLS / HW: Date:

Review Question	Excellent 5	4	3	2	Poor 1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East					
How interesting was your experience?					
How well did you understand it?					
How well organised was it?					

Please tell us what you liked about the experience:

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Please tell us how the experience could be improved:

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(Optional) Signed:

Thank you for completing this evaluation form and helping to improve the experience for others. Continue overleaf if need be.

Fane Road Allotment Association Oxford Archaeology East

Table 10: The standard feedback form used for all Heritage Learning Sessions and all Heritage Walks

3.3.12 Most people were impressed with the overall administration of the HLS as recorded below in **Table 11**.

HLS No.	Excellent				Poor	Unknown	Total number of attendee
	5	4	3	2	1		
HLS 1	21	2	-	-	-	5	28
HLS 2	19	4	1	-	-	11	35
HLS 3	9	4	-	-	-	17	30
HLS 4	23	3	-	-	-	6	32
HLS 5	18	3	-	-	-	6	27
HLS 6	16	3	-	-	-	4	23
HLS 7	11	4	1	2	-	6	24
HLS 8	15	4	-	-	-	2	21
HLS 9	23	4	1	-	-	4	31
HLS 10	19	6	-	-	-	18	43
Totals	174 (59 %)	35 (13 %)	3 (1%)	2 (1%)	-	79 (26%)	295 (100%)

Table 11: What attendees thought of the overall administration of the Heritage Learning Sessions

3.3.13 It was also heartening to see that as **Table 12** shows the feedback for Question 2 (How interesting was the experience?) for each HLS was also scored very highly. The feedback scores for all four questions plus all the feedback comments for each of the ten Heritage Learning Sessions are found in **Appendix T** with a synopsis shown in **Appendix U**.

HLS No.	Excellent				Poor	Unknown	Total number of attendee
	5	4	3	2	1		
HLS 1	21	2	-	-	-	5	28
HLS 2	21	5	1	-	-	11	38
HLS 3	12	1	-	-	-	17	30
HLS 4	21	4	1	-	-	6	32
HLS 5	18	3	-	-	-	6	27
HLS 6	15	2	-	-	-	4	21
HLS 7	15	3	-	-	-	6	24
HLS 8	14	5	-	-	-	2	21
HLS 9	25	2	-	-	-	4	31
HLS 10	22	3	-	-	-	18	43
Totals	184 (62%)	30 (10%)	2 (1%)	-	-	79 (27%)	295 (100%)

Table 12: The scores of what people thought of the Heritage Learning Sessions

3.3.14 Unfortunately, over the duration of all the HLS 27% of those that attended a session did not complete a review sheet, although the 73% who did were impressed with the session that they attended. The most popular session was the last HLS, which was all about the Community Excavation, while the least popular, but with still twenty-one people attending, was the session on 'The role of English Heritage' and 'Sorting finds and why ...'.

3.3.15 When asked what they thought about their experience, **Table 13** shows a range of some of the favourable comments from attendees.

All fascinating in their own way	Wide range of talks by a fabulous range of speakers – ideal taster sessions	Two sessions a night work really well
Knowledge greatly extended about back room work	Hands on sessions always interesting	Venue very accessible
The practical exercises were particularly useful e.g. Environmental Archaeology	Found bones and skeletal evening particularly interesting because I was involved	Excellent and great preparation for the archaeology to follow on actual site. The whole series was fascinating and very difficult to select any that I did not find interesting/useful
Loved the Must Farm and bones and of course the pottery	Lots of talks that I would have discarded but still attended and enjoyed	The bones and Environmental Archaeology really stood out for me
So good each could have lasted longer. Specialists who could speak freely and enthusiastically rather than from notes made it engaging.	Two talks in one evening made it more attractive	

Table 13: A range of favourable comments from attendees

- 3.3.16 The other important question was to ask those attending how the sessions could have been improved and a range of their suggestions can be seen in **Table 14**.

Maybe more about all the sites in Peterborough	Could You-Tube and video certain talks	A repeat series to include the excavation on allotment site and future opportunities for volunteer help for further projects
Would love more sessions to be run maybe with Vivacity	Facebook page / social media could have been used. Encourage attendees to publicise	Longer talks for practical sessions
Take talks through the archaeological time line. How to take knowledge to next level	More detailed talks, more detailed hands on activities, geology surrounding archaeology, layered mapping through centuries	
Different dates/ times Tuesday evening may not be practical for everyone. Practical days at Bourn	More talks could include similar topics and mix of those with practical applications	
Would like more of the same	Video and post the talks. Make all PowerPoints available with audio	
Should it be open to the general public or should people sign up for them	Take the talks to greater detail for people interested in the particular topic	

Table 14: A selection of comments from attendees

General observations

- 3.3.17 Overall the sessions worked really well with most attendees finding them interesting and informative. The order of delivery was satisfactory and the spacing at three-week intervals during the school terms seemed to work well. Although not recorded, the majority of attendees were over forty years old. However, younger people including those of secondary school age attended several sessions.
- 3.3.18 Ten HLS seemed a reasonable number and covered a wide range of subjects in the two part sessions. It was also very useful to have the programme of ten sessions in place at the time of the Launch of the project. Both the launch and the website had all the relevant details. Running a slightly longer session was noted on several feedback forms and if the two-part approach was used again each speaker would have a full hour with a 20-minute comfort break between parts. Although for most sessions the timing seemed appropriate.
- 3.3.19 Getting the balance right between those that knew about the subject session and those that knew a little about the subject was difficult. While these sessions were primarily aimed at those with little or no knowledge of Heritage matters the more informative ones looked at specific topics *e.g.* animal bones. These more focussed sessions (HLS 3 & HLS 4) were aimed at those that had enrolled or who might consider enrolling in the Community Excavation. The reasoning being that they would have had some prior knowledge of what might be found by participants during the Community Excavation.
- 3.3.20 Those attending the project evaluation session felt that the sessions worked well with a wide range of subjects and an accessible venue, with one attendee saying: 'Excellent and great preparation for the archaeology to follow on site. The whole series was fascinating and very difficult to select any that I did not find interesting / useful'.
- 3.3.21 A wide range of useful suggestions came from the Evaluation Meeting on how the HLS could be broadened rather than improved upon. Suggestions ranged from putting them on You-Tube to taking the 'talks to greater detail for people interested in particular topic(s)'. Certainly this sentiment ties in with the comments and ideas expressed in the evaluation element of the project and 'Life after Fane Road' (**Element 3.19**). As for how the HLS could be improved there were no real criticisms, with attendees suggesting even longer talks particularly for the practical sessions. The organisers were aware of this suggestion but with those who attended coming from such diverse backgrounds a basic starting point was found to be most appropriate. Then if there is an opportunity and need to develop more talks and practical sessions this can be looked at further, including the many suggestions made at the project evaluation meeting.



Plates 9 - 16: A selection of photographs from the Heritage Learning Sessions

3.4 The Visits to Schools by an Archaeologist from OA East

- 3.4.1 At the same time as advertising the Launch Event, details of how schools, groups and businesses receive a visit by an archaeologist to talk about the project and then run an activity session, were also sent out by post. These same details were also emailed to every school in Peterborough twice: once in the Spring Term (2014) and then later again in the Summer Term (2014). Schools were also sent reminders about having a visit by an archaeologist in the Autumn Term of 2014.
- 3.4.2 The following information pack was sent by post and emailed to each school
- Letter of introduction and basic details about the proposed project.
 - A booking form for schools to have a visit and/or to visit the Community Excavation site (**Appendix V**).
 - A background sheet on the Itter Crescent excavations that took place adjacent to the Community Excavation site.
 - Media information sheet and reply form.
 - Details of the Art Competition.
- 3.4.3 Contact was also made with Mr Iain Simper, Chief Executive Officer of the Peterborough Learning Partnership CIC who passed the information pack onto seventy-seven schools thereby increasing the possible up take by schools receiving the information twice via two different routes. The Information Pack was also sent to Ms Laura Hawkey of the Children's University Peterborough with the aim of increasing school uptake for either an OA East visit to a school or for schools to visit the Community Excavation. It was encouraging to note that several schools contacted the organisers soon after the Launch and visits were arranged accordingly.
- 3.4.4 During the life of the project OA East staff have spoken to over 1500 students and staff in eight schools in the Soke of Peterborough. This has included six Primary Schools and one Secondary School. The latter was a special school catering for those from 11 – 16 years old. This school was visited twice with the OA East staff member working with two different class groups. Besides hearing about the project and how they could get involved or visit the site, four schools also included an archaeological activity during the visit by an OA East staff member.
- 3.4.5 The names, date of visits to schools and the numbers of pupils spoken to by OA East are shown in **Table 15**. While three schools wanted a school/year assembly others just wanted an activity session with a single class or year group. Table 15 also shows what took place in school. The most popular activity was the use of Dig Boxes although one school enjoyed three different activities in addition to the archaeological time-line and handling artefacts from either Itter Crescent or Fane Road. Of the eight schools visited five of these schools also visited the Community Excavation.
- 3.4.6 As with all visits to schools, staff were asked to complete a basic feedback sheet. Their scores and comments are shown in **Appendix W**. Unfortunately, not all schools returned their feedback forms despite reminders by email and phone.

General observations

- 3.4.7 It was encouraging to note that several schools contacted the organisers soon after the Project Launch and visits were arranged accordingly. However, despite the number of emails and hard copies of information about the project being posted to schools few took up the opportunity, although those schools which were visited clearly appreciated

it, as seen in their feedback. A request from one secondary school was not fulfilled as the OA staff member was unable to make contact and arrange a date or time despite repeatedly leaving voice mail and email messages with the school concerned. One suggestion from the evaluation meeting was for a volunteer to go into their local schools and talk to staff and maybe pupils about the project. This is certainly worth considering in any similar project in the future.

No.	School type	School name	Date of visit	Assembly (A) and or Classroom (C) activity	Number of pupils
1	Primary	Newark Hill Academy	Thursday 20 th March	(A) ATL - PPT HICA (C) DB	Assembly 480 171**
2	Special	*City of Peterborough Academy - Special School	Monday 28 th April	(C) ATL - HICA MP - DB	28*
3	Primary	*Duke of Bedford Primary School	Tuesday 29 th April	(A) ATL - PPT HICA (C) DB	Assembly 250 50**
4	Primary	*Gladstone Primary School	Tuesday 17 th June	(C) ATL - HFRA DB	58*
5	Primary	Heritage Park Primary School	Wednesday 18 th June	(A) ATL - PPT - HICA (C) DB	Assembly 380 58**
6	Primary	*Longthorpe Primary School	Tuesday 23 rd September	(A) ATL - PPT (C) HFRA - DB	208*
7	Special	*City of Peterborough Academy - Special School	Wednesday 22 nd October	(C) ATL - HFRA MP - DB	10**
8	Primary	William Law Primary School	Thursday 6 th November	(C) ATL - HFRA DB	102**
Totals					1,516***
(A) - Assembly (C) - Classroom					
ATL - Archaeological Time line, PPT - PowerPoint presentation, HICA - Handling Itter Crescent artefacts, HFRA - Handling Fane Road artefacts, MP - Making pots, DB - Digging for artefacts					
*This school also visited the Community Excavation.					
** Class groups. Most classes were between 25 - 32 pupils except those at the City of Peterborough Academy (Special School) when class size could be just 10 pupils per class.					
*** This is the approximate total number of pupils that OA East staff spoke to about the project.					

Table 15: The number of schools that were visited by OA East

- 3.4.8 No response was received from the four primary schools closest to the Community Excavation - in fact not one of them visited the Community Excavation site nor did any of them ask for a visit by an archaeologist. However, where OA East staff members did visit a school the overall verbal feedback was very good, although where schools did return the feedback forms two schools added 'no comment'.

3.5 The Visits to Organisations by an Archaeologist from OA East

- 3.5.1 Between November 2013 and February 2014 over 150 organisations were sent details by post about having a talk / activity session by an archaeologist from OA East and then the opportunity of following this up with a visit to the Community Excavation later in the year. The details and forms sent were very similar to those sent to schools. Many groups and organisations were also reminded about the project in the spring of 2014 (January - March) and then again in the summer of 2014 (May - July). Details were also sent by email to groups/organisations that had large mailing lists (e.g. Peterborough City Council Intranet (1454 recipients) & Heritage Peterborough E-bulletin Heritage Group (797 recipients), and a group made up of either individuals or heritage related associations). Additional information packs for groups or organisations were made available at a range of other events including the Launch Event, project information days at the Central Library on Saturday 18th January, as well as at Werrington library on Saturday 25th January & Saturday 16th April. OA East staff also attended an Easter Fun Day at Itter Park on Sunday, 20th April to promote the project amongst local families.
- 3.5.2 A total of thirteen groups / organisations received a visit from OA East staff as shown in **Appendix X** which shows in greater detail what was delivered to each group / organisation and the numbers involved. By the end of the project over 900 hundred people of all ages had heard about the project and many had listened to a talk and / or had participated in an activity session/s. This included two Young Archaeologist's Clubs (Peterborough & Bury St Edmunds), a youth club (Deeping YC) as well an older persons group (Bretton Fellowship) and one event organised by Vivacity as part of their Roman Lecture Series (Peterborough Central Library).
- 3.5.3 The first talk about the project followed an invitation by Vivacity Peterborough at the John Clare Theatre on the Central Peterborough Library Site. The talk was in two parts. Firstly, a detailed overview of the Itter Crescent excavation by James Drummed-Murray (Senior Project Manager, OA East) and then a talk on the Romans of Fane Road Heritage Lottery Project by David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East). The organisers had expected about 40 - 60 people but in the end 129 attended the talk. Project details about how to enrol in the Heritage Learning Sessions, Heritage Walks and the Community Excavation were soon all taken as well as several packs for schools and groups. This was a very auspicious start to the project.
- 3.5.4 The Werrington area of Peterborough was keen to be involved in the project with Audrey Griffiths, Supervisor at Werrington Library, promoting the project to the local community (see **Plate 17**). Besides OA East staff attending a locally publicised Saturday morning drop-in session to talk about the project, the Friends of Werrington Library also advertised a talk in April given by David Crawford-White. The former included displays about the project (Itter Crescent & Fane Road), family activities and a range of enrolment forms while the latter was a PPT presentation. Both were well received with several residents signing up to the talks, walks and Community Excavation.
- 3.5.5 OA East staff spoke twice to Werrington Local History Society. Once before the project, which resulted in several members enrolling in the Heritage Learning Sessions, the Heritage Walks and the Community Excavation. OA East staff then spoke again to the group soon after the end of the Community Excavation. The local community certainly swelled the numbers at the second talk.



Plate 17: The poster produced by Werrington Library advertising a talk about the project

- 3.5.6 The Fenland YAC group, based in central Peterborough, were also keen to get involved in the project as much as they could. Besides OA East staff running an afternoon activity session twice the group also took part in the Community Excavation.
- 3.5.7 A similar request was also received from the Bury St Edmunds YAC group, based at Moyes Museum, Bury St Edmunds. Although they are based some distance from Peterborough it was felt that it would be an ideal opportunity to talk about the heritage of Peterborough and the project as a whole. The activity session took place one Sunday afternoon with the aim that the group would then visit the Community Excavation and take part in a range of site activities. Unfortunately, the group cancelled on the day of their visit to the Community Excavation site due to adverse weather conditions.
- 3.5.8 An OA East staff member also spoke to the Friends of Itter Park. This was a general meeting based at their meeting room just two hundred metres from the proposed

Community Excavation site. It proved a very useful evening. With little space for a PPT presentation DCW used site plans from Itter Crescent, a proposed Community Excavation outline and artefacts from the Itter Crescent site. During the meeting the loan of equipment for the Community Excavation was discussed and it was agreed that the project could borrow for no charge 100 road irons, ten tables and 20 chairs on the understanding that if any got lost they would be replaced. It was also agreed that at a later date there would be another discussion on the production and location of the proposed project display board/s.

- 3.5.9 Since this initial meeting DCW has been back to the groups several times to update and talk about the project. At one meeting it was agreed with the group that the two interpretation boards that have been produced as part of the project will be installed in Itter Park by the group. All equipment borrowed by the project for the duration of the Community Excavation has been returned.
- 3.5.10 Other talks took place with either local history societies (e.g. Peterborough U3A archaeology section, Peterborough History Society) or groups who wanted to promote the project in Peterborough (e.g. the Bretton Fellowship, the Rotary Club of Peterborough, Peterborough Civil Service Motoring Association). As with all talks, groups were asked to complete a basic feedback form and of the fourteen visits, nine feedback forms were returned and what they said can be seen in **Appendix Y**.

General observations

- 3.5.11 Only three youth groups contacted the project with one, Deeping Youth Centre, technically being outside the area. However, after consultation with HLF the centre was visited and an activity evening took place. Unfortunately, while the youth leader and staff were very enthusiastic there were few members actually in the youth club on the evening of the visit. The youth club staff had hoped that club members would visit the Community Excavation but unfortunately nothing came of this.
- 3.5.12 It was encouraging to see that both the Peterborough Central Library and Werrington Library offered the project free accommodation to promote the project and to encourage community involvement. It was shame that more libraries did not take up the chance to promote the project other than just displaying a poster.

3.6 Teaching Resources

- 3.6.1 Part of the Community Project involved the production, with support from Peterborough Museum and local teachers, of a range of teaching resources for use by the museum with schools or by schools in their own venue. So after several meetings with Peterborough Museum & archaeology staff, a questionnaire (See **Appendix Z**) and covering letter were sent to all schools in the Soke of Peterborough. The aim was to see what resources the schools wanted and to see if there were teaching staff wanting to get involved.
- 3.6.2 Of the seventy-five schools (Infant, Primary, Secondary, Special and Sixth Form) in the Soke of Peterborough only three schools replied to the questionnaire. **Table 16** lists their preferred choices and after further discussions with staff at Peterborough Museum it was decided to concentrate the funds available on three activities: Numbers 2, 3 and 6. Numbers 3 and 6 had the lowest scores and it was felt that Number 2 could be developed and run in school after a visit to the museum. It was also agreed that rather than make the items available to loan for any school to borrow (i.e. loaning out and then

collecting in again), the resources would become part of the teaching resources used by Museum staff when working with visiting schools.

- 3.6.3 Part of the set of teaching resources included a set of authentic and researched recipes for schools to prepare with students before or after their visit to the museum. For this aspect of the teaching resources a highly experienced cook / chef was asked to provide a Roman starter, main course and pudding that was suitable for a class of students to prepare and eat. The resources included a set of instructions on food hygiene, ingredients and preparation notes with photographs of the various preparation stages and dishes.
- 3.6.4 Of the three ideas suggested by the schools it was felt that they could not be developed within the current grant allocation but will remain on the list of activities that could be developed in the future by the museum. Those teachers that had shown an interest were always kept informed of the direction and progress of the production of teaching resources and after the full set of teaching resources had been brought together an email was sent out to all schools in the Soke of Peterborough. This email reminded them about the project and telling them what had been achieved and what new resources the Lottery Grant had provided for use with Peterborough Museum. An overview of the whole project was included as an attachment to this email.

No	Suggested activity to develop (Preferences with 1 being the most important)	Schools that replied			Total
		A	B	C	
1	Information packs on the various buildings found on the site as a whole (bathhouse, the kiln etc.)	3	3	2	8
2	A range of Roman recipes that can be tried out and discussed.	7	4	5	16
3	A set of dressing up clothes from the Roman period with information about the clothes.	1	2	4	7
4	A set of notes to support creative writing lessons and poetry.	6	5	6	17
5	Photographs (digital and printed) of the artefacts on display at Peterborough Museum.	4	6	7	17
6	A range of replica artefacts for pupils to handle & a set of follow-up activities/notes to support clay or painting sessions for teachers.	2	1	1	4
7	Information sheets, activities and pictures that can be downloaded from the website for use in the classroom.	5	7	3	15
A. Marshfields Special School B. Hampton Vale Primary School C. Castor C of E Primary School					
School ideas: * Activity sheets linked to mathematics in order to support cross-curricular learning. * A mini recreation of the site with labels of what was found and where, etc. * Some way of repeating the hands on artefact handling (washing and sorting) experience that our children did at Fane Road.					

Table 16: The preferred choices from the three schools that returned the questionnaire

- 3.6.5 After many months of procuring materials a set of teaching resources were handed over to Peterborough Museum for use with visiting schools. A full list of the teaching resources that were purchased can be seen in **Table 17** with a photograph of the replica kitchen artefacts seen in **Plate 18**. In addition to these artefacts and taking into account some of the amazing artefacts housed at the museum it was agreed that a set

of four photographs of artefacts would be made into jigsaws. The artefacts used are seen in **Plates 19 - 22** and include a beaker, glass cup, brooch and a ring. The reasoning behind their inclusion was that staff would use these jigsaws, on a one to one basis, with those pupils who needed support while on a school visit to the museum.

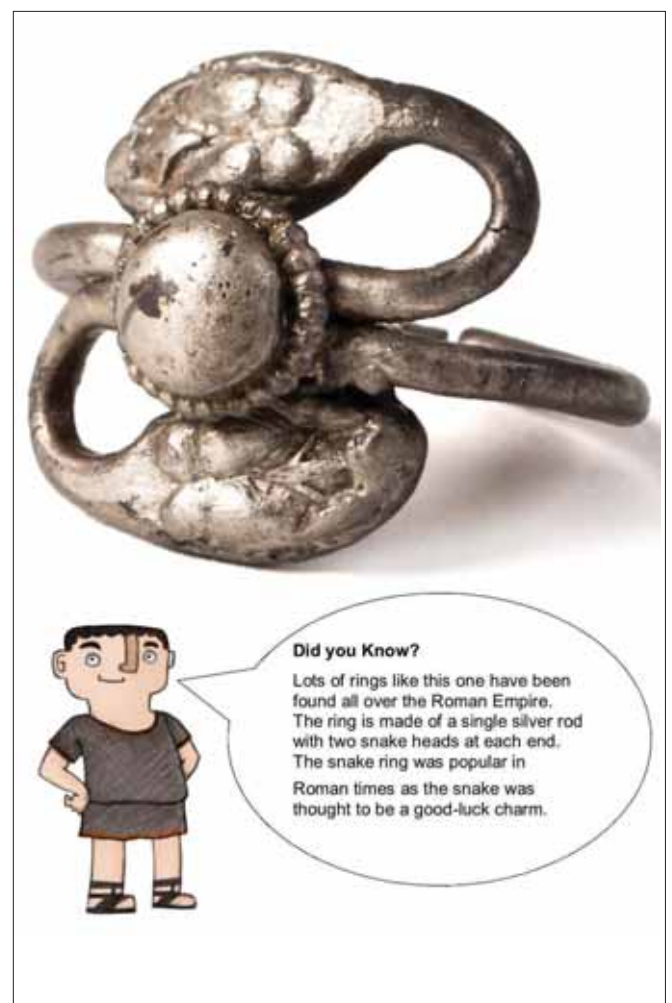
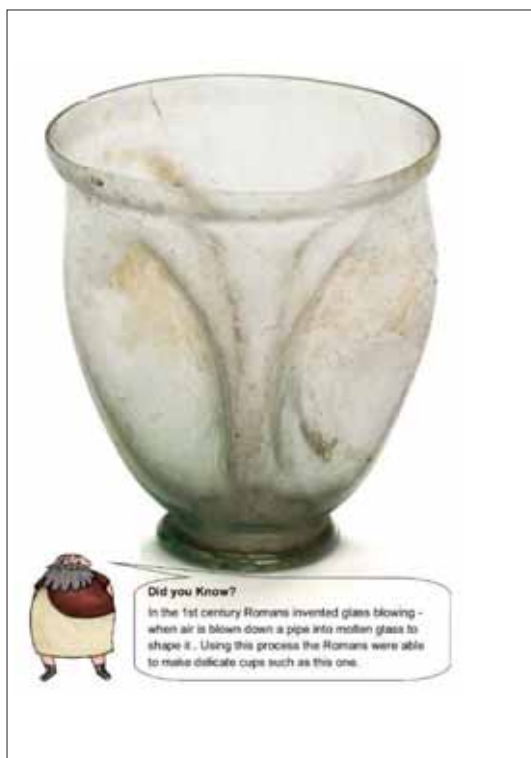
Name	Brief description	No. of sets
1. Roman kitchen set	A basic Roman kitchen set which includes an amphora, funnel, colander, baby feeder, beaker and flagon. Great objects for enquiry and prompting discussion.	Two sets
2. Roman female costume	A typical Roman female costume consisting of 3 parts. A tunica, stola and palla. The Tunica (under-dress) was worn underneath the stola (over dress). The Palla is a simple rectangular drape, which would have been worn over the shoulders or drawn over the face to protect against the elements or to maintain a level of modesty.	Two sets
3. Roman male costume	This pack consists of a red Roman tunic (male), brooch and chatelaine.	Two sets
4. Roman sandals	Walk in a pair of Roman Soldiers Shoes! The Romans arrived in Britain wearing the caligae (military sandal) which exposed the toes, had a lattice, front lacing and a heavily nailed sole.	Two sets
5. Roman jigsaws	Jigsaws: A set of four Roman pictures with notes from the Peterborough Museum collection. Approximately A4 in size and made up of 30 pieces per jigsaw.	Four Jigsaws
6. Roman meals	A set of three researched meals that schools could make back at school. There is a set of notes, photographs, a list of ingredients and food safety information.	One set

Table 17: The list of teaching resources provided by the project for use by schools and Peterborough Museum

- 3.6.6 The Museum was also given one of the 20 boxes of Roman artefacts that were made up by volunteers from the finds found during the Community Excavation. For a list of these artefacts see **Appendix AA**.



Plate 18: The six replica Roman kitchenware objects given to Peterborough Museum. They are from left to right: a sieve, beaker, funnel, baby feeder, flagon and amphora.



Plates 19 - 22: The four artefacts and associated text that were made into jigsaws

General observations

- 3.6.7 The main comment that came from the Management Committee and from those attending the evaluation meeting was the overall lack of interest shown by schools in supporting a set of free teaching resources that they could have used. Just three schools replied, two of whom had come to the Community Excavation site and the other school has just set up a school website with a Lottery grant. Perhaps schools are just too busy to get involved! The other comment made by the Management Committee was how keen and enthusiastic the Museum staff were. They embraced the idea and were keen to discuss and agree what would support them in delivering a great learning experience to the students that came to the museum as part of a visit.

3.7 The Schools Art Competition

- 3.7.1 The competition information as seen in **Appendix AB** was posted out to all primary, secondary and special schools at the start of the project. It was also emailed out again in the Spring and Summer terms of 2014. The competition information sheet was also distributed at the Project Launch Event and given to schools and groups when visited by OA East staff. Besides the information sheet each school was given a range of coloured pictures of Iron Age settlements and Roman villas to help pupils get an idea of what the site at Itter Crescent may have looked like.
- 3.7.2 The competition titles reflected what was found during the Community Excavation (i.e. the remains of both an Iron Age settlement and part of a luxury Roman Villa).
- **A.** Paint or Draw a picture of the Romans at home in their villa at Fane Road
 - OR
 - **B.** Paint or Draw a picture of the Iron Age settlement at Fane Road with roundhouses surrounded by the enclosure ditch
- 3.7.3 A total of fifty-three entries were received from just two schools by the closing date of 11th July, 2014. The judging panel consisted of Liz Law (Secretary, Fane Road Allotment Association), Wendy Gamble (a Community Excavation volunteer) and David Crawford-White (OA East staff member). After the winning pictures had been agreed by the judges the prizewinners were notified via their school and invited to the first Exhibition held on October 25th, 2014.
- 3.7.4 The two schools (one primary and one secondary (special needs)) entered only two of the age categories (Year 4 and Years 7/8). The judges therefore decided that there would be a 1st – 3rd prize for each of the two competition options. This meant that for Year 4 there was one set of prizes for those that chose to draw / paint a Roman villa and another set of prizes for those that drew or painted an Iron Age settlement. This also applied to the entries for the Year 7/8 category. The first prize included a specially commissioned face pot produced by Wendy Gamble, several books on archaeology, a key ring and a certificate (**Plate 23**). The second and third prizes included a book on archaeology, replica coin and a certificate.
- 3.7.5 The presentation of the prizes took place at the first Exhibition in October, presented by the Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr David Over. Unfortunately, of the twelve prizewinners only four were able to attend with their family and friends but by all accounts they enjoyed the day. The prize winning entries (**Plates 24 - 35**) and a selection of other entries in both age categories were exhibited and also put on the OA East website.

General observations

- 3.7.6 The total number of entries was not very high despite sending and emailing out information to all schools and then giving out information about the Art Competition to schools that were visited or who came to the Community Excavation site. Information sheets were also given out to those young people that came to the Community Excavation Open Days. The reason for the lack of entries is unclear but perhaps more time should have been spent talking about it to school groups that came to the Community Excavation with individual copies given out not just to the accompanying staff.



Plate 23: The Certificate presented to the Art Prize Winners



Year 4: Iron Age Settlement (1st prize)



Year 4: Iron Age Settlement (2nd prize)



Year 4: Iron Age Settlement (2nd prize)



Year 4: Roman villa (1st prize)



Year 4: Roman villa (2nd prize)



Year 4: Roman villa (3rd prize)

Plates 24 - 29: The prize-winning pictures in each age category



Year 7: Iron Age Settlement (1st prize)



Year 7: Iron Age Settlement (2nd prize)



Year 7: Iron Age Settlement (2nd prize)



Year 7: Roman villa (1st prize)



Year 7: Roman villa (2nd prize)



Year 7: Roman villa (3rd prize)

Plates 30 - 35: The Art Competition prize-winning pictures in each age category

3.8 The Heritage Walks

3.8.1 As with the Heritage Learning Sessions and the Community Excavation much of the planning for all three walks was completed prior to the Launch Event. The reason was to maximise the opportunity for local people to sign up early to avoid disappointment. Details with booking forms were available at the Launch Event, on-line or sent by post or email to those who requested details. The basic information and booking form for all three walks can be seen in **Appendix AC**.

3.8.2 At least two weeks before a walk a letter with a numbered ticket was sent by post using the details provided to all those booked on the walk. If people could not attend they were encouraged to ring or email to say that they could not attend. As with other activities all those attending the walks were asked to complete a short review sheet afterwards.

3.8.3 The picking-up and dropping-off point for all three Heritage Walks was to be on the road adjacent to the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Centre, Peterborough. There was suitable parking in the area and it is on a bus route.

Heritage Walk 1 (Durobrivae)

3.8.4 The first guided walk was on Wednesday 14th May 2014 around the earthworks of the Roman town of Durobrivae (**Plates 36 - 41**), which lies just a few miles to the west of Peterborough and adjacent to the busy A1. As this guided walk was likely to be very popular it was decided that two experienced guides should be invited to lead it; Dr Stephen Upex (Local archaeologist and author) and David Kenny (Heritage At Risk Project Officer, English Heritage).

3.8.5 The walk was heavily over-subscribed with a waiting list of 24 people. A total of 70 people were booked on the walk of whom 65 turned up. Three apologies were received but only on the day of the walk. Due to the size of the group an extra large coach (70-seater) was booked. Those that lived close by chose to take their own car. The starting point for the guided walk was the lay-by just off the A1 some 500m south of Water Newton.

3.8.6 The group was divided into two cohorts, each led by an expert. The guided walk took visitors into the centre of the former walled town. Each group walked northwards along the main street (Ermine Street) which bisects the town. Ermine Street could be clearly seen as a slightly raised track of shorter grass. The two groups walked around the several fields within the town perimeter looking at the undulations (humps and bumps) in the ground, while also viewing various plans and aerial photographs of the site. Both groups also looked at the earthworks of the north wall, position of the northern entrance gate and impressive defensive outer ditch and also viewed the crossing point of the River Nene.

3.8.7 As with all the Heritage Walks, attendees were asked to complete a short review sheet after the walk. The comments from those that attended the Heritage Walk 1 can be seen in **Appendix AD**.

3.8.8 **Table 18** below highlights the number of people that came from central Peterborough. 76% is a very good number and shows that the project was clearly involving the residents of Peterborough in its activities.

The post codes of attendees taken from their application forms									Totals
PE1	PE2	PE3	PE4	PE6	PE 7	PE 8	PE9	CB1	
18 (29%)	10 (15%)	11 (16%)	11 (16%)	1 (2%)	11 (16%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	65 (100%)

Table 18: The numbers and post codes of those attending HW 1 (Durobrivae walk)

- 3.8.9 It was agreed with the walk guides that the walk could have been run twice, time and guide availability permitting. Two months before the tour took place a local group, St Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust, contacted the Fane Road Committee to say that they organised local tours around Durobrivae and other adjacent sites for a fee. Their tour of Durobrivae, starting at Water Newton, was priced at £10 per head. For this fee they could provide a photocopied set of aerial photos and pictures, a cup of tea at Water Newton and the services of a guide (Dr Stephen Upex is a regular speaker) with a loud speaker system staffed by a volunteer. The project organisers consequently contacted the group requesting the loan (for a small fee) of their loudspeaker system only. This request was declined and no details of any of their guided tours were forwarded to the organisers for sending onto to those on the waiting list. This was a missed opportunity for all!
- 3.8.10 Those that could not make the walk or were on the waiting list were sent information about how to contact the St Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust.

General observations

- 3.8.11 A total of forty-five comments were received from the attendees when asked what they liked about the experience. **Table 19** shows an amalgamation of some of the positive feedback comments. Overall the feedback was very positive, with twenty-four attendees commenting on the walk favourably. With such a high interest in this walk shown by local people it is certainly worth considering as an option by others who organise heritage events in and around Peterborough.

Very informative / interesting / well presented / Easy to understand / Knowledgeable / Good explanation / Well explained x 24	Friendly / Personal touch Hospitable x 6	Excellent speaker / Brilliant leader / Excellent x 3
<i>'Vastness of the site' 'Something out of the ordinary' 'Discovering an area on your doorstep'</i> <i>'It was great to stand in the spot and envisage how it as in Roman times'</i> <i>'Useful laminated maps to illustrate the site' 'Discovering an area on your doorstep'</i> <i>'I would like to do it again'</i>		

Table 19: Some of the feedback comments when asked what they liked about the guided walk

- 3.8.12 The second feedback question resulted in a total of twenty-two comments being received from attendees when asked how the experience could have been improved. **Table 20** shows just some of the ones that could be grouped together. Unfortunately, some things were not possible to foresee and many of the comments were personal and/or general in nature. The dilemma for the organisers was to fit a time for all and for

the guides to then get round a very large site and back again before darkness. On reflection allowing more time would have suited some but then again maybe a guided walk during the day would not have suited others. However, overall those that came enjoyed their evening and there would appear to be a ready market for more of these talks either on this site or around Peterborough, if well publicised and with appropriate guides.

- 3.8.13 Perhaps this is something that Peterborough Tourist Information Office in conjunction with others could organise. There were certainly enough people wanting to go on the walk with twenty-four people on the waiting lists and a request for another fifteen places just before and afterwards. From past experience people are willing to pay for a well organised walk with an experienced guide.
- 3.8.14 Two comments were from attendees about young people, which on the whole were well behaved, although maybe a few words during the introductions may have gone some way to reduce any such feedback comments.

More time / Longer / Go further x 4	Parking x 2	Map / diagrams to take away x 2	Nothing obvious / No criticism x 2	Age limit should be 16 / Limit age to 16+ x 2
<i>'Include in part of a tourist trail'</i> <i>'More opportunities to walk over such sites'</i> <i>'Map / diagram to take away'</i> <i>'The idea of the Nene Valley Archaeological Park is fantastic. Hope it materialises.'</i>				

Table 20: Some of the positive feedback comments about the guided walk



Plates 36 - 41: The two groups being guided around the earthworks of Durobrivae (Heritage Walk 1)

Heritage Walk 2 (Flag Fen)

- 3.8.15 The second of the three guided walks was on 22nd June 2014 (**Plates 42 - 47**), around the internationally renowned site of Flag Fen situated just outside Peterborough. This is a site of international importance and includes remains of the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman periods.
- 3.8.16 While situated close to Peterborough (**Table 21**) it is very difficult to get to by local transport and 'is not well sign-posted from the city' according to one attendee. Although Flag Fen is close to the centre of Peterborough 'as the crow flies' there is no direct bus route to the site entrance and a cycle route from the town centre is not particularly well publicised or sign-posted.
- 3.8.17 Two groups were planned to visit the site. One group was in the morning and one group in the afternoon with the coach collecting and returning the attendees to the meeting point outside the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre. Initially the booking for both visits looked promising with a total of 48 people booked on the walks but during the last week quite a few people dropped out. Most had the courtesy to email or ring the office to let the organisers know that they were not coming but unfortunately several people just did not arrive on the day. A total of 36 people attended the two walks.
- 3.8.18 For those that did come on the visit it proved a very enjoyable experience with very positive feedback being received by the organisers. This was undoubtedly helped by a knowledgeable and experienced volunteer guide (Mike Titman) from Vivacity Peterborough who led both tours. In the morning there were 14 attendees and in the afternoon 22 attendees. The latter group was joined by other visitors to the site.

Post code of attendees taken from their application forms							Totals
PE1	PE3	PE4	PE7	PE8	LN1	CB1	-
11 (30%)	1 (3%)	12 (33%)	9 (25%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	35

Table 21: The numbers and post codes of those attending HW 2 (Flag Fen)

- 3.8.19 The group was shown the Bronze Age and Iron Age dwellings, the recently discovered Bronze Age boats from Must Farm and of course the well preserved part of the Bronze Age oak causeway as well as the line of the Roman road running through the site.
- 3.8.20 As with all the Heritage Walks, attendees were asked to complete a short review sheet after the walk. The comments from those that attended this walk can be seen in **Appendix AE**. A few of the comments that give an overview of what most attendees thought (**Table 22**) are as follows: 'Excellent', 'Very good guide, very informative', 'Concise and informative', 'Very informative, organised trip'. However, not all those that attended were completely happy. Five attendees were disappointed that the Bronze Age and Iron Age roundhouses could not be entered due to Health & Safety reasons and several others suggested provision of a site map and information. Unfortunately, the organisers had expected the roundhouses to be open and a site map to be given to the attendees. Certainly the latter can be easily arranged but the former will have to wait for suitable funding.

Very informative / Good & full explanations / Knowledgeable x 16	Approachable guide / Guide was very good / Knowledgeable guide x 9	Seeing the Must farm boats x 3
'Going round in group'	'Vivacity map'	'I will now bring my grand children'

Table 22: Some feedback comments when asked what they liked about the guided walk

General observations

- 3.8.21 The trip to Flag Fen was not well subscribed. This was further compounded by the non attendance of eighteen people. Despite the lower than expected numbers, the overall feedback from those that went was very good. **Table 23a** is an amalgam of positive comments while **Table 23b** shows some of the comments on how the guided walk could have been improved. The main comment that was written and verbally commented upon during the walk was the closure the day before of all the roundhouses just at the start of the new summer season. This not only included the large Iron Age roundhouse but also the Bronze Age one as well. The views of those that came on the walk were (where applicable) passed onto Vivacity.

Very informative / Good & full explanations / Knowledgeable x 16	Approachable guide / Guide was very good / Knowledgeable guide x 9	Seeing the Must farm boats x 3
'Going round in group' 'Vivacity map' 'I will now bring my grand children'		

Table 23a: Some feedback comments when asked what they liked about the guided walk

Roundhouses closed / Huts to be open x 7	More time / Wish it was longer x 3	Tiered maps / Layered map of the Fen to show progress through time x 2
'Consider using Audio guides as seen in many historic houses' 'Lots more trips to other interesting places' 'I can think of no improvements' 'Better internet presence'		

Table 23b: Some feedback comments when asked how the guided walk could be improved

- 3.8.22 While information about all three walks was sent out as a leaflet or sent via the internet perhaps the fact that Peterborough Heritage Fair was on the same weekend reduced numbers. In retrospect the Management Committee could have had a stall at the fair to advertise the walks and the project as a whole.



Plates 42 - 47: Flag Fen Vist (Heritage Walk 2)

Heritage Walk 3 (Verulamium)

- 3.8.23 The trip to Verulamium was planned for a whole day during the autumn school term on 22nd September 2014 (**Plates 48 - 55**). The aim was to encourage adults to visit this important Roman city with their children. There were 44 people booked onto this walk. Unfortunately, in the last three days prior to the walk taking place seven people, for various reasons, said they could not go and three people did not turn up on the day. As soon as the organisers realised that individuals and family groups were cancelling they sent out emails to all schools and all those on the various mailing lists (e.g. Newsletter and Community Excavation participants). Although in the end just 35 attendees came on the day, those that did come thoroughly enjoyed the experience as recorded in their feedback forms (**Appendix AF**). As **Table 24** shows, just like with the previous two Heritage Walks, most attendees were local, with on this occasion some 85% coming from the central part of Peterborough.
- 3.8.24 As the Verulamium Museum is not open on a Sunday afternoon it was decided to organise the trip for a Saturday at a time after the Community Excavation but not too late in the year. The day trip included three different venues all in close proximity to each other. On arrival at St Albans the group was divided into three cohorts which were rotated round each of the areas with time for lunch in the park.
- 3.8.25 Each group was led by an OA East staff member and a volunteer took photographs throughout the day. Each group visited the Verulamium Museum (a really great museum with some amazing artefacts), the Roman theatre (in ruins but still a very interesting site to visit) and then the parkland south of the museum. Here the group saw part of the Roman wall that surrounded the Roman town and the remains of the gatehouse (London Gatehouse) with its four entrances: two for carts and two for pedestrians. This cohort then visited a covered mosaic floor left *in situ* that was part of a very large 30-roomed Roman villa in the town.

Post code of attendees taken from their application forms									Totals
PE1	PE2	PE3	PE4	PE6	PE 7	PE8	CB1	-	
7 (21%)	4 (12%)	4 (12%)	14 (40%)	2 (6%)	1 (2%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	-	35 (100%)

Table 24: The numbers and post codes of those attending HW 3 (St Albans visit)

- 3.8.26 A total of 20 comments were made on what people liked about the guided walk with several people commenting in particular on how interesting they found it and the knowledge of the guides. The scale of the site was also mentioned in the feedback and verbally on the day. The second question on how the experience could be improved resulted in just thirteen comments with a few comments on having more time. However, overall the day trip went well and the weather certainly made it a great experience walking round the upstanding structures. It was never intended to spend a very long time at St Albans but was aimed at providing an opportunity for the group to see the actual scale of a large Roman city close to Peterborough and to whet the appetite of those that wanted learn more. Several people have been back since the guided walk, spending longer visiting the places they wanted to.

General observations

- 3.8.27 The overall feeling from those that came on the day to Verulamium was very positive although several people did say that they wished that it could have been longer. Again this can be very subjective and one would hope that these people could make a journey back to St Albans to spend more time viewing the areas they particularly enjoyed and also to visit the impressive cathedral. It was designed just to be 'taste' not a full meal!
- 3.8.28 At this point the amount originally budgeted for coach hire was exceeded so a request to use money from the project contingency budget was made in writing to Ms Deborah Milligan (HLF Award Officer). The request was successful.
- 3.8.29 The range of three walks was on reflection very successful. This is partly borne out by the feedback received and the return to Flag Fen and Verulamium by several of the attendees.



Plates 48 - 55: Verulamium Visit (Heritage Walk 3)

3.9 The 20-day Community Archaeology Excavation

- 3.9.1 The Community Excavation took place from Monday 18th May until Sunday 8th June: a total of 20 days over a 21 day period. Details about the Community Excavation along with application forms and a set of FAQs were made available from the Launch Event in November 2013. The Community Excavation was also advertised in the following ways; through the OA East and FRAA websites, through the local media (e.g. The Peterborough Telegraph), via flyers and posters at Peterborough Tourist Information Office, Peterborough Museum and Central Library. Posters were sent to all schools, 6th form colleges, local businesses including Perkins, youth groups, YAC (Young Archaeologists Club), local religious groups and local history groups. Information was also sent to Peterborough Heritage E-bulletin (Circulation of 779 recipients) and via the Peterborough City Council Intranet message system (1554 recipients). Letters were also sent to all allotment holders about the Community Excavation as well as being hand delivered to all residents in Itter Crescent. The reason for this hand delivered letter was to explain to those living in the road when the Open Days were taking place and inviting them to visit the site at any time during the excavation.

The Geophysical survey

- 3.9.2 Having established the area for the Community Excavation a group of volunteers, primarily allotment holders, turned up on Sunday 20th April to clear the site of rubbish prior to a geophysical survey. With the site cleared Peter Masters from Cranfield University carried out a resistivity survey. The survey was also used as a 'hands on' learning session involving local allotment holders and Community Excavation volunteers. **Plates 56 - 59** show some of the participants involved in the geophysical learning opportunity. The feedback from this learning day can be found in **Appendix AG**. The survey results are included in the archaeological report on the site (Fairbairn 2015). While some features were detected, the gas pipeline that divided the main excavation area into two was not recorded but the route of an old water pipe was.



Plates 56 - 59: Participants assisting with the geophysical survey

The Community Excavation

- 3.9.3 For many, the Community Excavation was the highlight of the project. It brought a range of different people together in a unique 'hands on' learning experience. From the Project Launch there was a steady uptake of people wanting to get involved and to 'have a go' at something that was very different, educational and exciting. Everyone had to complete a 'volunteers form' (**Appendix AH**) having first read a set of FAQs (**Appendix AI**). Upon receipt of a completed application form, confirmation was sent out to the participant detailing the days they were booked to come as well as details about the daily programme and what to bring on the first day.

The participants

- 3.9.4 One hundred and twenty-nine participants took part in the Community Excavation with most of them (63%) coming from central Peterborough and a further 9% coming from the surrounding area as shown in **Table 25**. The Community Excavation was based in Walton and the Launch, HLS sessions for the HLS and the first Exhibition were all in the Paston area. The PE4 area alone provided over 31% of all participants.
- 3.9.5 The experience of those that took part was very broad with some people having never even been to an archaeological site as a visitor, never mind as a participant, while others had been excavating for many years and were very experienced. Of the 129 participants up to 15% belonged to an archaeological / historical society with several participants belonging to more than one group. **Table 26** shows the different groups to which some of the participants belonged. An additional twelve participants were members of the local YAC group, along with their three staff members, recorded in the table below.

PE1	PE2	PE3	PE4	PE5	PE6	PE7	PE8	PE9
16 (13%)	15 (12%)	9 (7%)	41 (31%)	0	5 (4%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)
Eastfield, Eastgate, Dogsthorpe Fengate Newark Parnwell	Alwalton, Fletton, The Ortons, Stanground, Woodston	Bretton Longthorpe Netheron Westwood Ravensthorpe	Gunthorpe Paston Walton Werrington					
PE10	PE11	PE12	PE13	PE14	PE15	PE16	PE19	PE26
1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	3 (3%)	1 (1%)
PE28	BH1	CB1	CB4	CB8	CF24	CT21	DE74	LN2
6 (5%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
LN11	MK45	NN17	S9	SG8				
3 (2%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)				

Table 25: The different postal districts of the participants on the Community Excavation

Werrington Local History Society X 7	Young Archaeologist's Club 3 (+ 12 young people)	Warboys Local History Society (Archaeology Section) X 4	Peterborough U3A Archaeology Group X 2
Lincoln Archaeology Group X 2	University College Peterborough Archaeological Society X 2	CBA - Council for British Archaeology X 2	Huntingdon U3A Archaeology Group X 1
Middle Nene Archaeology Group X 1	Newark Local History Society X1	Sawtry History Society X1	Soham Museum Society X1
FENARCH X 1	Middle Nene Archaeology Group X 1		

Table 26: The participants membership of archaeological groups

- 3.9.6 It was also interesting to see how the participants heard about the Community Excavation and as **Table 27** shows, most heard about the Community Excavation through personal contact (49%). It is also good to see that out of 121 replies at least twenty-eight (23%) of them also heard about the Community Excavation through one of the three exhibitions that were organised. It would appear from these figures that putting something in the local paper is almost as good as having details on the internet. What was surprising was that no one mentioned that they had heard about the Community Excavation on the local radio, despite details having being sent to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and the city-based community radio called Peterborough FM.

Exhibition & where seen?	Personal contact	Posters & where seen?	Local Paper	Local Radio	Website
28 (23%)	59 (49%)	8 (7%)	12 (10%)	0	14 (11%)
Werrington Library x 4 Peterborough Central Library x 5 Itter Park East Fun Day x 2	Vivacity event x 2 Flag Fen Tour x 1	Peterborough Museum x 2 Morrisons x 2 Werrington Local History Society x 2	-	-	-

Table 27: How participants heard about the Community Excavation

- 3.9.7 The daily programme allowed staff and participants to have set breaks although it was made clear during the induction that if anyone wanted a rest or change of activity they only had to say. With the age range from 8 years to 86 years it was vital that everyone could opt out at any time and work at their own pace. It interesting to note that **Table 28** shows that 49% of participants were 55 years old or older and that just 24% of participants were under 24 years. However, its worth recording that 16% were under sixteen years old. Therefore the strategy of having the Community Excavation over a half-term period seems to have worked although maybe not to the extent that the organisers had wished for. The involvement of so many over 55s would be in line with other community excavations involving OA East although the high number over 65 (28%) is probably not uncommon with people taking early retirement or working part-time.

Gender	Totals	Under 16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	80 (63%)	14 (18%)	9 (11%)	7 (9%)	5 (6%)	10 (13%)	16 (18%)	21 (25%)
Male	49 (37%)	7 (14%)	2 (4%)	4 (8%)	4 (8%)	7 (14%)	11 (22%)	14 (30%)
Totals	129	21 (16%)	11 (10%)	11 (10%)	9 (8%)	17 (10%)	25 (19%)	35 (27%)

Table 28: Community Excavation participants age and gender

- 3.9.8 The project proved so popular that once people had taken part in their one booked day they wanted to return. This was possible largely because the site was producing a lot of Roman artefacts to wash and also the increasing number of features that were being uncovered. While **Table 29** shows the numbers of participants working on site each day **Appendix AJ** shows the number of days named individuals worked. It is also worth noting the increase of participant numbers working over the school half term week, which included a bank holiday weekend.
- 3.9.9 A total of 478 person days were achieved during the Community Excavation and with an average of five hours work per person this equates to 2,390 hours of work. If the one hour induction for 129 participants is deducted then the total time spent by participants working on the site was 2,261 hours.

Day	Date	No.*	Day	Date	No.*
1	Monday 19 th May	20	11	Friday 30 th May	35
2	Tuesday 20 th May	24	12	Saturday 31 st May**	39
3	Wednesday 21 st May	25	13	Sunday 1 st June**	30
4	Thursday 22 nd May	19	14	Monday 2 nd June**	26
5	Friday 23 rd May	22	15	Tuesday 3 rd June	30
6	Saturday 24 th May	30	16	Wednesday 4 th June	30
7	Monday 26 th May	33	17	Thursday 5 th June	25
8	Tuesday 27 th May	24	18	Friday 6 th June	31
9	Wednesday 28 th May	22	19	Saturday 7 th June	27
10	Thursday 29 th May	33	20	Sunday 8 th June	29
Total		253	Total		302
* Taken from the daily signing in sheets			** Bank Holiday Weekend		

Table 29: The number of volunteers attending each day in May and June

- 3.9.10 As **Table 30** below shows most participants volunteered for between one and three days (60%) while a third (33%) came for between four and ten days, with seven participants (6%) working 15 or more days.

No. of days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No. of people working those days	41 (33%)	19 (16%)	14 (11%)	10 (8%)	3 (2%)	8 (6%)	6 (5%)	9 (7%)	3 (2%)	4 (3%)
No. of days	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No. of people working those days	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	0	0	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	2 (1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)

Table 30: The number of days that participants worked

The induction and tool box talks

- 3.9.11 For all new participants the day began with a site induction which they duly signed (See **Appendix AK**), followed by a site tour and an opportunity to look at and handle some of the artefacts already found. New participants were then assigned an area to excavate in the company of others and supported by a member of OA East staff. They were shown how to use the equipment correctly to reduce any potential back problems, e.g. buckets were only half filled and the spoil placed in wheelbarrows that were always emptied by OA East staff.
- 3.9.12 Many participants came for just one day (33%) while others, having booked for one day asked to come back and having re-booked time off work they came for several more days. Within reason they could keep coming as long as they wished because as more of the site was exposed the more archaeology there was to record and subsequently more finds to wash. While the participants tended to have booked to do excavating or finds processing the organisers were very flexible and participants were encouraged to have a go at different aspects of archaeology. During the end of the second week Rhiannon Philp ran a series of section drawing tool box talks so that those staying for more than a few days could where possible draw the section of their feature. This tool box talk was extended to most of the participants in time as the weather fluctuated between dry and cloudy and very heavy rain (as noted in the weather log in **Appendix AL**). During these days and often the day after the site was not safe to walk on and certainly not suitable to excavate. Besides these extended indoor (*i.e.* in the marquee) sessions the spoil heaps were also scoured for artefacts and even dry spoil was sieved. All finds from the spoil heaps were unstratified and may well have found their way into the artefacts boxes made up for schools and groups to have.
- 3.9.13 Each day during the lunch break there was a range of tool box talks by OA East staff or by the participants themselves, as shown in **Table 31**. While some talks were given by students undergoing training in archaeology at Peterborough University Centre, other participants shared a particular heritage-related interest/hobby with the group.
- 3.9.14 One participant, Catherine Potter, undertook to take photographs every day that she came to the Community Excavation which was very helpful. In addition to this many of those that participated also sent their photographs to the Management Committee. In all, over 4,000 photographs were taken during the Community Excavation with over 600 of these being displayed at the first Community Excavation Exhibition in October 2014.

Title of talk	OA East staff *or Participant **	Title of talk	OA East staff* or Participant **
Aerial photography	Rick Kelly**	Perceptions of the Iron Age - Thesis	Catherine Potter**
Archaeological methods	Toby Knight*	Phosphate analysis	Phil Hill**
Drawing sections	Rhiannon Philp*	Photography	James Fairbairn*
Ely Cathedral	Brian Parsley**	Planning	Daphne Mair**
Environmental archaeology	Rhiannon Philp*	Planning grids	Steve Morgan*
Finds processing	Terry Mortlock**	Planning Methods	Steve Morgan*
Fossils	Rebecca Pridmore**	Roman herbs	Chris Carr**
HSR Human skeletal remains	Bronagh Quinn**	Samian ware	Terry Mortlock**
Introduction to archaeology	James Fairbairn*	Terrain model	Roger Mould**
Making and firing pots	Wendy Gamble**	Using a dumpy level	James Fairbairn*

Table 31: The list of different tool box talks delivered during the Community Excavation by staff and participants

- 3.9.15 Life was not all hard work for participants and staff with a regular supply of cakes and buns being brought in by participants throughout the twenty days. One person celebrated their retirement on site with a cake baked and brought in by another participant. Staff often arrived by 7.30am and with participants got the site ready for the day. The Bettany family, having chickens on their allotment, regularly arrived early and with the kettle on, staff and keen participants often began the day with a hot drink and egg and/or bacon sandwich.
- 3.9.16 On the last day, work on site finished at noon and Chris Carr a local re-enactor and Roman cook laid out an amazing spread of Roman food for all to try. It was a perfect way to end an amazing and very rewarding twenty days. The Roman food was great and included honey and mustard chicken, meat balls in wine sauce, Vitellian beans, pine nut dip, garum, cheese bread, and Must cake.

Fenland Young Archaeologist's Club

- 3.9.17 On Saturday 31st May a group of 12 young people with their three leaders enrolled to take part in the Community Excavation (**Plates 60 - 63**). After their induction and site tour along with other new participants they were assigned to work in two small sondages in Trench Two where they got used to using a trowel and hand shovel. Later in the day they also helped in the finds processing area but not before James Fairbairn (Project Officer, OA East) showed them how to record their small finds. One of the young people managed to find, with the metal detector, a very small Roman coin, which had to be logged into the small finds register.



Plates 60 - 63: Members of the Fenland Young Archaeologist's Club

Feedback from participants

- 3.9.18 All participants were asked to complete a feedback form after they had completed their time on the Community Excavation. A total of 78 (58%) feedback forms were returned with details of participants comments recorded in **Appendix AM**. All those that completed the feedback form said that they would like to be involved in another archaeology project and were asked why. A synopsis of their replies is listed in **Table 32** with 51% of respondents saying how much they enjoyed the experience and how interesting it was. This was also well supported by 27% who commented on the learning benefits within an engaging, practical format. The importance of being with a friendly supportive group was also recognised as important by 17% of the respondents who wrote about the 'camaraderie' and being a 'time team member'.

Word / words or phrases	Number of words / phrases	% of respondents
Enjoyable / Lots of fun / I love it / exciting, Brilliant / It was great / Interesting / Involving /Intriguing / Fascinating	73	51
Learned loads / Loved learning / Enlightening / Informative / Educational / Practical / Hands on / Uncovering the past/ Active with finds / Rewarding experience	39	27%
Friendly / Friendly people / Helpful staff / Very welcoming The Camaraderie / Great atmosphere / Involvement of local community Lots of great people	23	17%
Organised / Excellent organisation / Well run	7	5%

Table 32: The words and / or phrases that participants used to describe why they would like to be involved in a similar archaeology project in the future

- 3.9.19 The second question on the feedback form asked participants for any other comments or observations that they would like to make. To some extent the comments and observations mirrored the first question but many respondents gave much fuller statements, as seen in **Appendix AN**. Overall the feedback was very good with some very positive remarks on the staff team (22%) and the organisation of the excavation (18%). However, the greatest number of comments (36%) were still on what a good experience it was for many people (**Table 33**). There were just a few suggestions made, e.g. 'the lengthening the day' and a 'bit more time on excavation techniques'.
- 3.9.20 As a way of saying 'thank you' to so many enthusiastic participants the organisers sent to all those that participated a signed certificate of appreciation as seen in **Appendix AO**. Several people wrote or emailed to say 'thank you', reiterating how much they had enjoyed the experience and saying that they would like to do it all again!

Word / words or phrases	Number of words / phrases	% of respondents
Fantastic time / Great time / Great buzz. / Wonderful experience / Brilliant / Interesting / Enjoyable	42	36%
Staff were welcoming and friendly / Staff were always available / Supportive / Helpful. / Staff were knowledgeable / Dedicated staff / Very friendly and professional team / Team were great	27	22%
So well organised / Good organisation / Organisation – excellent / A lot of hard work and preparation made.	21	18%
A real learning experience / Learnt so much / The training was brilliant / I feel further enriched with knowledge.	19	16%
Positive community experience / Great camaraderie / Felt part of a team / Friendly and helpful / A first class community event	9	8%

Table 33: Other comments and observations that participants made about the Community Excavation

The Four Community Excavation Areas

- 3.9.21 The Community Excavation site was made up of four distinct areas (**Plates 64 - 68**). Area One included the main meeting area with its finds processing area and tent, two small tool stores, an administrative tent, a pair of toilets and a large marquee used for meetings, school groups and shelter from the rain. The 'Roman' type kiln and associated woodpile was located at the far end of the compound which was surrounded by Heras fencing.
- 3.9.22 Area Two (Trench One) was the main open area of excavation. It measured 24m x 11.5m and was accessed by a shallow ramp at the eastern end. Area Three (Trench Two) was another open excavation area that measured 13.5m x 4.5m. It was separated from Trench One by an intermediate high pressure gas pipeline. Area Four (Trench Three) was a small test pit some 3m x 1.5m in size and located on allotment number 15. It was an extension of two previous test pit excavations. Located close to the main entrance to the site and adjacent to Trenches 1 & 2 was one disabled toilet and two other portable toilets plus a small storage tent. Close to the entrance to the allotment site was an information tent through which all schools and visitors to the site had to pass through
- 3.9.23 As with all Roman sites the amount of finds was considerable so everyone had an opportunity to wash some of the thousands of artefacts and ecofacts. Terry Mortlock, the longest serving OA East volunteer, was responsible for the finds section, supported by participants who came regularly to help him.

Trench One

- 3.9.24 A series of 2m-wide strips marked with string ran north to south across the trench. Volunteers were allocated a section to clean and trowel, as seen on **Plates 61 and 62**. It soon became obvious that some of the remains of the villa were just below the surface and while some areas seemed devoid of any archaeology much of the trench had a range of features that slowly emerged during the excavation.

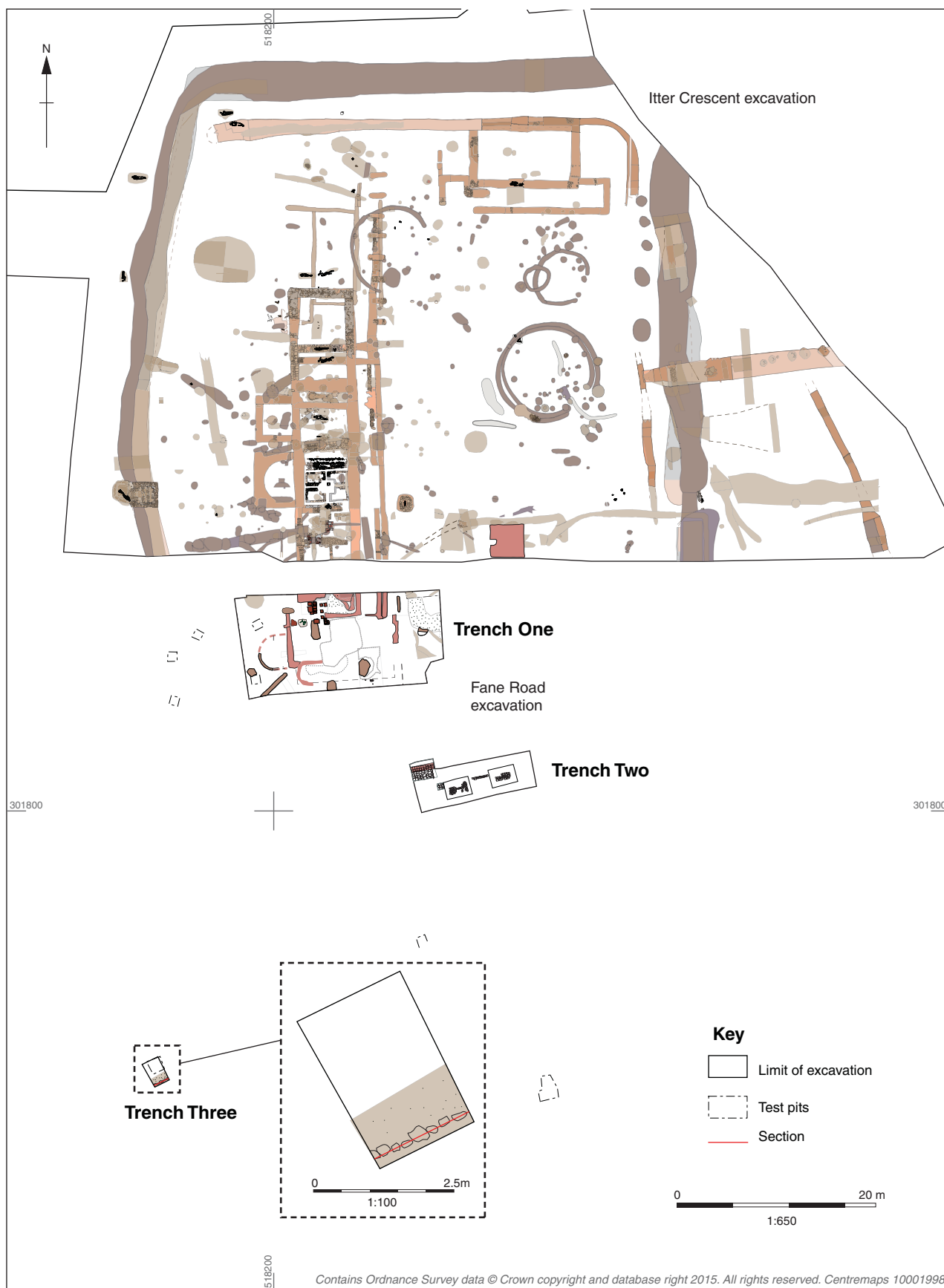


Figure 2: Excavation Trenches One, Two and Three in relation to the Itter Crescent excavation (after Lyons et. al forthcoming)



Trench One, looking west



Trench One, looking east



Trench Two, looking south-east showing the two sondages and stone wall



Trench Two, looking west



Trench Three, looking south

Plates 64 - 68: Photographs showing the archaeology in Trenches One to Three

Trench Two

- 3.9.25 Trench Two was area located approximately 10m south of the main trench (Trench One), which was cleared of vegetation and allotment debris. It was assumed that the archaeology would be at the same depth as found in Trench One. This was not the case, with the actual overburden being at least 1m thick. Luckily on the northern berm a wall was found running west to east at a depth of 0.4m.
- 3.9.26 Within this trench two test pits measuring 3m x 2m were dug by participants. In both a cobbled (metalled) surface was found together with a range of Roman CBM, pottery and animal bone.

Trench Three

- 3.9.27 This small trench was the continuation of two previous small test pits on Allotment 15. The allotment holder Wendy Gamble was supported in this area by at least two participants each day.

General

- 3.9.28 The features that were found during the Community Excavation and the finds that have been identified are described in the archaeological report (Fairbairn 2015). The trench plan (Fig. 2) and a selection of photographs showing the Community Excavation are, however, included in this report to give a flavour of the project, the range of activities and people taking part in them (**Plates 69 – 81**).



Plates 69 - 75: Participants working on the Community Excavation



Plates 76 - 81: Participants working on the Community Excavation

The 'Roman' pottery kiln

- 3.9.29 Jon Cane spent two days, with support from Wendy Gamble (potter and allotment holder), constructing the Roman-style kiln within the site compound (**Plates 82 - 85**). Many of the allotment holders and casual visitors watched with interest as the 'igloo' shaped kiln was made using brick and clay, with materials financed by Bellway Homes (East Midlands) Ltd. On the first two Open Days (Saturday 24th and 31st May) participants, visitors and allotment holders were encouraged by Jon to add a slip to a pre-chosen pot or to one of the many he had available. Young and old painted patterns on a pot ready to be fired, while others decided to make their own hand-made pot but were made aware that it could explode in the kiln if insufficient time was available for it to dry. One hundred and fifty pre-made pots were supplied by Jon and these plus others were duly loaded into the kiln all afternoon of Saturday 31st.
- 3.9.30 The firing of the kiln began 4pm on the 31st May and lasted all night with the kiln being sealed around 2am and was finally opened at 2pm on Sunday afternoon. Further details of what happened when the kiln was opened can be found in Section 3.10 below.

Artefacts from the Community Excavation

- 3.9.31 The range of artefacts found by volunteers during the Community Excavation was consistent with those normally found on an Iron Age farmstead and wealthy Roman villa site. As the topsoil was being removed it was checked by a metal detectorist (Steve Critchley) who found a range of nails as well as several Roman coins and brooches. Steve came back regularly to the site to check the spoil and site itself. While the archaeological report (Fairbairn 2015) will go into greater detail about the archaeological methodology and results, this section of the current report includes a few photographs to give a flavour of the many finds recovered (**Plates 86 - 91**).



Plates 82 - 85: The 'Roman-type' kiln and the pottery fired within it



Plates 81 - 86: Some of the many artefacts found by volunteers during the Community Excavation (from top left: painted plaster; Iron Age loomweight; oyster shells, CBM and other finds; samian ware; brooch)

Legacy of the Community Excavation

- 3.9.32 Two of the participants attending the University Centre Peterborough have, since the Community Excavation, been employed by Oxford Archaeology East as members of staff. While one staff member is working part-time while completing her degree the other staff member was appointed as a graduate trainee. Three other participants at the Community Excavation have since enrolled in further archaeology courses. One has successfully gained entry at Oxford University to do a master's degree in Landscape Archaeology and the other has enrolled at Leicester to undertake a distance learning Certificate in Archaeology. A third participant will begin an archaeology degree course at Peterborough University Centre in September.
- 3.9.33 It is most encouraging to see that a heritage community project like the one at Fane Road can support and inspire others to take what they have learnt further. This not only applies to adults but the local YAC group which has benefited from the addition of three new members. This group has also recruited three more adults to help with the programme.

3.10 The Open Days and Evening Tours

Introduction

- 3.10.1 Four Open Days (Saturday 24th May, Saturday 31st May, Sunday 1st June & Saturday 7th June) and one Open Evening (Wednesday 4th June) were planned during the Community Excavation. A flyer / poster (**Appendix AP**) was circulated to all schools and over thirty local businesses, and was also sent to all libraries, the tourist information office as well as Peterborough City Council for internal distribution. During the Community Excavation the Peterborough Telegraph also ran several articles about the excavation advertising the Open Days. The first one was on May 29th and the second, a two-page article with photographs, was on Friday 6th June (**Appendix AQ**). It was just in time to advertise the last Open Day on the 7th June.
- 3.10.2 Each Open Day and Open Evening had a similar format. There was a set meeting area close to the entrance tent where those wishing to have a tour would congregate. Guided tours were at set times displayed on a notice. A rota of staff were assigned to take the tours and after introductions they would go over a basic site induction pointing out that it was an archaeological site and that the terrain was very uneven. This would be followed by a brief overview of the excavations at Itter Crescent and why the project was digging where it was. A set of laminated plans of the Itter Crescent site was used at this point. The visitors were then given a guided tour of the three trenches by OA East staff supported by participants. The group was then invited to look at Itter Crescent and recent Fane Road finds in the marquee. Here they could handle or view a range of the latest finds. The visitors were also shown the 'Roman' kiln and the finds being processed by Terry Mortlock and his group of participants. The tour ended at this point so visitors could have a go at finds processing with Terry Mortlock, add a slip to a pre-made pot ready for firing or just spend more time looking at the various displays. These displays included free information sheets about archaeology as well as leaflets on local heritage sites, English Heritage and Vivacity. After the guided tour many visitors just returned to the excavation areas and watched and talked to the participants and staff from behind orange fencing.

The Open Days and Open Evening

- 3.10.3 The first Open Day on Saturday 24th May was at the end of the first week of excavating so there were plenty of finds to show the general public. Approximately 130 people came to this Open Day. All comments are recorded in **Appendix AR**. Staff supported by participants ran eight guided tours and several more casual ones and everyone that came was encouraged to paint a 'slip' onto a pre-made pot for firing in the kiln the following Saturday. Some visitors had already chosen the shape of their pot at the launch in November 2013 and had come along to claim their pot and add the pattern. Others chose their pot from the seven designs and with support from staff and other participants painted their design with 'slip' onto their pot.
- 3.10.4 The next two Open Days were Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st June. A total of approximately 320 visitors came on these two Open Days. Again this was not as many as had been expected but there was always a steady trickle of people all day. Many of the visitors were allotment holders coming down to work on their allotments and then spending time seeing what was happening. Beside numerous guided tours there were also two Roman re-enactors present all day. They gave talks at set times on a range of topics including 'Roman soldier weaponry', 'Roman cooking' and 'Roman lifestyle' and with their extensive collection of replica equipment provided a great opportunity for visitors to dress-up and learn about both the Celts and the Romans. The latter topic was very pertinent to visitors trying to imagine what it would have been like to live in a luxury Roman villa like the one under excavation just 60m away. The Peterborough Telegraph ran a small article on the 30th May, 2014 advertising two of the four Open Days (Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June). They also mentioned the Open Evening on Wednesday 4th June.
- 3.10.5 During the morning of the 31st May the painting of 'slip' on pre-made pots continued (see Section 3.9 above). The adding of the slip to a pot was to emulate the very successful Roman pottery industry found around the Roman city of Durobrivae that produced what archaeologist now called 'Nene Valley Colour Coated Ware'. Some visitors also made their own pots to be fired and at lunch-time the kiln was gradually filled with over 150 pots. Jon Cane who built the kiln was helped by Wendy Gamble and at 4pm the kiln was lit for the first time and kept well stoked with wood until 2am after which it was sealed and left to fire the pots and then to slowly cool down.

The opening of the 'Roman' kiln

- 3.10.6 When staff arrived at 7.30am on Sunday morning to get ready for the day the outside of the kiln was still too hot to touch. Slowly it cooled down but it was not until after 2pm on the 1st June that the kiln was at last opened. There was a good crowd to see the opening of the kiln and to see if their pot had survived the firing. Most had, but there were just a few casualties. The day ended with most people collecting their new Nene Valley type pot and heading home with a permanent reminder of the excavations (**Plates 82 - 85**).
- 3.10.7 Besides the pre-made pots being fired, Wendy Gamble had also made a set of small pots using clay from the Itter Crescent site mixed with other materials including dried grass, fine sand, crushed shell and crushed old pot. All these handmade pots survived and were displayed at the Exhibition in October. All in all this was an excellent example of experimental archaeology.



Plate 92: The short article in the Peterborough Telegraph (Friday 30th May, 2014) promoting two Open Days and the Open Evening

- 3.10.8 The advertised Open Evening, Wednesday 4th June, was unfortunately scheduled for when England were playing their opening match of the World Cup. While this would have put off some potential visitors it was probably the weather that ensured a low number of visitors. With heavy showers for much of the day and the early evening it was not until after 7pm that the weather improved. However, despite two good reasons for not visiting an archaeology site thirty-five hardy visitors came to see what was happening and to view the finds. While most of them had come just a few miles, two had come from over twenty miles away to see the site.
- 3.10.9 The last Open Day was on Saturday 7th June and following an article in the Peterborough Telegraph (**Plate 92**), proved to be very successful. It was also a day when the last few newly fired 'Nene Valley' pots were collected and the kiln was covered up to protect it. To ensure its future one of the two metal sheds purchased to store tools has been placed over the kiln to safe guard it until the next firing.
- 3.10.10 At the main entrance to the site there was small entrance tent which everyone visiting the site had to pass through. In this tent was a visitor's comment book, a range of free leaflets on archaeology and heritage and a simple counter / comment system. Visitors used counters to comment on what they thought of the Open Days and Open Evening. A full set of results using the counters can be seen in **Appendix AS**. Unfortunately, not everyone used the counters or commented in the visitor's book and in hindsight perhaps a group of participants could have been positioned by the tent to encourage a response. Nevertheless, of those that used the counters 81% said that they rated the event as excellent.

Casual visitors

- 3.10.11 During the life of the project casual visitors were able to come and see what was happening from the third day of excavation until noon on the last day. This 'open door' policy allowed local people to see how the excavation progressed over the duration of the twenty days. Many of these visitors kept coming back every few days to see what progress there was. Some even signed up and came back as participants or brought their families to the Open Days. By the time the excavations had finished and the site had been backfilled at least 120 casual visitors, of all ages and genders, had been to see what was happening. These visitors included local dog walkers, allotment holders, mothers with pre-school children and older people. All visitors were welcomed by participants and staff and they were encouraged to ask questions and view the latest finds displayed in the marquee. Many had impromptu guided tours and one young mother returned after one visit with a tin of small cakes for participants and staff to share. A really nice gesture appreciated by all.

Invited visitors

- 3.10.12 The excavation was also visited twice by Mr Stewart Jackson (MP of Peterborough) who was fascinated by the excavation and the finds found by participants (**Plate 93**). Other visitors included Senior Project Managers from OA East and Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton, Peterborough City Council Archaeologist. Rebecca came regularly to check progress and to view the finds and talk to participants. Ms Deborah Milligan, Award Officer, with the Heritage Lottery Fund, also visited the site and so did Dr Stephen Upex (Archaeologist & Author) who was very interested in the bath house area. The Community Excavation was also visited by the Community Champions for Morrisons, Mrs Nadine Bridges and Mrs Tracey Rapley. Their visit prompted an article in the Peterborough Telegraph (**Plate 94**).



Plate 93: Mr Stewart Jackson (MP) being shown around the site by David Crawford-White



Plate 94: Mrs Nadine Bridges and Mrs Tracey Rapley, Community Champions of Morrisons supermarket, donating supplies of tea, coffee and squash to the participants at the Community Excavation

General observations

- 3.10.13 Although the four Open Days and one Open Evening were well publicised with on-going reports in the local paper and the increase in social media use by staff and participants, the numbers that did come to the site were overall less than might have been hoped. Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st June, however, were by far the most popular days to visit the site with well over 300 people coming over that weekend. The firing of the kiln and the Roman re-enactors were both obviously a draw. Participants were encouraged to bring their family and friends to the Open Days, or to come along when they could during the digging day. Many did and it was great to be able to show them around the site that their family and friends had been or were working on.

3.11 Visits by Schools to the Community Excavation

- 3.11.1 As already mentioned, all schools in Peterborough were sent an information pack about the project including a booking form for them to visit the Community Excavation. A total of eight schools visited the site including five primary schools, one secondary school and two special needs schools (**Plates 95 - 96**). All schools bar one came by coach paid for by the lottery grant.
- 3.11.2 Bookings were taken on a first come first served basis. A detailed timetable for the school visits was produced and OA East volunteers assigned to help on the day. School staff were also encouraged to visit the site prior to their school visit but only one school took up this offer. A detailed map with annotated photographs was sent to all visiting schools (see **Appendix AT**) so that they could walk safely from their dropping off spot to the site entrance.
- 3.11.3 The programme for each school was primarily the same, and started with a short introduction to the site and a Health & Safety induction. Depending on the group size it was then divided into three smaller cohorts and rotated round a range of activities. Part of one activity was to place the Roman period into its archaeological context using a basic time-line. Support for leading each group rested with either OA East staff or volunteers.
- 3.11.4 The programme included:
- a site tour and talk (including a brief commentary about the previous Itter Crescent excavations),
 - an activity session of finds processing (i.e. washing actual finds from the site)
 - a third activity included an archaeological time-line, and a talk about the 'Roman' type kiln after which students handled a range of artefacts from the site.
- 3.11.5 A total of 503 pupils with staff and parental support came to view the Community Excavation from nine schools. **Table 34** shows the schools and pupil numbers that came to the site. This was far more than anticipated and was certainly noted by the many participants who were often asked questions by the visiting pupils as they moved round their activities. This well exceeded the original target of 280 pupils.
- 3.11.6 Unfortunately, few photographs were taken of any school visits due to the difficulty of separating out those pupils that could be photographed and those that could not. However, most schools did bring cameras and took lots of photographs of their pupils engaged in the various planned activities. As part of the project evaluation David Crawford-White did write and ask all those schools that came to site for copies of any of

their photographs but due to various restrictions only one school felt that they could send a few photographs of their pupils. These photographs were gratefully received and some of these have been included in this report.

- 3.11.7 Before the schools left the site the group leader was given details about the Art Competition and a review sheet with a SAE. **Appendix AU** shows the feedback from the six of the school's visits along with their comments. The schools that added a comment were very positive with the pupils enjoying the range of activities although one school had wished for their pupils to actually dig. Due to the layout of the site this was not possible although sieving was available.

General observations

- 3.11.8 It should be recorded that no school within a walking distance of 25 minutes visited the Community Excavation site which considering the significance of the site as a whole is somewhat surprising, especially as most Primary Schools still teach pupils about the Roman Invasion.

*	Name of school	Activity	Date of site to Community Excavation by group	Review sheet received	Pupil Numbers*
1	St John Fisher	ID - GT - ATL - FRA - HSF - SS	Thursday 22 nd May	No	27
2	Gladstone Primary School	ID - GT - ATL FRA HSF - SS	Friday 23 rd May	Yes	66
3	Hampton Vale PS	ID - GT - ATL FRA HSF - FP	Monday 2 nd June	Yes	98
4	Duke of Bedford PS	ID - GT - ATL FRA HSF - FP	Tuesday 3 rd June AM	No	58
5	Marshfields Special School	ID - GT - ATL FRA - HSF - FP	Tuesday 3 rd June PM	Yes	34
6	Longthorpe PS	ID - GT - ATL FRA - HSF - FP	Wednesday 4 th June AM	Yes	61
7	Heritage Park PS	ID - GT - ATL FRA - HSF - FP	Thursday 5 th June AM	Yes	64
8	COPSA**	ID - GT - ATL FRA - HSF - FP	Friday 6 th June AM	No	31
9	Orson Stowing PS	ID - GT - ATL FRA - HSF - FP	Friday 6 th June PM	No	64
TOTAL					503
Key to the activities: ATL - Archaeological Timeline FP - Finds Processing FRA - Fane Road Artefacts GT - Guided Tour HSF - Handling Site Finds ID - Induction SS - Sieving spoil					
*This excludes teachers, support staff and accompanying parents					
** City of Peterborough Special Academy					

Table 34: The school numbers that visited the Community Excavation



Plates 95 - 96: Students taking part in activities during their visit to the Community Excavation

3.12 Visits by Groups to the Community Excavation

- 3.12.1 As with schools, a wide range of local organisations and groups were invited to visit the site during the Community Excavation. A total of six organisations visited the site. **Table 35** shows the organisations and numbers that visited the site. Several of these visits were during the day but most were in the evening. The format was similar to those for schools without the finds processing.
- 3.12.2 For all the visiting groups the programme consisted of a short Health & Safety induction, a detailed background section on what was found at Itter Crescent and then a talk about what the Community Excavation had found so far. These two elements of the session included relevant pictures and plans and took place adjacent to the excavations. The group then made their way to the marquee where a range of current artefacts were on display and which were handed round the group. The final part of the tour was to see and hear about the 'Roman' type kiln. The groups also saw a range of the pots that had been fired in the kiln.

*	Name of group	Activity	Date of site to visit	Feedback form	Number attending
1	Werrington Local History Society	ID - GT - FRA HSF	Thursday 29 th May	Yes	26
2	Peterborough U3A*	ID - GT - FRA HSF	Friday 30 th May	Yes	20
3	Fenland YAC Group*	ID - GT - FP EX - FRA	Saturday 31 st May	Yes	12
4	Winners at the Project Launch	ID - GT - FRA HSF	Monday 4 th June	-	4
5	Rotary Club of Peterborough	ID - GT - FRA HSF	Tuesday 3 rd June	Yes	10
6	Friends of Itter Park	ID - GT - FRA HSF	Thursday 5 th June	Yes	15
TOTAL					87
Key: * = Day time visit YAC = Young Archaeologist's Club EX - Excavating FP - Finds Processing FRA - Fane Road Artefacts GT - Guided Tour HSF - Handling Site Finds ID - Induction					

Table 35: The organisations who visited the Community Excavation

- 3.12.3 The Fenland YAC Group were on site all day so all members completed a standard volunteer form. After their induction and site tour all club members then followed an agreed programme for the day undertaking a range of 'hands on' experiences including excavating, sieving and finds processing as well as painting a 'slip' on a pot to be fired. Unfortunately, one group (Bury St Edmunds YAC) that was booked to come for a whole day opted out due to very bad weather.
- 3.12.4 On leaving the site at the end of their visit all groups were given a feedback form to complete and return. All groups except one returned their form and their comments can be found in **Appendix AV**. Most of the groups found the visit very informative and several group members returned on the Open Days to see the progress of the excavation and view other finds. Several others joined the excavation.

- 3.12.5 Despite all the publicity, there was clearly more capacity to take group tours: while the daytime slots for guided tours were limited because of the school uptake there were certainly many evenings that could have been used.

3.13 The Archaeological Report on the Community Excavation

- 3.13.1 The archaeological report (known as a 'grey literature' report) of the Community Excavation has been compiled using the standard OA East report template (Fairbairn 2015). This report covers the following headings: Project summary, Introduction, Aims and Methodology and Results and will include details on the geophysical survey, finds and environmental evidence, a Discussion and a range of appendices. In addition to being submitted to the HLF and Peterborough HER amongst other places, this archaeological report will also be made available as a PDF that can be downloaded from the main project web page.
- 3.13.2 More detailed description and analysis of the main Itter Crescent Iron Age settlement and Roman villa site, along with the pertinent elements of the Community Excavation, will be published as an Oxford Archaeology monograph in the near future (Lyons *et al.* forthcoming). Details will be posted on the Oxford Archaeology website.

3.14 The Children's Booklet and 'Popular' Booklet

- 3.14.1 Due to the wide age range of those that took part in the Community Excavation, or who visited the site with their schools, it was agreed during the planning stage of the project that there would be two publications/booklets. These would entail a children's publication and also a popular publication, both of which would concentrate on the Community Excavation and also describe the Iron Age settlement and the luxury Roman villa.
- 3.14.2 The children's booklet (**Plate 97**) was aimed at a younger audience of approximately eight to ten years old and was written through the eyes of a young person who actually took part in the Community Excavation. It includes a wide range of photographs taken during the Community Excavation by staff and participants as well as information on the two time periods using artefacts found during both the Itter Crescent excavation by OA East and by the participants in the Romans of Fane Road Community Excavation. It also includes a word search designed by two nine year olds. The popular booklet (**Plate 98**) is similar in design but goes into greater detail about the artefacts and features found. The print run for both publications was 1000 copies.
- 3.14.3 Both publications are now downloadable as a PDF from the Oxford Archaeology website. As the children's publication included the names of two young people involved in its production the parents of both children were asked to confirm in writing that they agreed that the publication could be downloaded from the project website, which they have both done.
- 3.14.4 The children's publication has now been distributed to the following groups and individuals:
- to all those young people that participated in the Community Excavation,
 - to all school pupils that visited the Community Excavation site,
 - to those schools that OA East staff visited to talk about the project,
 - to all local libraries,

- to Peterborough Museum,
- to Fane Road Allotment holders who have children.



Plate 97: Inside the Children's publication booklet



Plate 98: The front cover of the 'Popular' publication booklet

3.14.5 The popular publication has been distributed to the following groups and individuals:

- to all those that participated in the Community Excavation,

- to all those older pupils, teachers and support staff that visited the Community Excavation site,
- to members of the Fane Road Allotment Association,
- to all libraries,
- to Peterborough Museum.

3.14.6 Copies of either publication have also been made available to all those who had attended a Heritage Learning Session (HLS) or any of the Heritage Walks. Requests for either publication will be on a first come basis once the publications have been distributed to those identified above.

3.15 The Exhibitions

3.15.1 The aim was to organise and deliver two exhibitions as part of the project and following the requirements as written in the full application. The first exhibition was planned for Saturday October 25th 2014 at the end of the Community Excavation, in a local venue (Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre). The second exhibition was planned for a spring date in 2015 and took place at Peterborough Museum.

Exhibition One

3.15.2 As with all publicity, details of the Exhibition were sent out by Peterborough City Council to the local media. It was picked up by the Peterborough Telegraph and mentioned twice in the same paper as shown in the two plates (**Plates 99 and 100**). A poster and flyer (**Appendix AW**) were also produced and sent out to addresses including all schools, libraries, groups and organisations as well as to all those on the project's Newsletter mailing list. Over 500 flyers were also distributed in the local area by volunteers. On arrival at the Exhibition visitors were given a programme, as seen in **Appendix AX**.



Plate 99: The small article in the Peterborough Telegraph advertising the first Exhibition on Saturday 25th October

3.15.3 The exhibition was made up of several elements:

- There was an extensive exhibition of the finds found during the Community Excavation. Most were openly displayed with visitors being able to handle and

look at them in detail. The more fragile finds were also displayed in two table top display cabinets. Several volunteer helpers who had participated on the Community Excavation were on hand to talk to visitors about the range of artefacts.

- There was an exhibition of over 600 photographs taken during the Community Excavation by OA East staff and participants. These included all aspects of the Community Excavation from inducting participants, to excavating and finds processing. It also included photographs of the three trenches and their related features.
- The presentation of the project's School Art Competition also took place with the prizes being presented by the Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr David Over. Unfortunately, of the twelve prizewinners only four were able to attend with their family and friends but by all accounts they enjoyed the day.
- In the small hall there was a looped PPT presentation on the Community Excavation, which showed a large range of slides including participants at work, alongside some of the many features and artefacts found.
- In addition to the emphasis on the Community Excavation a range of 'hands on' family orientated activities was also organised. A Roman re-enactor was also present exhibiting a range of herbs used in Roman cuisine as well as various artefacts.



Plate 100: Cllr Marco Cereste, Leader of Peterborough City Council, included the Exhibition in his press article on the 23rd October in the Peterborough Telegraph (The area highlighted within the green box was all about the exhibition on Saturday 25th October).

- 3.15.1 The evaluation system that was used at the Community Excavation Open Days was used again at this Exhibition. Using the dropping of counters into various boxes to answer very simple questions seemed to work well. As can be seen in **Table 36** a very high number of the visitors (77%) lived within 10 miles of the venue, highlighting its appeal to the local community.

How far have you travelled?	Under 5 miles	5 - 10 miles	11 - 20 miles	20+ miles
	117 (77%)	15 (10%)	7 (5%)	12 (8%)

Table 36: The high number of visitors to the Exhibition from the local area

- 3.15.2 The second question **Table 37** asked visitors was how they had heard about the project. It's interesting to note that most people, nearly half (47%), heard about the exhibition by word of mouth rather than by other means. It's also encouraging to note that nearly a quarter (23%) had heard about the project from the project's Newsletter. It's good to know that the Newsletter had encouraged people to come and see the artefacts from the Community Excavation.

How did you hear about the exhibition?	Word of mouth	Media	Project Newsletter	Poster
	71 (47%)	31 (21%)	35 (23%)	14 (9%)

Table 37: How people heard about the Exhibition

- 3.15.3 The third question asked people how they would rate the exhibition (**Table 38**). This produced a very positive result with over 60% of the respondents saying that the exhibition was excellent and only 5% of visitors who completed the evaluation saying it was just okay.

How would you rate this event?	Excellent	Good	Okay	Poor
	90 (60%)	44 (35%)	7 (5%)	0 (0%)

Table 38: How visitors rated the Exhibition

- 3.15.4 The fourth and final question was about the age of those that completed the feedback system. The majority of visitors were 41 years or older while a fifth were under 18 and probably came with their parents. It's interesting also that just 14% of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 40 years old.

Exhibition Two

- 3.15.5 This Exhibition was aimed at a much wider audience than the first one with the venue being Peterborough Museum right in the centre of town. The Exhibition was initially going to be for just two weeks but just before the start date it was kindly agreed with museum staff that the exhibition could stay for a month. In the end this exhibition ran at the museum for four weeks from 28th March to 26th April. The only room available to house the exhibition was in the 'History of the Museum Gallery' as seen in **Plate 101**. With just one display cabinet available, Terry Mortlock was asked by David Crawford-

White to carefully plan what to display and also how to display as many interesting artefacts from the Community Excavation as possible, both small and large.



Plate 101: The location of the Exhibition in Peterborough Museum

- 3.15.6 Details about the exhibition were well publicised through the local press (**Plate 102**), as well as the museum, libraries and various mailing lists using posters (**Appendix AY**). The positive feedback received from many Community Excavation participants who went to see the exhibition indicate that it was very worthwhile.
- 3.15.7 Not all the artefacts were from the Community Excavation. Five out of the thirty-three artefacts were from the earlier Itter Crescent excavations, which had never been exhibited in the museum. The final layout of the artefacts clearly numbered are shown in **Plates 103 - 104**. Adjacent to the display cabinet a leaflet holder held a basic set of notes about each of the artefacts (**Appendix AZ**). Copies of these notes were freely available for visitors to take away with them. On a nearby dresser was a folder containing details and photographs of the Community Excavation as well as a visitors comment book.
- 3.15.8 As seen in the footfall figures shown in **Table 39** a total of 5,113 people visited the museum and while it is difficult to know if they all visited the exhibition this is over twice the number that was set as a target in the project application. The number of comments (**Appendix BA**) in the visitors book was not large with just 58 comments received from the general public but one in particular was good to see and very complimentary: *'Having worked on the project I am pleased to see the finds displayed so well. Supporting paperwork adds to understanding and interest. It is a shame the display could not be more'*.



Plate 102: Article on the Exhibition in the Peterborough Telegraph

Day	Date	No.	Day	Date	No.
1	Sat 28th March	293	16	Sun 12th April	83
2	Sun 29th March	108	17	Mon 13th April	192
3	Mon 30th March	293	18	Tue 14th April	76
4	Tues 31st March	283	19	Wed 15th April	149
5	Wed 1st April	287	20	Thurs 16th April	125
6	Thurs 2nd April	238	21	Fri 17th April	158
7	Friday 3rd April	-	22	Sat 18th April	196
8	Sat 4th April	555	23	Sun 19th April	59
9	Sun 5th April	34	24	Mon 20th April	0
10	Mon 6th April	86	25	Tues 21st April	108
11	Tues 7th April	245	26	Wed 22nd April	81
12	Wed 8th April	232	27	Thurs 23rd Apr	129
13	Thurs 9th April	212	28	Fri 24th April*	171
14	Fri 10th April	175	29	Sat 25th April*	186
15	Sat 11th April	170	30	Sun 26th April*	258
Total		3,211	Total		1,902

Football numbers were provided by Vivacity, Peterborough Total number: 3,211 + 1,902 = 5,113 people. The shaded dates are the Easter school holidays, which ran from Saturday 28th March until Monday 13th April. * No numbers received by Vivacity, Peterborough

Table 39: The football figures for the duration of the Exhibition at Peterborough Museum



Plates 103 - 104: The artefacts on display at Peterborough Museum

General observations

- 3.15.9 The exhibition went well and although a much larger exhibition could have been mounted the artefacts displayed was a good representation of what was found. Certainly from the feedback recorded it was a success with several attendees at the Celebratory Event commenting positively on what they saw.

3.16 The Archiving of Material for Peterborough Museum

- 3.16.1 Although many of the finds were washed and dried on site, a regular group of OA East volunteers took until late October to complete the work. Once dried the finds were then placed into two groups; those that came from a context and those that did not. Those from a context have since been further grouped using the pre-agreed discard policy with the City Archaeologist, Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton and these artefacts will be archived with Peterborough Museum (see below). The items that were unstratified, which make up the bulk of the finds, have been either used in the Roman artefacts handling resources by schools and groups or been discarded back on site.
- 3.16.2 OA East staff met with Glynis Wass, the archivist for Peterborough Museum, in late 2013 and were given the Museum's archiving booklet. Following further meetings it was agreed that the two standard archive boxes used by OA East could be used to archive material with Peterborough Museum Service at the cost of either £25 or £50 per box. The maximum weight in each archive box was not to exceed 6kgs for the larger box. OA East staff and volunteers then prepared the material for archiving in accordance with the museum requirements.
- 3.16.3 A discard policy was agreed prior to the excavation with the City Archaeologist and senior staff at OA East. This ensured that the bulk of material from a known context primarily consisting of CBM was not all archived but a sample was kept and this would be marked with both the site code and context. The full list of material that was archived with Peterborough Museum can be found in the separate Archaeological Report (Fairbairn 2015). All the finds that were archived were (where appropriate) marked using Indian ink with the site code (PETRFR14) and context number, *i.e.* the fill in which they were found. If they were recorded as a 'small find', a number usually assigned to an unusual or special find (*e.g.* worked bone, coin, brooch) then this recorded number was also marked on the object. The marking was undertaken during the late winter of 2014 and early spring 2015 by up to 22 volunteers meeting regularly at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Peterborough (**Plates 105 - 108**).
- 3.16.4 Archiving followed Peterborough Museums archiving document '*Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery: Standards for Archaeological Archive Preparation*', and a total of thirty-seven artefact types were archived including pottery, CBM (ceramic building material), animal bone, small finds, human skeletal remains, glass and metal.

Artefacts given to schools and groups

- 3.16.5 The Management Committee, after discussion with others, decided that as there was so much unstratified material from the site it would be appropriate to offer local schools, in the first instance, a box of Roman artefacts. So besides the marking of artefacts for archiving, the same group of volunteers also marked up all the finds that were to be used in the free Roman 'red boxes'. This was not part of the original Lottery application but with so much material being found it was felt that others should benefit.

- 3.16.6 The list of contents found in the 'red boxes' can be seen in **Appendix BB**. Besides a range of Roman artefacts suitable for handling by young people and adults the 'red boxes' also contained a short description about the Community Excavation, a note on health & safety as well as information on how to find out more about the project. The aim was to provide a range of artefacts from the site that schools and others could use with young people. Had these 'red boxes' not been made up then it was likely that their contents would have been reburied in Trench One. As it is, some CBM was reburied after the Celebratory Event.
- 3.16.7 All Peterborough schools that were visited by an OA East staff member or who had visited the Community Excavation site were given an opportunity to receive a 'red box' of Roman artefacts. Twenty 'red boxes' were prepared for distribution by participants working over several weekends (**Plate 109**). In the end only eight schools (40%) in Peterborough took up this opportunity and as **Appendix BC** shows other schools and organisations from both near and far were given a box for use with students of all ages. One box was kept for use by the Outreach Department of OA East and another box was given to Jorja Bettany for her support in producing the Children's Publication.
- 3.16.8 A further range of unstratified material including CBM, tesserae, pottery, shell and animal bone was retained by the Outreach & Learning Department of OA East for use with schools and groups as well as for displays. Other unstratified material such as Roman mortar was discarded as recorded above.



Plates 105 - 108: Volunteers marking the artefacts prior to archiving



Plate 109: Two volunteers preparing the 'red boxes' to go to schools and groups

3.17 The Site Interpretation Boards

- 3.17.1 The original plan was to have two site interpretation boards located on stands inside the Fane Road Allotment site close to the path that joins Itter Park to Marlowe Grove. After further on-site discussions between FRAA and the Friends of Itter Park committee members and the project management committee two potential locations were viewed. One option was to fix the two information boards to the allotment fencing adjacent to the footpath to Marlowe Grove while the second location was to place the two interpretation boards on stands just inside the entrance to the formal section to Itter Park gardens. There were pros and cons for both locations so a vote was conducted with information being sent by email or post to all allotment holders, all those that took part in the Community Excavation and all the Friends of Itter Park (**Appendix BD**). The ballot resulted in the second location being the preferred choice *i.e.* the interpretation boards being located just inside the entrance to Itter Park gardens.
- 3.17.2 A brief for the two site interpretation boards was then drawn up and Jon Cane was asked to produce the boards using plans and photographs from both the Itter Park excavation and the Community Excavation. Jon was also given a set of notes about the two sites. Primarily the two boards were to cover the two most important archaeological time periods found on the site: the Iron Age and Roman periods. The first interpretation board was to include a drawing of how the Iron Age settlement may have looked, a simplified plan of the Iron Age features and a basic timeline together with details and photographs of what was found during both excavations. The second interpretation board was to include a drawing of the Roman villa that succeeded the Iron Age settlement, a simplified plan of the villa features and a basic timeline together with details and photographs of Roman artefacts found during both excavations. Both interpretation boards also included a range of logos and two QR codes taking the readers to the OA East website and the Vivacity Peterborough Heritage site.
- 3.17.3 After various meetings involving a range of senior OA East staff and the Project Management Committee two interpretation display boards were sent to the printers in May 2015. They have now been delivered to the Friends of Itter Park ready for installation.
- 3.17.4 With the preferred location agreed it then transpired that Peterborough City Council required that the boards had to be covered by a £5 million public liability insurance. They also required to see copies of the two information boards so that they could give permission for their installation and use of the city council logo. An administration fee of £75 (+ VAT) was paid to the Friends of Itter Park by the project who agreed to install them at the new locations. The reason for the new locations, one at either end of the Itter Park toilet block was to reduce concerns raised over health and safety issues.
- 3.17.5 At the time of writing this report the two interpretation boards (**Plates 110 and 111**) have yet to be installed in their final location. The verbal feedback received from all those that have seen the final printed copy of the two boards has been very positive.



Plate 110: An artist's impression of how the Iron Age settlement at Fane Road may have looked (Jon Cane)



Plate 111: An artist's impression of how the Roman villa at Fane Road may have looked (Jon Cane)

3.18 The Project Evaluation

Introduction

- 3.18.1 From the very first day the project organisers have been collecting information on the many different elements of this project. This information has included statistical data (*i.e.* website hits, attendance numbers) as well as written comments from participants primarily in the form of review sheets. These review sheets have been collected from those attending any Heritage Learning Sessions, Heritage Walks, Geophysics Learning session, the Community Excavation, and the two Exhibitions. Information about what participants and others thought about the project was also gathered from social media sites linked to the project (*i.e.* tumblr and blogs). All this information has been included in this report and related comments made accordingly.

Life after Fane Road

- 3.18.2 In addition to the collection of written reviews a questionnaire entitled 'Life after Fane Road' (**Appendix BE**) was posted or e-mailed to everyone (young and old) that had participated in any part in the project by attending Heritage Learning Sessions, the Heritage Walks, the Geophysics Learning opportunity and / or the Community Excavation.
- 3.18.3 The aim of the questionnaire was to see what people felt they would like to see as part of the project's legacy. While not included in the project's application this information would give an indication as to whether people felt a continuation of the project was worth their involvement. The first part of the questionnaire, in italics below, was designed to set the tone for its completion:

'The 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project has still many months to go before it ends next June with a Celebratory Event but people are already asking what next ? Although we have finished the Community Excavation and the Heritage Walks there is still much to do e.g. three Heritage Learning Sessions, the children's and popular publications, the archaeological report and the teaching resources all have to be completed with your help. Plus the marking-up of finds to be archived. The Management Committee is interested to know now what you would like to see happen in the city of Peterborough after the project has ended next June. Here are a few ideas / suggestions. Tick the ones you like and add your own. We will also be asking you for feedback about the overall project early next year. So if you would like to be part of the review group please tick below. More details will be sent out at the beginning of February.'

- 3.18.4 A total of 41 completed questionnaires were returned with **Appendix BF** showing all the comments. The questionnaire was in two parts. Part One, as shown in **Table 40**, asked project participants what activities they would like to be involved in while Part Two sought their views on what else they wanted to attend / participate in.
- 3.18.5 Part One: As **Table 40** shows most respondents (93%) wanted to participate in a series of further walks to other archaeological sites and museums. It is also interesting to see that while 33% would be willing to support the setting up of a local history / heritage group only 17% would be willing to help with the related organisation of such a group. But while no one was prepared to lead a session, 33% would support the group by attending their activities. The respondents also wanted to attend further talks, practical sessions and a further series of test pit excavations.
- 3.18.6 There is much for the Management Committee to think about and although decisions about the way forward have yet to be finalised there would appear to be a strong case to look at developing and involving these respondents in further discussion about the setting up of a local history / heritage group based in the community around Fane

Road. This would make perfect sense as many of the participants in the various activities lived in the PE4 post code which incorporates the allotment site and the nearby venue used throughout the project.

Setting up a local history / heritage group in the Fane Road area.	12 (29%)	I would be interested in helping with the organisation of such a group.	6 (17%)
I would be willing to lead a session on	0	Would you support such a group by attending their activities?	33 (80%)
A series of further talks on heritage subjects: Eeling, thatching, etc..	27 (66%)	A series of visits to other archaeological sites and museums e.g. Stonea Camp, Devils Dyke, West Stow, Lincoln Museum, British Museum, etc..	38 (93%)
A range of practical sessions e.g. flint knapping, making & firing pots, building prehistoric structures.	27 (68%)	A series of small test pit excavations on Fane Road allotment and other allotment sites (subject to their approval).	29 (71%)
Volunteering at sites such as Flag Fen, Peterborough Museum, etc..	14 (34%)	I would like to be part of the overall project review group.	12 (31%)
A total of 41 completed questionnaires were returned.			

Table 40: A list of activities which respondents may support

- 3.18.7 Part Two: This was a more open question asking the respondents what ideas they had. A total of 15 respondents wrote down their thoughts and ideas. These are characterised in **Table 41** with 20% of respondents wanting to have another session firing the kiln. Another firing of the kiln may well take place as it's now being protected by one on the metal tool stores used during the Community Excavation. The shed has been given to the Fane Road Allotment Association (FRAA) specifically to protect the kiln so that it could be used again in the future for the benefit of the community. Wendy Gamble, a potter and allotment holder, and the FRAA committee are very keen to use the kiln again in the future.

Kiln firing / Another firing of the Roman kiln	3 (20%)	Links wt other groups / Joining other groups for visits to other sites / Visit a local group	3 (20%)
Would like to go and dig up things / Carry on work on the existing site / Continue with test pits	2 (13%)	Visit to Must Farm	2 (13%)
Interactive section in museum on Fane Road	1 (7%)	Involving children	1 (7%)
Information sharing of what is going on in the area	1 (7%)	Discussion of the past and today	1 (7%)
		Geophysical survey then test pits	1 (7%)

Table 41: A list of other ideas from respondents

- 3.18.8 An equal number (20%) wanted to engage with other local groups including the sharing of visits and information of what is going on in the area. This conduit actually already exists in the Peterborough Heritage Forum but the sharing of visits to local places of archaeological interest further afield sounds like a good idea.

The Evaluation meeting

- 3.18.9 On Saturday April 18th 2015, the Project Management Committee held an evaluation meeting. The programme for the event can be seen in **Appendix BG**. Those that came to the meeting covered between them all the main aspects of the project (**Appendix BH**), which was very encouraging for the organisers. The event was held at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre and lasted half a day. Thirteen people attended the session led by David Crawford-White who guided the group through the many different elements of the project. The elements that were discussed and the comments made by those at the meeting can be viewed in **Appendix BI**.
- 3.18.10 The overall consensus of the meeting was that the project as a whole was well organised and delivered a wide range of opportunities for the local community. As with all projects there are always things that can be improved upon but with so many elements to fulfil there would always be small things that could be improved upon. With hindsight it may be possible that with greater use of social media sites the various events could have been even more popular than they were.
- 3.18.11 As the various statistics have shown in this evaluation report the 18 – 45 year old age group were for various reasons not really engaged or involved very much with the project. From talking with others this is not uncommon. Nevertheless younger people were involved with obviously parental support and so too were those from the older generation, with several participants taking up further studies in archaeology, and many, by replying to the questionnaire, keen to continue in some form or other. It is also clear from the feedback and from looking at the ages represented, accessing and involving the eighteen to thirty-five year old age group would be an important part in any follow-up project.

3.19 The Celebratory Event

- 3.19.1 It was agreed by the Management Committee to hold the Celebratory Event at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre. There were several reasons for this choice of venue including the cost and accessibility of those most likely to come. The centre has adequate parking space and is on a bus route. The venue has two halls and full kitchen facilities that were all used.
- 3.19.2 A total of 102 invitations (**Plate 112**) were sent out to all those that had attended any two of the following; the Heritage Learning Sessions, the Heritage Walks, the Community Excavation. The Management Committee received 56 replies from those that intended to come and of these 46 attended the event. Invitations were also sent to all those that had spoken at an event (*i.e.* Heritage Learning Sessions and Heritage Walks) as well as supporters of the project (*i.e.* FRAA, Friends of Itter Park, Morrisons, etc). Local councillors and members of the City Council administration were also invited. Participants were asked to bring a contribution for the buffet supper with the organisers providing a range of juices, squash (from Morrisons) and salads.
- 3.19.3 On arrival everyone was given a pack consisting of the following items:
- A programme (**Appendix BG**)
 - A colour print of the Iron Age and Roman two interpretation boards
 - A colour print of the final day of excavation
 - A letter asking for permission to pass contact details on to a post-Fane Road group

- A short feedback on their experience of the project
 - A copy of the 'popular' publication and if appropriate a copy of the children's publication
- 3.19.4 There was also an opportunity for those present to take away with them a piece of Roman mortar and / or CBM (ceramic building material); either a piece of box flue tile, brick, tegula or imbrex as well as a piece of the ubiquitous Roman grey ware.
- 3.19.5 With so many photographs taken during the Community Excavation and many hundreds on display at the October Exhibition it was felt that a photographic memento would also be appropriate so for those that had taken part in the Community Excavation there was an added bonus of being able to take away several photographs.



Plate 112: The invitation to the Celebratory Event

- 3.19.6 The evening was designed to celebrate the whole project not just the Community Excavation with the programme designed to allow those that had taken part to say a few words about what they had done and how much they had got from taking part (**Plate 113**). The format included:
- Welcome and opening address
 - A PowerPoint presentation overview of the whole project by David Crawford-White
 - A buffet and time to catch up with others who had taken part in the project
 - A short comment by six of those that had taken part in the project covering the full range of activities
 - An address by the HLF representative (No one could attend) and Dr Casa-Hatton, City Archaeologist

- A presentation to individuals that had supported the project in a particular way
- Closing remarks and thanks by Terry Mortlock

3.19.7 The evening went very smoothly with many people staying well after the event had ended, spending time chatting to each other and selecting their Roman artefact and / or photograph. Many people verbally thanked the organisers as they left or sent thank you emails the following week. Here are just a few:

'Thank you for the hard work you and your team have expended on our behalf over the course of this project and I hope that we shall meet again.'

'I should like to thank you for such a delightful evening on the 30th May.'

'Just to thank you for the interesting celebratory event for the Fane Road volunteers - we really enjoyed it.'

'Thanks for the opportunity to be part of the project ...it's amazing what an outreach programme can end up delivering to the communities in the area.'

3.19.8 It was clearly a very worthwhile event and a great way to end the project. It will be interesting to see if there is going to be 'Life after Fane Road': only time will tell.



Plate 113: The Celebratory Event

4 THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 The Romans of Fane Road Heritage Lottery Project has proved to be extremely successful and has directly and indirectly involved a substantial number of residents in and around Peterborough and beyond.
- 4.1.2 Underpinning the project from its inception was the aim to engage the people of Peterborough in their heritage by delivering a programme of wide-ranging and inclusive events and learning opportunities (built around a Community Excavation) to suit individuals of all ages and abilities. Once the Heritage Lottery grant was approved, the realisation of this aim was achieved through a combined effort in terms of organisation, knowledge, support and enthusiasm of the Management Committee, OA East staff, various partners and the many dedicated volunteers and participants.
- 4.1.3 All of the original HLF-defined Approved Purposes were met and in some cases exceeded, although occasionally the target audience numbers were not always achieved. **Table 42** provides an overview of the original Approved Purposes and target audiences listed against all of the Project Elements and the actual numbers of visitors or participants, where these were calculable. This demonstrates that although the target numbers were not achieved for a number of elements, notably the school visits, the Open Days and to some extent the Community Excavation (although see below), other activities such as the Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS), visits by OA East representatives to other organisations and the two Exhibitions all vastly exceeded the original forecasts. In addition, despite occasionally low numbers for some events/elements, both the verbal and written feedback from those that attended them has been overwhelmingly positive.
- 4.1.4 Although successfully completed after a 21 month period, the legacy of The Romans of Fane Road Heritage Lottery Project will continue in the form of the website, from which the archaeological report and other information will be downloadable, as well as through the availability of learning materials (via Peterborough Museum) and 'red boxes' to schools and other local organisations. Information about the project will continue to be available via the two 'popular' publications and the two interpretation boards. A further legacy is that a number of the participants have gone on to pursue academic courses or careers in archaeology and it is hoped that the residents and allotment holders in and around Fane Road will continue to build on their experience and knowledge – perhaps through the setting up of a local archaeological group.

4.2 The Most Successful Elements

- 4.2.1 The use of **social media**, including Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr, was a particularly successful element of the project, which alongside the setting up of dedicated **web pages** and the regular **Newsletter** proved to be very effective conduits for communication.
- 4.2.2 Equally, the **Launch Event** was also well-received and although attendance fell slightly short of the target audience (despite hundreds of flyers and numerous information packs being distributed), this was a very positive start and provided a solid foundation to the project's success.
- 4.2.3 The HLF-set target for the ten two-hour, two-part **Heritage Learning Sessions** was also well exceeded: 295 attendees compared with the original estimate of 200.

Feedback was on the whole excellent from both the lecturers as well as the attendees, with many noting the variety and enthusiasm of speakers.

- 4.2.4 Although there was a poor take-up of visits to schools in the Peterborough area (see below), **visits to a range of different local organisations** including youth based groups (such as Fenland YAC group & Deeping Youth Centre), a local Rotary Group and the Bretton Fellowship Group, proved to be very popular. Consequently the actual number of people spoken to about the project was nearly 300% greater than the target.
- 4.2.5 In terms of numbers the **Heritage Walks** were not as well-attended as they might have been, although it should be noted that the first (a guided walk around Durobrivae) was over-subscribed and could have been run twice. The feedback from these events suggests that there is a potentially large audience in the Peterborough area for similar heritage walks and guided tours, provision of which is currently (at least in part) hampered by the lack of publicity, access and public transport (notably Flag Fen).
- 4.2.6 Despite the apparently lower than anticipated numbers taking part in the **Community Excavation**, this was one of the most successful and popular elements of the project. Although the target number of 200 or more participants was not achieved (with the actual number being 129), in fact as so many individuals wanted to come back to volunteer for additional days the average number of participants attending each day was 27. This meant that the actual number of volunteer days far exceeded the target by over 30%: 478 days as opposed to the original target of 360. In addition, these figures do not include the time spent by the 500 pupils who visited the site and spent at least half an hour each washing finds. Feedback from the participants clearly demonstrated that the Community Excavation was a very positive experience that was both educational and well organised.
- 4.2.7 There was a very positive take-up for **School Visits** to the Community Excavation, perhaps because the unique opportunity of visiting a Roman villa under excavation was further enhanced by free transport to and from the site. Of note, however was that very few secondary schools took advantage of this opportunity, and none of the primary schools were from the immediate local area. In all, over 500 pupils visited the site: almost double the target of 280.
- 4.2.8 The two **Exhibitions** were important elements of the project in terms of involving and informing the local community of the results of the Community Excavation and these also vastly outstripped the original targets in terms of numbers. Visitors to the first Exhibition were able to view and handle finds, see the many photographs taken during the excavation and talk to the participants. Over 240 visitors came to this, while it is estimated that over 5,100 people visited Peterborough Museum where the second Exhibition comprised a display of artefacts that lasted for a month.
- 4.2.9 Feedback from both the **Project Evaluation** and the **Celebratory Event** was very positive and it seems that the general level of satisfaction in terms of the organisation, delivery and completion of the project was on the whole very high.

HLF No.	Report Section No.	Project Elements (HLF Approved Purposes)	Target Audience/ visits	Actual Project Event/Element (date where applicable)	Achieved Audience (* estimate)
1	3.9	20 day Community Archaeology excavation (inc geophysical survey)	200+ (360 volunteer days)	Community Excavation took place from Monday 18th May until Sunday 8th June	129 (478 volunteer days)
2	3.2	Project Launch Event	300	Saturday 30th November 2013 11 am-4pm at Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre	280
3	3.3	A range of other community heritage related activities including 10 Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)	200	10 HLS on a range of subjects (see separate table and Appendix P) between 4th March and 9th December 2014	295
4	3.4	Visits to schools	14 visits/ schools (3,500)	Details circulated to all schools in the Peterborough area (autumn term 2013 and spring term 2014), followed by visits by OAE staff between 20th March and 6th November 2014.	8 schools (1,516)
4	3.5	Visits to local organisations	8 visits 250	Various groups (YAC, Rotary Group, local history societies)	13 940+
5	3.8	Visits to other sites Water Newton (Durobrivae), Flag Fen and St Albans	180	Guided walks between 14th May and 25th September 2014 to the three sites	135
6	3.11 & 3.12	School visits to the site & other organisations inc. Scouts, Rotary, Mencap & Perkins factory workers	280	School visits Other group visits	9 (500+) 6 (80+)
7	3.10	6 Open Days 5 evening tours & casual visitors	1,000 100 150	4 Open Days & 1 Open Evening, including construction of a Roman style pottery kiln. Numerous casual visitors	535 120+
8	3.14	Produce adult & children publication/booklets	1000 copies x 2	Two high quality booklets produced, printed and distributed in June 2015	1000 x 2
9	3.6	Working with Peterborough Museum staff and local teachers to develop and produce teaching resources	none specified	Three schools replied to the questionnaire. 5 sets of resources have been made available at the museum for use by schools. Additional: provision of Roman teaching resource boxes.	-
10	3.1	Project website	none specified	Web page on OA website went live in November 2013. Additional social media & communication elements: Tumblr (2 accounts) Twitter	3,005 visits 50 members

HLF No.	Report Section No.	Project Elements (HLF Approved Purposes)	Target Audience/ visits	Actual Project Event/Element (date where applicable)	Achieved Audience (* estimate)
				Newsletter (email/post) Culture24 (Facebook page and Fane Road Diggers Forum)	- 105 recipients 1.5 million * -
10	3.17	Install two display boards	none specified	Two boards have been produced and sent to the Friends of Itter Park for installation	
11	3.15	Two exhibitions: A one-day event at the end of the Community Excavation and a four week exhibition at Peterborough Museum	200 2,000	Exhibition 1 (25/10/14; 11am-4pm) Exhibition 2 (from 28/3/14)	240 5,100 +
11	3.16	Archive material with Peterborough Museum.	-	37 artefact types archived along with documentary component in 15 boxes	-
12	3.7	Organise a School Art Competition for children in years 4 – 8 and display their artwork at the community exhibition and on the website	100	Information sent to all local schools (in autumn term 2013 and spring term 2014), winners announced mid July 2014	2 schools (51 entries)
13	3.19	Organise a celebratory event for participants	none specified	Celebratory Event held at Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre on May 30th 2015.	46
14	3.13	Produce an archaeological report	Not specified	The archaeological report has been prepared and will be downloadable from the OA website.	15 hard copies + PDF
15	3.18	Evaluate the project		The project evaluation took place in April 2015	13
15	3.20	Provide HLF with a report at project completion	-	A detailed project evaluation report prepared for the HLF by OA East	-

Table 42: List of Approved Purposes and Achieved Elements

4.3 The Less Successful Elements

- 4.3.1 The aim to provide individual schools with tailored **teaching materials** was re-assessed following the poor response. A positive result from this was that a number of different items were given to Peterborough Museum for their use with schools, including dressing up clothes for females and males, kitchenware, jigsaws and a Roman recipe. The new teaching resources provided by the project will be used alongside those already used by Peterborough Museum. From the statistics provided by Peterborough

Museum it is anticipated that in any one year over twenty local schools involving over one thousand pupils will use these new teaching resources.

- 4.3.2 Turn-out for the **Open Days** and **Open Evenings** was not as high as might have been hoped, although again the feedback from attendees was very positive. Better or more innovative methods of publicising these events may have increased footfall, although factors such as poor weather are less easy to predict.
- 4.3.3 Only six groups (80 individuals) took the opportunity of visiting the Community Excavation, and although this was well below the target of 140 individuals, this is somewhat offset by the number of groups that were visited by OA East (see above) to talk about the project.

4.4 Looking Forward

- 4.4.1 Taking the results of this Heritage Project forward, there are a number of suggestions that could be made in relation to any future involvement in the archaeology at Fane Road, or the organisation of similar projects. More staff or volunteer time could be invested in social media in terms of advertising the project and keeping the public informed of progress. This in turn may prove more fruitful in relation to attracting and involving the younger generation. To this end, a more targeted approach focused on the older teenager and young adults through direct contact with the local sixth form colleges and higher education establishments could be considered.
- 4.4.2 This project has involved and inspired both young and old and it is hoped that this interest will develop into the formation of a local group dedicated to the archaeology of the Fane Road area. It has also been agreed by the HLF (Ms D. Milligan) that money from the project's underspend on materials can be redirected to purchase a range of equipment for use by groups in the Soke of Peterborough for them to carry out a range of archaeological activities in the future.
- 4.4.3 The project's multiple legacies, including the website, the interpretation boards, popular booklets, teaching resources, equipment, the archive, and the archaeological report, will ensure that the foundations that were laid by the Fane Road Community Project will continue to be built upon and enjoyed by the people of Peterborough for years to come.

APPENDIX A. LIST OF APPROVED PURPOSES

The column on the left shows the element number that has been used in this evaluation report. The HLF number refers to the letter from the Heritage Lottery Fund stipulating the project's approved purposes.

Report No.	HLF No.	List of project elements (Approved Purposes) and target audience
3.1	10	Create a project website and install two display boards at the site (no targets agreed)
3.2	2	Arrange a project Launch Event to inform and engage local people in the project – Target audience of 300
3.3	3	Organise a range of other community heritage related activities including 10 Heritage Learning Sessions for 200 people
3.4	4	Arrange fourteen visits to schools by project archaeologists
3.5	4	Arrange eight visits to local organisations by project archaeologists
3.6	9	Working with Peterborough Museum staff and local teachers develop and produce teaching resources
3.7	12	Organise a School Art Competition for children in years 4 – 8 and display their artwork at the community exhibition and on the website
3.8	5	Organise visits to other sites including Water Newton, Flag Fen and St Albans for 180 people
3.9	1	Organise a 20 day Community Archaeology excavation involving over 200 people in an area set aside by the FRAA
3.10	7	Organise 6 Open Days and 5 evening tours for the general public. Plus casual visitors
3.11	6	Arrange school visits to the site for 280 pupils
3.12	6	Arrange visits to the site for other organisations including Scouts, Rotary, Mencap & Perkins factory workers
3.13	14	Produce an archaeological report
3.14	8	Produce publications for adults and children about archaeology and the history of the site – 1000 copies of each publication
3.15	11	Create two exhibitions: A one-day at the end of the Community Excavation and a two week exhibition at Peterborough Museum
3.16	11	Archive material with Peterborough Museum. <i>An addition to this element was the production of Roman resource boxes.</i>
3.17	10	Install two display boards at the site
3.18	15	Evaluate the project
3.19	13	Organise a celebratory event for participants
3.20	15	Provide HLF with a report at project completion

APPENDIX B. THE NUMBER OF WEB PAGE 'VISITS'

Month	FR Main page	Community excavation	Project launched	Exciting Community project	'In the news'	Blog posts on website
2013						
Oct	228	14		45	6	1 st News story 44 2 nd News story 35
Nov	255	17	-	27	10	-
Dec	173	32	23	15	6	-
TOTALS	656	63	23	87	22	-
Jan	182	84	17	20	13	
Feb	264	92	12	11	9	
Mar	211	88	12	16	8	
Apr	121	98	6	11	6	
May	377	106	-	31	9	26
Jun	327	114	-	14	-	66
July	76	26	-	-	-	
2014						
Month	FR Main page	Community excavation				Aug update
Aug	77	25	-	-	-	30
Sept	91	5	-	-	-	21
Oct	202	14	-	-	-	14
Nov	92	12	-	-	-	12
Dec	52	3	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	2072	667	47	103	45	80
2015						
Jan	62	4	-	-	-	4
Feb	58	4	-	-	-	-
Mar	73	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	59	-	-	-	-	-
May	25	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	277	8	0	0	0	4

Total number of visits over the time of the project is 3,005. Note that a visit may be from the same person. Note the shaded areas. These are just before, during or just after an event e.g the Project Launch, The Community Excavation and the two exhibitions.

APPENDIX C. SOCIAL MEDIA: SEVERAL TUMBLR 'POSTS'

The first message

(Posted 2nd December 2013)



Plates 1 & 2: Two young people at the launch event

The project was launched on Saturday 30th November by Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning (Committee Member, East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund) at a Community Centre close to the allotment site. Besides the management committee twenty over invited guests attended many of whom will give talks and guided walks later in the project.

Over 260 people attended the launch and general archaeology activity day supported by 16 volunteers and other exhibitors from English Heritage; Vivacity-Peterborough; Archaeology Dept, University Centre Peterborough and Wendy Gamble, a local potter who having volunteered on the Itter Crescent, displayed a range of pottery inspired by the excavation. All her pottery was made from clay from the site.

After the welcome by David and short speeches by Mr Jackson and Mr Venning, visitors had a chance to see a range of artefacts from the Itter Crescent excavation. While some talked to the organisers, others listened to talks by the re-enactors or had a go at the many 'hands on' activities or viewed the various artefact displays.

The Launch Event was an ideal opportunity for the local community to find out more about the project and to collect information and booking forms for the future talks, walks and community excavation.

The day went very well with many local residents visiting the event and leaving with a better understanding of the project and how they could get involved.

The second message

(Posted 11th April, 2014)

The excavation at Fane road is drawing closer and we have been astounded by the level of interest and the take up of places on the excavation and for trips, which have been organised.

Sunday the 6th of April saw us getting our hands dirty for the first time! The excavation area was cleared of rubbish prior to the grass cutting that will allow Pete Masters to carry out the geophysical survey happening later in the month.



Plate 3: A group of volunteers getting the compound ready for Community Excavation

We also laid out the area that will be our compound for the duration of the excavation and it looks like everything will fit. A scaled plan of the area was drawn up on the day and all the cabins and kiln plotted on. A good job well done. Many hands make light work so the saying goes and that proved to be true. So thank you to all those that helped on the day.

As the preparations for the dig gather pace, so will posts here now things are moving and the time approaches to start excavating updates will be posted here.

As soon as the geophysical survey has been done a report of the results and learning day will be posted. So stay tuned!

Day 2 of Excavation

(Posted 20th May, 2013)

So today the sun was not quite as ferocious on site as yesterday, making life just that little bit more comfortable for the team. The cleaning is really getting under way now and we are starting to understand more of what is going on within our plot. There does appear to be quite a considerable build up of demolition rubble, which we are removing, hopefully to reveal the features that lie underneath.

It looks like we may have more of the bath house in one area, or certainly the hypocaust that would have heated the floors of it. Within this area, amongst the removed rubble we are finding flue tile, roof tile, painted wall plaster and tesserae. We also have in situ pilae that the raised floor would have been set onto, to allow the heat to circulate below the floor.

In other areas, below some of the rubble we may possibly have a metalled or cobbled surface. This makes sense as it appears to be in what would have been the external parts of the villa. So

we could possibly be looking at outside walkways or garden paths. All of these areas, however need further looking into for clarification.

So Day 3 will involve some more cleaning obviously, but we are also looking to start digging into some of these areas to try and gain a greater understanding. So thanks to all the team for a great day 2 and bring on day 3!



Plate 4: Day one of the Community Excavation



Plate 5: The briefing at the end of the day

For each day there was a blog and several photographs. Below are just some of the photographs from the site and snippets of what was said.



Plate 6: Two participants finds processing



Plate 7: Making post to fire in the kiln



Plate 8: Some of the many donated cakes



Plate 9: A participant's record of a feature

(Posted May 24th, 2014)

Big thanks for turning a rather wet day into something more enjoyable. There was a nice sense of camaraderie in the tent. Terry was happy with the chance to wash the backlog of finds and some real treasures surfaced. A few of the youngsters showed real enthusiasm for the task and recognised some of the more unusual fabrics.

Tomorrow is a well deserved rest day for the staff and volunteers but we are already looking forward to Monday!

(Posted June 2nd 2014)

No point in repeating what Toby has said so well but I would like to add my well done to the diggers on another good day's excavation.

It's really satisfying to see how the volunteers are growing in confidence each day and that people are now recognising changes in form and stratigraphy. There are some really neat and well dug sections, Josephine's uncovering of the dark grey area and Nick's careful excavation around the bath house is well worth mentioning. Charlie also dug a nice Iron Age pit which contained a fired clay loom weight which makes that our third, one more than the 2011/12 excavation.

Today was the last day of the Canadian contingent so thank you to them for their hard work and enthusiasm Sasha (The Moose) really shifted some soil and to good effect, he uncovered a lovely wall that we are hoping might be a plunge pool!

Hopefully as we enter the last week of excavation we will start answering some of our remaining questions, although I have a feeling we might just end up writing a list of new ones :) See you tomorrow. James

(Posted June 3rd, 2013)

Fine effort again today. We have five days left when fifty would be better :)

(Posted 5th 2014 June)

Well Toby today was a day of mixed fortunes! Good fortune for us but not so good for you. More great archaeology, glowing praise from Rebecca Cassa Hatton and amazing cakes. I got into break late and only just got a slice. So can I say thank you to whoever made the brownies and cherry cake. I will track you down tomorrow and thank you personally. Bad luck Toby it's all gone! On an archaeological note Brian thought he had a eastern extent of the dark layer but it seems to be continuing further than we thought.

Robert and Ian have found another wall or even a doorway in what seems to be an earlier phase of building.

Rick has found the base of the robber trench and Rhiannon thinks she may found yet another robber trench, which may give us an extent of at least one phase.

The fly past and sonic boom were a bit startling lets hope tomorrow is a quieter day skywards. I also reckon today was our shortest lunch break. Josephine had eaten her lunch, drank her tea and was standing bucket and trowel in hand waiting to go within 15 min :)

Day 20 of Excavation

(Posted 9th June, 2013)

The last day of the dig is done! And so too must this blog end.

We couldn't have asked for better weather for this final day. After a nice steady start to the day with the now traditional coffee and bacon and egg sandwiches, we ventured down to site for the mass cleaning operation. A few people were still finishing off some last minute recording, but the main bulk of the crew were trowel and bucket in hand, working from one side of site to the other. This was all in order to take some overhead and final site photographs. I have to say when you guys had finished it looked fantastic!!

So the doors to the open day closed around midday and we had a slightly later lunch. Today was special, because Nicks wife Chris provided us with a brilliant authentic Roman cuisine buffet. Everyone tucked in with relish (Roman style of course). So thank you so much Chris for organising this meal. It really rounded off a lovely dig.

Then we came on to the emotional bit :). The digging crew had a collection and got all of us staffers a really beautiful replica Roman pot each! Totally unexpected and very much appreciated. We really couldn't believe it. We must have been doing something right :)

David also got a pot, but as a special gift for running the show was presented with a tile signed by all the volunteers on one side and erm.....lets just say a typically Roman image on the reverse side! Brilliant. He was also presented with a lovely card from Steves girls and Wendy also provided us with gifts from the kiln. What an amazing bunch of people you are!

We went down onto site for one last time after lunch to take some group photographs (see above) and then people started to make their way home.

A few of us will be back over the next few days to take down the tents and wrap up the miles of orange fencing, so thanks to you in anticipation. But I will now take this opportunity just to thank absolutely everyone involved. I think this has run perfectly and everyone seems to have really had a great time. If that is the case then we as staff could not ask for more. We have achieved what we set out to do. You have a fabulous community around the allotments and from the people that came from further afield. When you get to see that in action, it tends to renew your faith in humankind. So thank you for that and just a great big thank you once again to everyone. It has been an absolute pleasure.

Lets hope we see you all again soon!

APPENDIX D. SOCIAL MEDIA: WEBSITE BLOG BY A COMMUNITY EXCAVATION PARTICIPANT

Thursday, 19 June 2014; posted at 07:48 Matthew Wicks: Phoney Robinson

Recently, I've had the pleasure of doing a little bit of soil clearing at the Fane Road archaeological dig near Werrington to the north of Peterborough. Here a large team of professionals and local amateurs under the stewardship of Oxford Archaeology, local people were invited to help sign up and do some brushing away on the site of where both Roman and Iron Age dwellings would have stood.

Some of my readers (both of you) will know that I'm open to quirky new experiences; abiding this rule, I was only happy to accept fellow accommodation resident Bronagh Quinn's invitation to partake in a day of novice digging.

This is the point where I point out that I have literally no experience in the dusty field of archaeology. I'm poor in terms of knowledge of the ancients, I've never played the fool to a bearded Rowan Atkinson and my father has never been portrayed by Sean Connery; indeed, those latter two references are the extent of any intuition relating to the subject.

A half-hour walk up Peterborough's Lincoln Road and we found ourselves at the allotments that contained several rectangular digs, all pockmarked with trenches. I did manage to recognise several brick piles in one excavation as a Roman hypocaust; my geek side had prevailed as I knew that I had seen a similar construction on telly's *What the Romans did for us*. But still! A real-life hypocaust! A fascinating piece of central heating. A Roman radiator, if you will. Further up the site a marquee and two large camping tents had been erected. Field headquarters for the trowel-armed troops. Just beyond this was a beautiful reconstruction of a Roman kiln, I sadly didn't get to see it in action but this small Igloo-like structure certainly looked impressive; must have been great to see the face on the top of the kiln door when the flames were lit.

Forms filled and tea drunk I was grouped with another volunteer by the name of Gill. we dug away at one of the test pits for several hours; widening it up and taking note of any objects deemed to be of interest e.g. brick and tile pieces, mosaic pieces. That sort of stuff. Many may see digging as a bit laborious but I was just happy to be getting a bit of exercise in an open-air event (even if the heavens did open).

After lunch that day, our finds were browsed through by a couple of on-site professionals; to my surprise they seemed enthusiastic about a piece of tile I had unearthed and discarded that morning. It was red in colour and shaped like a slanted cube. On one side of the piece were little holes that were laid out in straight rows; for this I had rubbished it as "Roman Lego". So imagine my surprise when I was told that the dents were made from hobnailed Roman footwear likely to have been passing out tile pieces drying out. The tile was effectively a 2000-year-old footprint; "personalised" history as on-site expert James put it. Fantastic; I was even more chuffed as the said-tile was passed around the dig site by OA's Steve and Toby. For me it was merely a case of being in the right place at the right time.

When I returned on the Thursday for a second day (I had originally intended to do just one day of digging) I was paired up with a lady called Judith, a friendly ex-teacher and fellow volunteer. I assisted her in further widening what could be A) an Iron Age gully or B) part of a wider pit. It was probably to do with fire in one form or another seeing the copious amounts of charcoal we brushed away.

Working in the larger excavation area meant being in the gaze of schoolchildren being brought in from local primary schools; during the length of the dig, tens and tens of schoolchildren were herded through the area and got to help in sorting through any material that was thought to have significance. Of course, a lot of the diggers felt a bit like monkeys in a zoo as they were gawked at by kids or maybe I only felt like that. Probably just me.

Most finds on this day were picked out by Judith; a lot of it being 'shellyware' (pottery made by Iron Age folk by adding broken up shells to a clay mixture). Two things I'd learnt that day; a half-aquatic ceramic and its bouncy name. I did manage to find a bit of tessera though (a shaded cubic tile that made up a fraction of a much larger mosaic piece).

For my third (and final) day I was teamed up with a chap called Nick. Luckily enough, he was patient with me as I bumbled about working together with him as we surveyed the area and logged it all down in map form showing positions of trenches and where Roman brickwork was just poking above the level of cleared soil.

We twisted taut string around ran measuring tapes across the dig site in order to mark our bearings; doing this meant the size of objects on the drawing would be far more accurate.

Once the markers were down Nick and myself could go around making a mini version of the dig on the paper's gridlines (from a bird's eye view). I was happy once I'd grasped it; just wish I'd bothered applying more sun cream on that Sunday morning (I spent the few days afterwards as a human-lobster hybrid).

Once that was done it was time for lunch. Lunch over the previous days had consisted of countless cups of teas, broken biscuits and some great home baked cakes brought in by a few of the older and retired volunteers. Today it was different; dishes not from recipe books as much as recipe parchment. All diggers were treated to a buffet of Roman food. All very exotic in flavours; being students, Bronagh and myself naturally filled our boots. Less to spend at the Co-op that evening! I mostly went for the vegetarian options: dips (both salty and sweet), chickpeas, and breads. Afterwards came quinces, a pear like fruit that had been cut up and stewed in juices (before this I'd always presumed that quinces were a type of orange...)

Along with this volunteers presented the professionals with presents and photos were taken. That was it for me. That was the end of my short experience in archaeology but I have to say I was satisfied by how enjoyable I found the few days I was there. Everyone there was extremely friendly and were on hand to help if this tag-along needed any help, there was always someone around to give tips. I met some great people and found the few days (wish I had more) to have been a refreshing challenge. Luckily, except one brief shower, I had chosen to dig away on days that showcases the more positive side of Britain's bipolar climate.

Thanks to many on the site including Cat, Callum, Andrew, David and anyone else I may have forgotten to mention!

APPENDIX E: MEDIA: THE FIRST PRESS RELEASE SENT OUT ABOUT THE PROJECT BY THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AT PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

News from...

10 October 2013

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£88,000 Heritage Lottery grant to help unearth a community's Roman heritage

An £88,000 Heritage Lottery grant will pay for an exciting community project at allotments in Peterborough to unearth a Roman Villa that has lain undisturbed for 1,700 years.

Oxford Archaeology East based at Bar Hill Cambridgeshire, working with Fane Road Allotment Association and supported by Peterborough City Council's archaeologist Dr Rebecca Case-Hallon have been awarded the funding to deliver a wide range of community heritage activities over the next 20 months.

This exciting project came about after the high status Roman villa was uncovered during excavations that took place prior to housing development at Ifter Crescent, Walton, Peterborough between August 2011 and February 2012.

The latest works will, for the first time, provide an opportunity for the local community and residents of Peterborough to actively take part in a community excavation.

Only part of the villa was excavated during the building work by Bellway Homes (East Midlands) at Ifter Crescent and it is thought the rest of the villa may lie under the existing allotments.

This project aims to find this out through a 20-day community archaeological excavation from Monday 19 May until Sunday 8 June 2014. There will be site open days and opportunities for schools, organisation and local firms to have guided tours of the excavations in addition to a visit to them by an archaeologist.

Before then archaeologists, staff from Peterborough City Council and others will run a series of free Heritage Learning Sessions. These 'hands on' sessions will also include free trips to

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other archaeological sites including a daytrip to St Albans and to Wakernewton (near the Roman town of Durobrivae).

In addition, the project will work with local teachers and Peterborough Museum to produce a set of teaching resources together with publications on the project for adults and children.

Pupils from the Discovery Primary School will get to hear more about the project at a learning session on Monday at the allotment site.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Learning session with pupils from Discovery Primary School

When: Monday 21 October 2013 at 10am

Where: Fane Road allotments, Walton, Peterborough

Liz Law, an allotment holder and secretary to the Fane Road Allotment Association said: "It's an amazing opportunity for local people to get involved and find out more about their heritage and it's right on our doorstep. We hope that local schools and community will get involved and enjoy the hands on sessions we have planned."

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said: "HLF is pleased to support this exciting project to excavate this fascinating archaeological site. The community dig will provide a great opportunity for people to uncover and really engage with their local heritage."

Lucy Kennedy, humanities subject leader at the Discovery School, said: "The whole school have been working on history projects this term and we felt this was a fantastic opportunity for them to see how a real dig works."

Costumed re-enactors will help officially launch the project on Saturday 30 November between 11am and 4pm at Paston and Gunthorpe Community Association, Community Centre, Halffields Lane, Gunthorpe, Peterborough.

More details about the project can be found on the Romans of Fane Road webpage at <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>

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Notes to Editors

About Oxford Archaeology East

Oxford Archaeology East has many years of working with local groups on community heritage projects and is looking forward to working with the residents of Peterborough on this unique project. They have been working with Fane Road Allotment Association and the Peterborough City Council Archaeologist for over eighteen months in developing this project.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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for further information, images and interviews, please contact

For further details about the project contact David Crawford-White at Oxford Archaeology East (01223 850 500) or e-mail him on david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.com

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APPENDIX F: A RANGE OF PRESS RELEASES IN THE PETERBOROUGH TELEGRAPH



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THE DATES OF THE ARTICLES ARE AS FOLLOWS;

1. 21ST OCTOBER 2013: SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM A LOCAL SCHOOLS VISITED THE ALLOTMENTS WHERE THE COMMUNITY EXCAVATION WILL TAKE PLACE.
2. 5TH DECEMBER 2013: JAMES FAIRBAIRN SHOWING A LOCAL RESIDENT AN ARTEFACT AT THE LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT.
3. 23RD JANUARY, 2014: A DROP-IN SESSION AT WERRINGTON LIBRARY, PETERBOROUGH.
4. 29TH MAY 2014: ADVERTISING THE TWO OPEN DAYS ON 31ST MAY AND THE 1ST JUNE, 2014

APPENDIX G. EXAMPLES OF THE PROJECT'S SIX NEWSLETTERS

The Romans of Fane Road

Newsletter 1

Newsletter Date
10th January 2014

The Launch of the Heritage Project

The project was successfully launched on Saturday 30th November. In the lead up to the project over 200 venues including schools, community centres, youth groups, religious organisations and local businesses were sent posters and project information.

Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning (Committee Member, East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund) launched the event at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre close to the allotment site.

Over 260 attended the launch and general archaeology day, which was supported by the project management committee, twenty invited guests and sixteen volunteers as well exhibitors from English Heritage, Vivacity-Peterborough and the Archaeology Dept. of the University Centre, Peterborough. Wendy Gamble, a local potter who volunteered at the Itter Crescent excavations also exhibited a range of pottery inspired by the excavations. All her pots were made from clay from the excavation site.

After the welcome by David Crawford-White and short speeches by Mr Jackson and Mr Venning, visitors had a chance to see a range of artefacts from the Itter Crescent excavations, hear talks by re-enactors, had a go at the many hands on activities or viewed the various displays and project information.

Media interest included the Peterborough Telegraph, Clare McGlesson (Anglia TV) and BBC Radio Cambs. Check out media details on the attached sheet.



(Clockwise from top left) David Jackson MP, Mr Stewart Jackson, Wendy Gamble, Mr Philip Venning, Mr David Crawford-White (DA East) & Mr Peter Gamble (East of England (HLE) of the Launch Event)





What is next ?

- 3rd March - Schools Art Competition starts
- 4th March - HLS 1
- 25th March - HLS 2
- 15th April - HLS 3



Items received from visitors at the Launch Event
very interesting displays. Please to know about the lectures out what use to be in our backyard, 'Great', Fascinating people - hope there is room for everyone on the events'

Sessions (HLS) & Heritage Walks (HW)

starts at 7pm on Tuesday 4th March at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre. There are still places on all talks so book ASAP. For talk outlines & details about each speaker see the project web page. Do tell your friends. Thanks.

Visits to Schools and Organisations

If you know of a school, group, organisation or business that would like a FREE visit by an archaeologist between February 2014 and June 2015 or who may want to visit the Community Excavation in May/June 2014, then please let us know or get them to look at the project web-pages. There are just a limited number of bookings now available. Forms are on the website.

Useful contact details

If you have a query about any aspect of the project please e-mail David Crawford-White at david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk or ring 01223 850 500.

Remember that the first HLS starts on Tuesday 3rd March

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The Romans of Fane Road

Newsletter 2

Newsletter Date
16th April 2014

The Heritage Project is moving forward

After the successful launch of the Project on Saturday 30th November, the residents of Peterborough have been attending the talks and booking their places on the walks and community excavation. The overall response has been very encouraging.

Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)

So far three out of ten HLS have taken place. Over 30 people are attending each session and over 55 people have signed up to attend. We are lucky that the venue (Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre) can take up to 50 people at any one session.



A photograph of some of the artefacts handled by participants at HLS 1. Can you name them?

HLS 1 - The introductory PPT presentation to archaeology was followed by an artefact handling session. Participants were given a range of artefacts from the Stone Age onwards and had to work out which time period the object came from. This session was led by James Fairbairn and David Crawford-White.

HLS 2 - The first part of the evening was a talk and PPT presentation by James Drummond-Murray on the Itter Crescent excavations. Then after the short comfort break Sarah Batfield, the Historic Environment Record (HER) Officer for PCC gave a fascinating presentation on what one can research in the Sake of Peterborough. Using the HER you can research old buildings, aircraft crashes, ancient roads as well as your village or street.



HLS 3 - Dr Stephen Upex gave a detailed talk and PPT presentation on the Romans who lived in and around Peterborough. After a short break David led a hands-on session looking at the many different Roman pottery types that are likely to be found on the Community Excavation.



What is next ?

- * 6th May - HLS 4
- * 14th May - HW 1 - Durburton
- * 19 May - 8th June - The Community Excavation at Fane Road



from those attending the Heritage Learning Sessions ...
ends on ... Very practical, 'Fantastic detail', 'The speaker understood', 'Up to date information', 'Very interesting'.

Community Learning Opportunity

On Saturday 26th April. With support from Peter Masters we carried out a resistivity survey of the community excavation results will help to target particular parts of the Reallotment site. We await the results with great interest.

Community Excavation Open Days

Only a few weeks away (19th May - 8th June). There are FOUR Open Days (10am - 3.30pm) on Saturday 24th May, Saturday 31st May, Sunday 1st June & Saturday 7th June. Besides site tours, Roman re-enactors will be present on the 31st May and 1st June along with lots of activities and the firing of the 'Roman type kiln'. Make a pot on May 24th and add a coloured 'slip' then on the 31st ... The pots will be fired overnight of the 31st and will be ready for collection on Sunday 1st from 11am. There is also an Open Evening (5.30 - 7.30) on Wednesday 4th June. No booking needed. Just turn up. Please note that the site can only be entered from Itter Park. Casual daytime viewing will be from 10am - 3pm from Wednesday 21st May.

Visits to Schools and Organisations ... its not too late to book ...

Since the first Newsletter, David has spoken at a Vivacity Heritage Lecture, Werrington Local History Society, the Rotary Club of Peterborough, the Friends of Werrington Library (FOWL). He has also visited Newark Hill Primary School, Peterborough Academy Special School and Bury St Edmunds YAC group. If your school, group, organisation or business would like a FREE talk between September 2014 and May 2015 contact David asap.

Useful contact details

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You are invited to the Launch Event of

'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project

on Saturday 30th November 11am-4pm at Paston & Gunthorpe Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, PE4 7YH



**Welcome address by Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning
(Committee Member, East Of England, Heritage Lottery Fund) at
11.30am**

For more information visit

<http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>



APPENDIX I: PROJECT LAUNCH: THE POSTER SENT TO SCHOOLS

The Launch event of

'The Romans of Fane Road'

*Saturday 30th November 11am-4pm at
Paston and Gunthorpe Community Centre,
Hallfields Lane, PE4 7YH*

*Meet some Romans and see
how they lived*

Excavate for artefacts



Construct a roundhouse



See displays from Heritage groups

Hear about the Heritage Walks



Make a mosaic pattern



View finds from the Roman Villa at Itter Crescent

Sign up for the Community Excavation

Bring along that unknown object

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APPENDIX J: PROJECT LAUNCH: PROJECT FLYER

You are invited to the LAUNCH EVENT of

'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project

*at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association, Community
Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH*

Saturday 30th November 11am - 4pm

- *Excavate for artefacts, make mosaic patterns & grind corn*
- *Meet the Romans & hear how they lived; handle Roman pottery
& old animal bones*
- *View finds from the high status Itter Crescent Roman villa*
 - *Make Roman pots, see displays by Vivacity & others*
 - *Hear about the FREE TALKS, WALKS and the 20 DAY
COMMUNITY EXCAVATION NEXT YEAR*

BRING THIS FLYER TO CLAIM YOUR POSTCARD (DCW)

*The project will be launched at 11.30am by Mr Stewart Jackson, MP & Mr
Philip Venning (Committee Member, East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund).*

Check out the following webpage for more information:-

<http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>



APPENDIX K: PROJECT LAUNCH: PROJECT INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Project Outline

Background: The planning of the project for a Heritage Lottery Grant began in 2012 as the Itter Crescent excavations ended. Working with Dr Rebecca Casa-Matton (Archaeologist, Peterborough City Council) and Mrs Liz Law (Secretary, Fane Road Allotment Association), OA East staff have developed an exciting community heritage project primarily for the residents of Peterborough.

The project was launched on 30th November and will continue through until the Celebratory Event in June 2015. There is a wide range of opportunities for the whole community. If you want to get involved as a participant or volunteer helper do get in touch with david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk

Project Programme: No prior knowledge is required for any of the activities, just your interest in the programme being offered. All trips and activities are **FREE** at the point of delivery. All we will do, is ask that participants complete a short feedback form to help the organisers improve the heritage programme.

Volunteering: We are looking for volunteer helpers at our Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS) and during the 20 day Community Excavation. Let us know if you can help.

Please note that all project information is or will be on the project webpage. Details and confirmation of bookings will be sent by email to reduce costs. If you do not have an email address, we will of course post details to you.

'The Romans of Fane Road'

A heritage project for the residents of Peterborough

INFORMATION REQUEST FORM



'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project Information Request Form

(Please print clearly. Thank you)

Name: Post Code:

Address:

Tel. no.: Mob. No:

E-mail address:

Please **TICK** all that apply. V5 Dec 2013 PCC

I would like regular updates about the 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project	
I would like to know more about the FREE HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS (HLS)*	
I would like to know more about the FREE HERITAGE WALKS: H1 [Water Newton (Durobrivae)], H2 [Flag Fen, H3 [St Albans (Verulamium)]. Which one/s? Add HW code/s.*	
I would like to know more about the Geophysics Learning Opportunity on 26th April, 2014.*	
I am interested in the Community Excavation from May 19th - June 8th 2014.*	
My school / organisation / firm would be interested in a talk by an archaeologist *	

*ALL Booking forms can be found on the links on the project webpage.

Send this request form to David Crawford-White, RoFR, Oxford Archaeology, 15, Trafalgar Way, BAR HILL, CB23 8SQ. **ASAP**

Please **KEEP THIS HALF OF THE FORM** for future reference

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Romans>

Tumblr: www.oaefr1.tumblr.com

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/oaefr1>

Check this webpage for all details and booking forms:

<http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road> or send an enquiry request to

david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk or ring 01223 850 500

Date	Activity
March - December 2014	FREE HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS (HLS) Enjoy ten sessions all about heritage, archaeology and our past. Check webpage for more details.
May - HW1	FREE HERITAGE WALKS (HW) - check web pages for more details and a BOOKING FORM
June - HW2	H1: Water Newton (Durobrivae) - Wed 14th May
Sept - HW3	H2: Flag Fen - Sunday, 22 nd June H3: St Albans (Verulamium) - Sat 27th September
Sat April 26 th	FREE Geophysics Learning Opportunity (GLO) - 2 half day sessions but limited places so apply asap.
Monday May 19 th - Sunday June 8 th	FREE 20 day Community Excavation. If you are over 8 years come and join us and learn together as you excavate with archaeologists part of a Roman villa.
1 st March - 11 th July	An Art Competition open to all Peterborough school children. Categories Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7/8. Closing date is 11 th July.
Saturday 25 th October	Project Exhibition of finds, project photographs, Art Competition and talks at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre. PE4 7YH

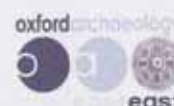
APPENDIX L: PROJECT LAUNCH: PROGRAMME

GETTING INVOLVED

1. Complete an Information Request Slip and hand in today or send it to the organisers. Information Request Slip are available at the Event Information Desk OR
 2. Pick up one of many activity leaflets found adjacent to the Event Information Desk. There are leaflets on the following activities: **Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)**, **Heritage Walks (HW)**, **Geophysics Learning Opportunity (GLO)** and the **Community Excavation (CE)**.
 3. **Schools** were all sent an information pack. If you are a teacher or governor and have not heard about the project collect a pack from the table adjacent to the Event Information Desk.
 4. Many local groups / organisations / firms were sent an information pack. If you have not heard about the project and want your group / organisation to get involved or want a visit by an archaeologist to come to where you meet / work, collect a pack from the table adjacent to the Event Information Desk.
- Wanted: Photographer/s needed to take photographs of all the project activities. Please contact the organisers.

Welcome to the launch of the
'Romans of Fane Road'
Heritage Project
Saturday 30th November
11am - 4pm

Welcome and project launch at 11.30 by
Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning
(Committee Member, East of England, Heritage
Lottery Fund)



Programme of Events

Welcome to the Launch of the 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project. We hope that you enjoy the many different activities today and if you have any questions about the project please do ask at the Project Information Desk.

(MH = Main Hall; SH = Small Hall)

11am Doors open

11.30am (MH) Welcome and project launch by Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning (Committee Member, East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund)

Talks by Re-enactors

12.00 & 1.30 & 3.00 (MH) Celtic & Roman cooking

12.30, 2.30 & 3.30 (MH) Roman weaponry

2.00 (MH) Roman lifestyle

Project presentations

12.45, 1.45, 2.45, 3.40 (SH) Find out about the Project and the 20 day 'Big Dig' next May and June. Its over half term so everyone can get involved just so long as you are over 8 years old. You can sign up **TODAY**.

Exhibitions: View the displays by English Heritage; Historic Environment Record Office, Peterborough; Icenorium; The Romans Revisited Project & Vivacity; Wendy Gamble (potter) & the University Centre Peterborough

Follow the project on

Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/RomansOfFaneRoad>)

Tumblr: www.oaefr1.tumblr.com

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/oaefr1>

Webpage: <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>

FEEDBACK: You can enter a **FREE PRIZE DRAW** if you write a comment about today. The prize will be for a family ticket of up to six people to have a private tour of the Community Excavation in May or June.

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE: Please be aware that a photographer wearing a OA East high vis vest will be taking photographs throughout the day as part of the official record of the project. If you do not wish to be included in any photographs please see the photographer. No names will be included in any photographs used in the promotion of the project by either Peterborough City Council or Oxford Archaeology.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The organisers wish to thank the many volunteers who have helped in making this important day possible. Thank you.

The organisers reserve the right to change this programme without notice.

APPENDIX M. PROJECT LAUNCH: FEEDBACK FROM VISITORS

Total number of completed questionnaires: 44 respondents

Age	Under 18	18-25	26-40	41-50	50+	Total
Number of respondents	5 (11%)	0	7 (16%)	8 (18%)	24 (55%)	44

Gender	Male	Female
	18 (41%)	26 (59%)

How far have you travelled?	Less than 5 miles	5-10	10-20	20+
	34 (76%)	5 (11%)	2 (6%)	3 (7%)

How did you hear about the event?	School newsletter	Word of mouth	Radio	Paper	Tourist Office	Other
	2 (5%)	18 (41%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	0	22 (50%)

How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	33 (75%)	11 (25%)	0	0

Would you come to another event like this?	Yes	No	Maybe
	41 (93%)	0	3 (7%)

How many people are in your party? [This equates to over 100 visitors]	1	2	3	4	4+
	10 [10]	16 [32]	10 [30]	6 [24]	2 [8+]

How did you get here today?	Walk	Bicycle	Car	Bus	Other
	17 (39%)	0	25 (57%)	2 (4%)	0

Would you be interested in hearing about other events like this?	Yes	No
	36 (82%)	0

Would you like to be involved as a volunteer in this sort of activity?	Yes	No
	20 (45%)	3 (7%)

What did you most like about the displays and activities?

Everything	Making a pot	Pure interest
Food displays and make up – displays about recent excavations, pottery sherds, everything	Clear labelling, lots of info from stall holders, lots of artefacts, photos and things made as in Roman days	All the activities and being able to talk to the archaeologists who excavated the site
The explanation / interaction	Lots for children to engage in	Displays and information sheets
Interactivity	You can make things and it's interesting	Good because you could interact and have a go at lots of real Roman things
People were really friendly	The knowledge they gave at all levels	Involving everyone – age and disabilities
Making and restoring pots	Artefacts	Clear and easy to understand and interactive
The involvement for children	Informative and interesting and well presented	You never know what's on your own doorstep
The hands on activities	Everything and time of archaeologists	Variety – interesting for adults and children
Variety and practical things like make your own vessel	Plenty of information available and hands on activities	Everything and time of archaeologists
Looking at the items found	They educate	Interaction
Pottery, photos, and thank you for the refreshments	Everything very interesting	Clear description, helpful volunteers

What would have improved the event?

* Artefact exhibition in central place – it was in a corner

*If the presentation had started on time

*Details under the photos

*Maybe be films/slide shows of excavation

*Maybe there could have been more people to tell you how to do things on the mosaic stall

APPENDIX N. PROJECT LAUNCH: FEEDBACK FROM VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Total number of completed questionnaires: 12 respondents

Gender	Male	Female
	4	8

How far have you travelled?	Less than 5 miles	5-10	10-20	20+
	3	0	3	6

How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	11	1	0	0

Would you come to another event like this?	Yes	No	Maybe
	12	0	

How did you get here today?	Walk	Bicycle	Car	Bus	Other
	1	0	11	0	0

Would you be interested in hearing about other events like this?	Yes	No
	12	0

What did you most like about the displays and activities?

They were very clear and concise with the right amount of text and photos	Easy to understand – great mix of children and adult activities with both getting involved in all activities – loads to do and see	As a collector of Iron Age coins it was a pleasant coincidence that I was asked to oversee the coin hammering set up
I thought the interactive events were excellent, with a good range for a variety of age groups	They were very visual and something for everyone	Plenty for the children to see do and touch excellent displays with very useful information on a wide range of activities present and for the future. Re-enactors stand was outstanding
The range and diversity of interest presented	The displays were interesting and informative and the people were easy to approach and were well informed	
All were very good.	The finds from the site	Variety and enthusiasm of volunteers and staff
Lots of practical activities, particularly for children encouraged great enthusiasm	Easy to understand – great mix of children and adult activities with both getting involved in all activities – loads to do and see	Watching the young children making clay pots and having a go at the other activities. They enjoyed themselves

What did you like about the event?

It was all very welcoming	The range of activities	The event was well advertised and it showed with the amount of interested and eager people. Great event for children to learn with their parents
All of it especially the food stuffs and the pottery	It made the local people aware of this marvellous piece of history we have on our doorstep – it gave an opportunity for like minded people in the community to meet and share an enthusiasm for the Romans	Range of ages attending and range of displays and activities to interest all ages from children to pensioners. Lots of people stayed for a long time. Presence of an archaeological celebrity was commented on favourably
The enthusiasm displayed by all		
All the activities were set out well	Lots of practical activity	Being able to communicate with all the people that attend Talking to and meeting people with similar interest

APPENDIX O. FEEDBACK ON HOW PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED

Comments by visitors to the Launch Event	Recorded Comments
	Artefact exhibition in central place – it was in a corner
	If the presentation had started on time
	Details under the photos
	Maybe films / slide-shows of excavations
	Maybe there could have been more people to tell you how to do things on the mosaic stall

Comments from volunteer helpers at the Launch Event	Recorded Comments
	More people would have made it better – it was not advertised very well – a lot of people did not know about it
	Timing – this was explained and was unavoidable
	Roman soldiers
	Sell refreshments
	Summer – outdoor event in Itter Park
	I would have liked to see a model / drawing of the villa and surroundings to give a better idea of what the area would have looked like
	Perhaps a helper going round to see if anyone would like to get involved in the future and in what capacity
	Perhaps a few more talks. A quiz with answers from the stalls for the adults too!
	Maybe could have had a running slide show for people to sit and look at with a drink

Comments by those at the Evaluation session	Recorded Comments
	Despite over 1400 posters / flyers distributed in the area the numbers at the launch were not as expected
	Generally PR in Peterborough is not good
	Wasn't aware of any activity in this area
	Filled me with anticipation, especially the thought of building a Roman kiln
	Excellent - well organised, experts very easy to talk to, lots of interesting aspects to inspire us and interest for all ages
	A Facebook page would have spread the word
	Make sure web links work – HLS hyper links did not work properly
	Keep to talks program, bring in additional project managers in order to keep main organisers free for general duties
	Target all types of interested people i.e. academic interest, popular interest, any financial support interest, professional archaeology/excavation interest
	More of a social media presence
	Volunteers need to engage visitors to make them feel welcome and wanted. If never done archaeology before they need convincing they have something to offer
	Interaction with visitors especially on tables with artefacts. General info re photos and someone to interject when visitors talk about photos. Do lone visitors feel alone? Could they be grouped somehow?

APPENDIX P. HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS: PROGRAMME INFORMATION

HLS	Part 1 (7pm - 7.50pm)	Part 2 (8.10pm - 9pm)	Date
1	An introduction to archaeology & archaeologists James Fairbairn (Supervisor, OA East)	An archaeological time line David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)	Tuesday 4 th March
2	The Roman villa at Itter Crescent James Drummond-Murray (Senior Project Manager, OA East)	Peterborough's Historic Environment Record Sarah Botfield (Historic Environment Record Officer, Peterborough City Council)	Tuesday 25 th March
3	In introduction to Roman Peterborough and the surrounding area Dr Stephen Upex (Archaeologist & author)	Introduction to Roman pottery found in the Peterborough area James Fairbairn & David Crawford-White	Tuesday 15 th April
4	Old bones and what they tell us Chris Faine (Animal bones specialist, OA East)	An introduction to Human Skeletal Remains - Paul Clarkson, OA East volunteer & David Crawford-White	Tuesday 6 th May
5	The role of English Heritage Sarah Poppy (Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments [Cambs., Herts. & Essex])	Sorting finds and why.. David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)	Tuesday 17 th June
6	The Portable Antiquities Scheme Helen Fowler (Finds Liaison Officer, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough)	Metal detecting and Archaeology -An overview Steve Critchley (Metal detectorist)	Tuesday 8 th July
7*	Must Farm and the Bronze Age boats Mark Knight (Senior Project Officer, Cambridge Archaeological Unit)	Vivacity & Peterborough's Heritage Sarah Wilson (Archaeology Development Officer, Vivacity-Peterborough)	Tuesday 7 th October
8	Archaeology & Planning Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton (Archaeologist, Peterborough City Council)	Making replica pots David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)	Tuesday 28 th October
9	Environmental Archaeology and what it can tell us Rachel Fosberry (Environmental specialist, OA East)	Conservation in Peterborough Jim Daley (Principal Conservation Officer) & Jonathan Biggadike (Senior Conservation Officer)	Tuesday 18 th November
10	The Fane Road Community Excavation - A talk about the latest results & viewing some of the artefacts James Fairbairn (Supervisor, OA East) & David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)		Tuesday 9 th December

Venue: Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association, Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH
 7: Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1HJ

* Venue for HLS
 Phone: 01733 864663

Please note: All places on the HLS will need to be booked in advance by completing a booking form (found on the web page) <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road> or by e-mailing the organiser, david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk or by phone (01223 - 850 500).



APPENDIX Q. HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS: SPEAKER INFORMATION

HLS	Background information on the speakers
1	<p>An introduction to Archaeology & archaeologists James Fairbairn (Supervisor, OA East) started as a volunteer in 2005 and has worked throughout East Anglia on a wide range of archaeological sites. He has worked with David on many community excavations involving schools and community groups.</p> <p>An archaeological time line David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East) was an experienced teacher, youth worker and manager before training as an archaeologist. For the past nine years he has worked on many community archaeology projects including Wisbech Castle, Huntingdon, Abbey College Ramsey, Linton Village College and the Isle of Thanet.</p>
2	<p>The Roman villa at Itter Crescent James Drummond-Murray (Senior Project Manager, OA East) is an experienced archaeologist having worked in archaeology for over thirty years. He was the project manager for the Itter Crescent Excavations.</p> <p>Peterborough's Historic Environment Record Sarah Botfield (Historic Environment Records Officer, Peterborough) works within the Natural and Historic Environment Team. Her role includes maintaining and updating the HER, answering queries and conducting HER searches. She holds a degree in Archaeology and Landscape History, an MPhil in Archaeological Practice and is just about to start a PhD at the University of Manchester.</p>
3	<p>Roman Peterborough and the surrounding area Dr Stephen Upex has written on a wide variety of topics related to British landscape history and archaeology. He was Professor of Landscape Archaeology at the University of Brunei from 1996-2008 and has contributed to several Time Team programmes. Stephen is a Tutor at Madingley Hall Cambridge, in addition he lectures widely within the UK, and works as a freelance archaeologist and consultant. He is a member of the Institute for Field Archaeologists and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.</p> <p>Introduction to Roman pottery James Fairbairn (Supervisor, OA East) & David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)</p>
4	<p>Old bones and what they tell us Chris Faine (Finds specialist, OA East) has worked in archaeology since 2003 on a range of fieldwork projects throughout the UK. He has worked for OA East since 2005, first on site then analysing animal bone assemblages from the Mesolithic to Early Modern periods.</p> <p>An introduction to Human Skeletal Remains (HSRs) David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East) and Paul Clarkson (OA East volunteer). Paul is a geographer with a background in teaching and has studied osteoarchaeology at Madingley Hall, Cambridge as part of an Advanced Diploma in Archaeology.</p>
5	<p>The role of English Heritage Sarah Poppy (Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments at English Heritage) covers Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. She has worked in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire as an archaeologist since 2002 and is a tutor at the Institute of Continuing Education in Cambridge and a committee member of the CBA East of England branch.</p> <p>Sorting finds and why .. David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)</p>
6	<p>Portable Antiquities Scheme Helen Fowler is the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) for Cambridgeshire County Council (4 days) and Peterborough City Council (1 day) as part of the national Portable Antiquity Scheme. Helen grew up in Cambridgeshire and studied at both Bournemouth and Sheffield Universities. She has worked as an Archaeologist in Cambridgeshire for just over ten years.</p>

	<p>Metal detecting & Archaeology: an overview Steve Critchley (Metal detectorist) has been involved in metal detecting for over 35 years and is ideally placed to comment from experience on the use of metal detectors as part of excavation strategies. He is a member of the Portable Antiquities Advisory Group.</p>
7	<p>Must Farm and the Bronze Age boats Mark Knight (Senior Project Officer, Cambridge Archaeological Unit) has worked in archaeology for many years joining the CAU in 1995. He has directed a number of major landscape projects including the Must Farm excavations.</p> <p>Vivacity & Peterborough's Heritage Sarah Wilson (Archaeology Development Officer, Vivacity Culture & Leisure) is responsible for the management, promotion and interpretation of the archaeology both at Peterborough Museum and Flag Fen.</p>
8	<p>Archaeology & Planning Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton (Peterborough City Council Archaeologist) advises the planning authority, utility providers, developers, heritage professionals and members of the general public on archaeology-related matters. She also lectures part-time at the University Centre of Peterborough.</p> <p>Making replica pots David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East)</p>
9	<p>Environmental Archaeology and what it can tell us Rachel Fosberry (Environmental specialist, OA East) has been OA East's in-house specialist in environmental archaeology for over ten years and carries out assessment and analysis of charred, waterlogged and mineralised plant remains.</p> <p>Conservation in Peterborough Jim Daley is the principal conservation officer at Peterborough with over 30 years service to the city council. He is responsible for a wide variety of projects including the recent Cowgate shop front enhancements and the publication of the Buildings of Local Interest list.</p> <p>Jonathan Biggadike is a landscape architect by first profession and joined Jim as senior conservation officer seven years ago and along with Jim has a passion for Peterborough's heritage.</p>
10	<p>The Fane Road Community Excavation: A talk about the latest results and viewing the artefacts James Fairbairn (Supervisor, OA East) & David Crawford-White (Outreach & Learning Officer, OA East).</p>

APPENDIX R. HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS: BOOKING INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM

How do I book a place on a HLS?

1. Book a place by post: Please just write ALL COURSE NUMBERS on the form below (e.g. HLS No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6). Remember to check your BOOKING FORM before you send it to 'HLS', Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8SQ as soon as possible. Please use a separate form for each person.

2. Book a place by sending an e-mail: Book a place by sending an e-mail to david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk. You must include your name, contact address with a post code, a contact tel. no. and the course numbers you want to attend.

3. Book a place by phoning up: To book a place ring 01223 850 500 and give the person taking the call the following details; your name, contact address with a post code, a contact tel. no. and the course numbers you want to attend.

NOTE: You cannot just turn up to a session. You will be notified by e-mail or post that you have been successful in your application at least 5 days before you are due to start your first session. Remember that you have to be over twelve years old to attend the sessions. Please note that if you are under sixteen years then an adult (18years +) must also attend the session with you and we will need a SIGNED booking form

VERY IMPORTANT: If you cannot attend any session please let the organisers know as soon as possible so that your FREE place can be offered to someone else. Contact 0122 850 500 and give the person that answers the phone the following information;

- The name / names of those that cannot attend -
- The reason that the named person/s cannot attend -
- The session number/s and title/s -
- Your contact telephone number

You can e-mail the same information to david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk if you would prefer. If you do not attend a session and we do not hear from you, we will contact you to find out why you did not attend.

If you have any query about the session/s please contact the organisers as soon as possible. **PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SHEET** but fill in the BOOKING FORM below. Places are limited so please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dec. 13



The FREE Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)

BOOKING FORM (Please write clearly) (One form for each person)

Tick all the HLS that you wish to attend.

Heritage Learning Session Number	Tick	Heritage Learning Session Number	Tick
1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	
5		10	

Name: Post code:.....

Address:

Home tel. no.: Mobile:

E-mail address:

Age (If between 12 - 18 & applicable) Years

Signed by participant: Date:

If a participant is under 18 years they will need to get the form signed by an adult.

Adult signs here: Date:

Relationship to the participant (e.g. Parent):

How did you hear about the Heritage Learning Sessions (Tick all that apply)

Local paper	Local radio	Poster	Word of mouth	Launch event	Other - please specify

You are advised to make a copy of this form so that you know which session/s you have booked. Dec13

APPENDIX S: HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS & HERITAGE WALKS: ADVERTISING POSTER

The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project FREE Talks & Walks



Join us at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH for a series of TEN talks and 'hands on' sessions about **ARCHAEOLOGY & HERITAGE** beginning Tuesday 4th March from 7pm - 9pm. For more details RING 01223 850 500.

Type '**The Romans of Fane Road**' into any search engine to find out about our **FREE TALKS & GUIDED WALKS**.



APPENDIX T. HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS: ALL FEEDBACK DETAILS

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session One

Date: 4th March 2014

Title: A. Intro to Archaeology and Archaeologists B. The Archaeological Time line

Number attended: 28

Number of completed Review Sheets: 23

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	21	2	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	21	2	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	15	8	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	20	3	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Was pleased to see a review of techniques. Really good to handle artefacts
- Opportunity to see and handle finds. Interesting talk re basics of archaeology
- A most illuminating evening to start. Everything focussed and the laymen in archaeology could understand. Riveting
- Hands on, very practical
- I enjoyed identifying artefacts and historical dates. Very friendly and informative
- It whet my appetite again and I found the whole evening very interesting informative
- Enjoyed having a chance to handle the artefacts
- Especially handling the items and learning about them
- Handling the finds and identifying them
- Very interesting
- Very informative
- The friendly atmosphere and not intimidating
- Very informative
- I found it was very interesting. It was very good
- The introduction to archaeology was informative and feeling the artefacts was very interesting
- All
- Could hear and see everything. Pace right – slow enough, loud enough, warm enough - second half good – interactive / fun
- Loved the handling of objects and enjoyed the slides
- The lecture and practical session
- Talked in everyday language which made things easy to understand and relevant

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- Handling of more pottery of various ages
- No improvement necessary
- Better knowledge of fossils
- I'm still a bit woolly re time periods especially the first one which maybe was divide into three
- Can't think of anything

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Two

Date: 25th March 2014

Title: A. The Roman Villa at Itter Crescent B. Peterborough's Historic Environment Record

Number attended: 38

Number of completed Review Sheets: 27

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	19	4	1	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	21	5	1	-	-
How well did you understand it?	22	4	1	-	-
How well organised was it?	23	4	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Very well presented. The speaker made it so interesting and easy to understand. Hope the forthcoming dig reveals more and perhaps a follow up learning session
- Up to date information delivered by an expert in his field
- Excellently presented, fantastic detail. We only booked the first part as we were not interested to learn about the second half
- A good selection of images on the PP which focussed on key aspects of the site.
- Interesting, extends my knowledge
- Loved learning about the Roman villa and how different ages used the site
- Pitched at the right level. Very interesting
- Interesting subjects talked about. Enthusiastic presenters
- Useful background to Fane Road excavation to date. Never knew HER existed as resource
- I liked all of it, it was very good
- Hadn't even heard of HER previously, very enjoyable
- Loved archaeological background
- Fascinating details of excavations and previously unknown sites
- Itter Crescent experience, database HER, very interesting
- Very inspiring. I will follow up with more research. Thank you for all the effort put in
- Finding out about the Itter Park finds in more detail
- Great learning experience
- Presentation, Very full and easy to follow illustrations. Very informative lecturers, extremely professional and friendly. Location, car parking, coffee, facilities, times excellent

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- I would have liked a venue with raked seating – at the back I found it hard to see the speaker
- A screen shot at a scale midway the two presented showing the site relative to Itter Park and Fane Road. Couldn't see how close the findings were to Fane Road
- More talking out to the audience rather than towards the PP – some info was lost / Inaudible. Less dry, more enthusiasm, reference to personal experience and the highs and lows of excavating this site so far
- First speaker not as good as second
- Rather warm and noisy venue – noise from other activities in building

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Three

Date: 15th April 2014

Title: A. An introduction to Roman Peterborough and the surrounding area
B. Introduction to Roman pottery found in the Peterborough area

Number attended: 30

Number of completed Review Sheets: 13

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	9	4	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	12	1	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	11	2	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	10	3	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Wide interest
- All of it
- An enthralling experience which is opening my mind to so much
- Stephen made the subject very interesting
- Stephen talked "layman" language. He knew his subject. 2nd half was great fun and enabled learning
- Top class speakers who know their stuff because they dug it
- Stephen Upex very informative and entertaining. Pottery very useful
- A truly fascinating and informative experience
- Loved the hands on
- Lecture by Stephen Upex – Romanising of the area – fascinating coverage. Examining and classifying pottery in second session
- Very good talk by Stephen Upex. Very interesting exercise, good to be with 3 others – would have been too hard on my own

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- More time
- By having a bit longer looking and feeling

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Four

Date: 6th May 2014

Title: A. Old bones and what they tell us

B. An introduction to human skeletal remains

Number attended: 32

Number of completed Review Sheets: 26

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	23	3	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	21	4	1	-	-
How well did you understand it?	16	10	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	22	4	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Variety, informational. First experience of seeing a skeleton
- Continued my education
- Personal involvement. Verification and identification as well as discussion
- Being able to understand human bones and animal bones – main characteristics. Practical session and discussion in second part of session – both very helpful
- Handouts to reinforce after the session and to refer to during dig. Person with wide first hand experience to call upon. Practical sessions
- Overall view. Hands on activities. Handouts helpful
- Great talk and information. Great to see actual skeletons
- Really enjoyed the activities, especially looking at the skulls and bones
- Excellent. I found it very interesting
- The chance to examine the skeleton with experts
- Practical view of real skeleton
- Looking at different formation of bones which lead to recognition of species
- Enjoyed practical bits
- Interesting. Good practical exercises and discussion topics
- Hearing from experienced archaeologists. Time allocated for discussion and practical activity. Useful handouts, books for sale
- Very informative and certainly made my brain tick
- The discussions after the talks
- I think holding this session before the excavation is useful to make us think about the ethics of what we are doing
- It opened my eyes to many problems and the need for more knowledge
- Hands on examination of bones. Tested my knowledge of bones and rekindled my memories

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- There were no comments in this section

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Five

Date: 17th June 2014

Title: A. The role of English Heritage

B. Sorting finds and why

Number attended: 27 Number of completed Review Sheets: 21

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	18	3	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	18	3	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	18	3	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	20	1	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Interesting subjects, learned stuff I didn't know about
- Thinking about heritage issues in the context of today and funding priorities
- Finding out about English Heritage and their various resources online
- Identifying the artefacts and learning more about the work of English Heritage
- Hands on
- First session very informative. The practical session for learning exploring
- Good talk. Good consolidation with hands on pottery
- First hand talk by someone from EH not researched. Hands on experience of finds and explanations
- The hands on experience
- Interesting talk expanding our knowledge
- Enjoyed the English Heritage session and then looking at the finds
- Increased my knowledge
- Everything
- Extremely interesting
- All very informative. It's good to have previous sessions reinforced – just beginning to put 2 and 2 together
- Very clear speaker and explained well – lovely manner. Trying to remember Terry's description proved something sank in!!
- Very explicit and educational

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- More photographs of their properties would have been an added bonus
- First session - more local illustrations would be useful

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Six

Date: 8th July 2014

Title: A. The Portable Antiquities Scheme

B. Metal detecting and archaeology – an overview

Number attended: 21

Number of completed Review Sheets: 17

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	16	1	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	15	2	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	15	2	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	16	1	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Gave a different perspective on detecting. Wasn't aware of the controversy still going on
- Very informative, well delivered talks. Good PPT and links to recent excavations in area
- The legal aspect of PAS was enlightening. The metal detecting is clearly far more involved than I had realised
- Informal, locally relevant
- PAS was excellent especially looking at all interesting bodies professional and other who use PAS. Excellent talk on metal detecting especially as person's knowledge of geology used
- Further information on PAS and use of metal detectors presented clearly and informatively
- Something I had known nothing about both metal detecting and PAS
- Good communicators who obviously enjoyed their subjects / work
- How PAS has resulted in new lines of research
- Excellent
- Good to find out about PAS and use of detectors in excavations

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- Allow more time
- Samples of finds
- Better gauging of the time their presentation will take by speakers (a common problem with speakers!)
- It was good. The PAS talk had a bit too much detail and sometimes I hadn't got the main points – but still good and carefully presented

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Seven

Date: 7th October 2014

Title: A. Must Farm and the Bronze Age boats
B. Vivacity and Peterborough's Heritage

Number attended: 24

Number of completed Review Sheets: 18

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	11	4	1	2	-
How interesting was your experience?	15	3	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	16	2	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	14	3	-	1	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

Really love our log boats especially Mark Knight talking. He's the very best. For log boats, Peterborough and Must Farm. So so fascinating but true

Fascinating talk about Must Farm and pre historic landscape and also enlightening talk re museum collection

Both talks were very interesting with fabulous presentations

Very structured talk about the Must Farm excavation. Extremely well supported by diagrams and photos

Mark Knight – an excellent, knowledgeable speaker – speaking from first hand experience

Must Farm was very informative and fascinating. The speaker was excellent

Would have appreciated notification of change of venue

Extremely good talk on Must Farm Excellent speakers who made the talks understandable and very interesting Fascinating and informative talks by experts Interesting in finding out what is going on around Peterborough archaeology wise as not aware of it

Mark Knight very interesting. Put Must Farm into context

It was unfortunate that the venue was changed from the museum to Gunthorpe Hall because that affected the audience numbers on the night – possibly. A very interesting evening – fantastic talk about the Must Farm boats

2 excellent speakers – fascinating subjects presented in a very interesting way – the best so far – I think

Information we never knew before! Mark was excellent and we understand a lot more now

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- A suggestion box / poster for people to say what they want to happen next
- More time on the Must Farm finds, context, future plans etc
- Better publicity
- If people could refrain from going in and out and banging doors during the talk
- None required as excellent speakers who knew their subject

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Sessions Eight

Date: 28th October 2014

Title: **A. Archaeology and Planning**
B. Making replica pots

Number attended: 21 Number of completed Review Sheets: 19

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East	15	4			
How interesting was your experience?	14	5			
How well did you understand it?	12	7			
How well organised was it?	18	1			

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Interesting resume by Rebecca on the planning process and part consultation plays in the decision made.
- Hands on activity.
- Very enjoyable – forever learning.
- Relation of Fane Road to planning system.
- Everything.
- Rebecca's talk about the planning aspect of the villa was very informative. Pottery making – lots of fun! But I'm not sure you'd know the era!!
- Playing with clay. Explanation regarding planning prior to building on sites of archaeology value. Protection and schedule ancient monument.
- Loved the hands on and the way the dig started and can be preserved.
- I enjoyed the hands on experience also acquiring knowledge of unknown facts.
- Very informative.
- It was interesting to hear how things progressed in the development and it was fun to try to make a clay pot. We have lost so many skills.
- Interesting to hear the planning process. Fun to make pots – very well prepared practical session.
- The clay work was great fun. The lecture on Peterborough Archaeological Service was interesting but speaker was not always clear.
- Concise run through of relevant protecting and planning legislation. Specific example of Fane Road to illustrate how operates in practice

Please tell us how the experience could be improved.

- Don't give me clay!
- Nothing
- A little more hands on.
- None.
- Not an artistic or practical person re pot making but enjoyed watching talented people produce art from nothing.

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Nine

Date: 18th November 2014

Title: A. Environmental Archaeology and what it can tell us
B. Conservation in Peterborough

Number attended: 31

Number of completed Review Sheets: 27

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	23	4			
How interesting was your experience?	25	2			
How well did you understand it?	25	1	1		
How well organised was it?	26	1			

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Both topics are of interest to me
- 2 great speakers both very enthusiastic about their subjects
- 2 fascinating subjects, could listen to more. Loved the practical session
- Very interesting and loved the practical bit
- Especially enjoyed the second part of the evening – planning etc
- Informative and enthusiastic speakers. Well illustrated, local, informative
- Hands on experience – sorting items from gravel
- Identifying items from debris i.e. seeds, bones, shells apple pips
- Very interesting on environmental archaeology – necessary techniques and knowledge needed to do finds sorting after soil sieved. Cons of local conserved buildings – Yes! Yes!
- New information well presented
- Loved the tray sorting. The conservation talk had lots of revealing aspects. Both speakers spoke clearly
- First speaker very good. Second speaker OK. Enjoyed the sorting of gravel
- Interesting in the work involved in environmental archaeology also conservation most interesting
- I enjoyed the hands on experience after the talk by Rachel. Very informative. I especially enjoyed the planning talk
- 2 different but fascinating topics very clearly and interestingly presented. Two very different talks – both very interesting. The conservation talk taught me a lot
- Enjoyed both speakers and the environmental activity. Didn't find the apple pips
- The hands on experience. The expertise of both lecturers
- Practical experience with sorting items. Excellent visual aids. Clear and ordered information
- Everything x2
- Loved the environmental practical could have spent longer on it
- Very interesting

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- Another half an hour!
- Only by more time on lecture for second topic – conservation of locally listed buildings, please
- Longer
- Can't think of a thing
- Never as much time as I would like but then I could spend all day listening to our speakers

Review Sheet for Heritage Learning Session Ten (HLS)

Date: 9th December 2014

Title: A. The Fane Road Community Excavation – A talk about the latest results and viewing some of the artefacts

Number attended: 43

Number of completed Review Sheets: 25

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	19	6	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	22	3	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	21	3	1	-	-
How well organised was it?	24	1	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- learning about Fane Road
- really useful to get an overview of what was found and conclusions reached
- a feeling of rounding off of my experience and exciting future possibilities
- really appreciated the up to date commentary on the photographs – it very much helped me to understand current appreciation of the site and dig
- the well organised pictures and the artist's impression and the thoughts of the experts as they described the views of the site. Work in progress for years
- the bringing together of the revelations of the project and explanations
- interesting to see the end results of the excavations
- well structured, well planned, good visual aids
- informative and clear
- everything – enthusiasm and professionalism of OA East
- improved my knowledge of Roman history
- great to see what we did and remind us of a great voluntary community
- Interesting to hear about the results and how they have been interpreted so far
- review of community excavation clear and concise by speakers with aid of slides
- understanding views and options of what the excavation uncovered
- being updated
- seeing the artist's impression of how the villa may have looked
- good to see the interpretation of the excavation – makes more sense
- session marvellous – complete resume of activities and excavation
- Interesting and informative meeting

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- perhaps a bit more overview of history of location of area
- it was difficult to hear as hard of hearing and unable to lip read because of intervening bodies
- unlikely to be able to improve on the format
- slower on slides so we could read it
- to see how the area developed from the Iron Age buildings through to the villa

APPENDIX U. HERITAGE LEARNING SESSIONS: SYNOPSIS OF WHAT ATTENDEES LIKED ABOUT THE HLS

What did attendees like about the experience?

The same or similar words	The Heritage Learning Sessions									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total number of comments for each session	20	21	11	20	17	11	15	14	23	20
Handling finds	11	-	5	13	7	-	-	8	12	-
Informative	6	8	5	9	8	7	5	5	8	11
Illuminating										
Very interesting	5	5	3	3	3	1	6	4	7	3
Interesting										
Enjoyed	4	7	6	6	3	2	6	7	8	4
Riveting										
Friendly	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Very friendly										
Focussed on the layman	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pace right										
Easy to understand										
Good presentation	-	6	-	-	5	4	10	-	8	-
Never knew HER existed	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Needs more time	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pottery – most enjoyable	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discussing	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thinking										
Variety	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rounded off the sessions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

Other comments included

- whet my appetite again
- please to see a review of techniques

APPENDIX V. SCHOOL VISITS: SCHOOL BOOKING FORM

Name of School:

Address: Post Code:

Name of contact person:

Position in school:

Contact tel. no. (Mobile):

Best time to be contacted:

E-mail address:

We are interested in being involved in this unique opportunity in the following areas. (Please tick all that apply and indicate which year group/s you may wish to involve and put a ring round AM or PM as to whether you would like an am or pm visit - thank you.)

	Activity	Tick	Possible year group
A	A visit to your school by OA East staff during an assembly to give an introduction to archaeology, an introduction to an archaeological timeline with real artefacts (from the Peterborough area) and to talk about the project (approx. 1 hour). Dates: 3 rd March - 9 th May : 9 th June - 4 th July : 8 th Sept. - 14 th Nov. AM or PM Preferred dates:		
B	A visit to your school by OA East staff as detailed above plus an activity session involving several classes in a range of activities (1. Making replica pots; 2. Excavations in dig boxes or 3. Handling Roman artefacts [replica and original]. (approx. 2 hours) Dates as above AM or PM Preferred activity: 1 2 3 (tick one) Preferred dates:		
C	A guided tour of the site under excavation at Fane Road Allotments with an archaeologist & viewing of the artefacts that have been found during the excavation. Please note that we can provide transport if need be for the visit to the excavation site. (Approx. 1-2 hours , although this could be longer if an activity [see B above] is included). ONLY dates are May 20 th - 23 rd & June 2 nd - 6 th AM or PM Preferred dates: We wish to take part in a practical activity on site: Yes No Transport required (No more that 35 pupils): Yes No:		

Please read the Media Information Sheet included with this form and return the Media Reply Slip with this form. Thank you Also can you attach to this reply slip any other relevant information to assist with our planning.

Signed: Date:

Please return this completed sheet to **D. Crawford-White, Outreach & Learning Officer, Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, Cambs, CB23 8SQ.** If you wish receipt of this form please add a SAE.

APPENDIX W. SCHOOL VISITS: FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS THAT WERE VISITED BY OA EAST STAFF

Activity	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of visit by OA East staff	5	-	-	-	-
Introduction to archaeology and what archaeologist do	5	-	-	-	-
Archaeological time line using real and replica artefacts	5	-	-	-	-
Looking at artefacts from the current excavation and/or Itter Crescent	4	1	-	-	-
Activity - Dig Box Excavations	5	-	-	-	-
Activity - Making replica pots	1	-	-	-	
Activity - Handling Roman artefacts	3	-	-	-	
Administration during the visit	5	-	-	-	
General feedback from pupils and accompanying staff	5	-	-	-	-

Total number of groups that returned feedback forms: 5

School 2: Feedback from the Duke of Bedford Primary School

No feedback comments were received.

School 5: Feedback from Heritage Park Primary School

Staff member: *The children thoroughly enjoyed the task of digging through the boxes then finding what period of time it came from. The whole school assembly was engaging with questions and volunteers to stand at the front.*

School 6: Feedback from Longthorpe Primary School

Staff member: *This proved to be an excellent visit which inspired pupils and staff alike. Extremely well organised and the time-line using real and replica artefacts proved to be very beneficial to the children. Many thanks David Crawford-White for an exceptional visit.*

School 7: Feedback from the City of Peterborough Academy Special School

No feedback comments were received.

School 8: Feedback from the William Law C of E Primary School

Staff member: *The pupils got really involved in the activity and seemed to love it. I think they got a lot out of it and it supported our existing work perfectly. If David would be able to come in and teach my next group, I would definitely want him to!*

APPENDIX X. ORGANISATION VISITS: GROUPS VISITED BY OA EAST STAFF

	Name of group	Date of OA East visit to group	Review sheet received	Activity	Number attending
1	Heritage talk for Vivacity Peterborough	Monday 24 th February	Yes*	PPT on Itter Crescent & Fane Road	134
2	Friends of Itter Park	Wednesday 26 th February	No	HICA & site plans	18**
3	Werrington Local History Society	Thursday 6 th March	Yes	PPT - HICA	65***
4	Bury St Edmunds YAC Group	Sunday 30 th March	Yes	PPT - ATL - PA HICA - DB	17
5	Friends of Werrington Library	Wednesday 16 th April	No	PPT - HICA	21**
-	Friends of Itter Park, Easter Family Fun Day	Sunday 20 th April	No	FA - HICA	240
6	Deeping Youth Club	Wednesday 24 th April	Yes	PPT - ATL DB - HICA	13
7	Rotary Club of Peterborough	Tuesday 29 th April	Yes	PPT - HICA	54
8	Friends of Werrington Library	Saturday 3 rd May	No	HICA - FA	152**
9	Fenland YAC Group	Saturday 10 th May	Yes	PPT - ATL - DB HICA - PA	16**
10	Bretton Fellowship, Bretton	Monday 23 rd June	Yes	PPT - ATL HICA - HFRA	28
3	Werrington Local History Society	Thursday 3 rd July	Yes	PPT - HFRA	84**
11	Peterborough U3A	Tuesday 25 th November	No	PPT - HFRA	28
12	Peterborough Civil Service Motoring Association	Wednesday 21 st January	Yes	PPT - HFRA	14
13	Peterborough History Society	Tuesday 24 th February	No	PPT - HFRA	42
9	Fenland YAC Group	Saturday 7 th March	No	PPT - ATL ENV - HFRA	15**
				TOTAL	941***

Key * = The feedback was carried out by Vivacity
 ** = This includes two visits to the same group (3 groups) albeit with new members
 *** = The minimum number would have been 819 persons

YAC = Young Archaeologist's Club

Activity: ATL - Archaeological timeline, DB - Dig Boxes, ENV - Environmental Activity, FA - Family Activities, HFRA - Handling Fane Road Artefacts, HICA - Handling Itter Crescent Artefacts, PPT - PowerPoint presentation,

APPENDIX Y. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS VISITED BY OA EAST STAFF

Activity	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of visit by OA East staff	5	2	-	-	-
Introduction to archaeology and what archaeologist do	5	2	-	-	-
PPT presentation	4	3	-	-	-
Archaeological time line using real and replica artefacts	6	1	-	-	-
Looking at artefacts from the current excavation and/or Itter Crescent	6	1	-	-	-
Activity – Handling Roman artefacts	4	-	-	-	-
Feedback from members	6	1	-	-	-

Total number of groups that returned feedback forms: 7

Group 1: Heritage talk for Vivacity

The following feedback was sent to David Crawford-White by email. 40 feedback forms were received by Vivacity after the talk. Just some of the comments / suggestions are listed below

Thank you. so very interesting Details on show very difficult to see from back. Lecturer (first) presented very poorly. Needs to look at the audience Very impressive expertise and IT presentation Thank you, we found the evening concise and informative Thought it was wonderful – little bit difficult to hear the first speaker though We found it interesting – would have liked to hear about the ‘finds’

Group 3: Feedback from Werrington Local History Group

Visit One:

Chairperson: *The lecture covered the history of archaeology and current practice. It was most enthusiastically presented and generated much interest and discussion. Well supported by booklets and artefacts. Excellent PPT presentation.*

Visit two:

Chairperson: *Members welcomed the knowledge about the Romans locally. Now want to know more of a general picture of them in the locality and beyond and significance if any to Durobrivae.*

Members: *Interesting to become involved in local archaeology. Want more !*

Talk: Enthusiastic, knowledgeable speaker

Group 4: Feedback from Bury St Edmunds YAC Group

Staff: *Members enjoyed the visit and several were inspired to visit Fane Road site in May. Thank you from all the members and families.*

YAC member: *Our event with David was brilliant. David was very informative and gave us a wonderful insight into the finds. I felt very privileged to see the finds first hand. Thank you very much David for taking the time and hearing the Fane Road excavation.*

YAC member: *Great fun and found it really interesting.*

YAC member: *Extremely interesting and thought provoking talk. Everyone enjoyed the experience.*

Group 5: Feedback from the Friends of Werrington Library

Secretary: *Dear David, May I thank you, on behalf of Friends of Werrington Library, for your interesting talk last evening, on archaeology and the recent excavations at Fane Road, Peterborough. I found it fascinating, as did others I spoke to afterwards. We really appreciate you taking time to tell us about this exciting local project. I will certainly visit the site and have completed the application form, you gave me, to join the excavations.*

Group 6: Feedback from Deeping Youth Centre

Staff: *Outstanding and inspirational*

Group 7: Feedback from Rotary Club of Peterborough

Chairperson: *Many positive comments received. Administration of the visit was excellent and the content of presentation very well received by those present. A very successful evening for members and their guests.*

Group 9: Feedback from Fenland YAC Group

Staff: *Good introduction to archaeology and to what had happened on the Fane Road site. The children enjoyed handling the artefacts.*

Staff: *Arrived with plenty of time to set-up, with so many boxes of stuff – all required. Excellent preparation, presentation and delivery. All the children seemed to enjoy the afternoon.*

YAC member: *I really enjoyed the session with David. All the information, facts and activities were really fun and interesting.*

YAC member: *(She) thoroughly enjoyed herself and gave me (dad) a good brief of the meeting. She also commented that she found it 'inspiring' and was looking forward to the next event.*

YAC member: *Very interesting. Nice to have hands on stuff and being able to learn. More engaging when hands on and you are able to continue the activity longer. So a good balance between hands on and talking so I didn't get bored.*

Group 10: Feedback from Bretton Baptist Church

Staff: *They all really enjoyed it and look forward to something else in the future. Thank you.*

Group 12: Feedback from Peterborough CSMA

Chairperson: *David was very clear and interesting in his presentation which was enjoyed by all who attended.*

APPENDIX Z. QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO ALL PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS RE: THE TEACHING RESOURCES

School Questionnaire

As part of the Lottery Grant a sum of money has been set aside to develop resources for schools. Teachers can then use the resources as part of their school curriculum. At present, Peterborough Museum runs a popular museum-led Roman Day at Peterborough Museum. It is intended that the resources developed through the Fane Road project will be used to form a loan box that could be used before and/or after a museum-led visit to Peterborough Museum. The loan box will therefore form part of a learning package.

So what would you like to see developed? It is important to bear in mind that as part of their museum visit, the children will be handling real and replica Roman artefacts. Below is a list of ideas that could be developed. BUT it's important that the final list of what is developed comes from you. It is hoped that some teachers will meet with the OA East Outreach & Learning Officer and Peterborough Museum staff to discuss the type and nature of the resources that will be developed.

Read the list and agree what to develop (number in preference 1 – 7) and add others so that we get an idea of what teachers would like to see developed.

Numbered preference	Suggested activity to develop
	Information packs on the various buildings found on the site as a whole (bathhouse, the kiln etc.)
	A range of Roman recipes that can be tried out and discussed.
	A set of dressing up clothes from the Roman period with information about the clothes.
	A set of notes to support creative writing lessons and poetry.
	Photographs (digital and printed) of the artefacts on display at Peterborough Museum
	A range of replica artefacts for pupils to handle and a set of follow-up activities/notes to support clay or painting sessions for teachers.
	Information sheets, activities and pictures that can be downloaded from the website for use in the classroom.
Your ideas	<i>Please add your ideas below</i>

Name of school: Date:

Name of staff member: Contact tel. no.:

Best time to contact you:

Contact e-mail details:

The best day / time of the week to meet should you wish to be involved

Please can you reply by Thursday 23rd October. It is hoped to have an initial meeting in November. Venue to be decided. We suggest that you make a copy of this page for your records. We look forward to working with you on the development of these resources. Please write your email address clearly. Thank you.

APPENDIX AA. ROMAN BOXES: LIST OF ARTEFACTS

No.	Artefact Names	Marked with site code*	Number of artefacts	Box number
CBM (ceramic building material)	Box flue tile (Tubuli)	PETRFR A	5	In finds bag
	Brick	PETRFR B	3	In finds bag
	Imbrex made on site	PETRFR C	3	Box 1
	Tegula made on site	PETRFR D	3	
Building materials	Faced wall plaster	Not marked	3	Box 3
	Painted wall plaster Range of colour some of which will be very faded	Not marked	9	
	Mortar made on site	Not marked	1	Box 2 in separate bags
	Tesserae (Ceramic) made on site	Not marked	20	
	Tesserae (Stone) locally sourced	Not marked	30	
	Tufa	Not Marked	1	In finds bag
Pottery	Greyware May include rim &/or base	PETRFR14 plus US NVGW or US SGW	10	Box 4 in separate bags
	Nene Valley Colour Coated (NVCC) Ware	PETRFR14 US - NVCC	2	
	NVCC - Rim	PETRFR14	1	
	Oxidised ware	PETRFR14 OW	2	
	Shell tempered ware Rim x 1 & Body x 2	PETRFR14 US - STW	3	
	Samian ware**	Not marked	1	Box 7
Shell	Oyster shell	PETRFR14	3	Box 5
Animal Bone	Cattle	PETRFR14 CA	1	In a range of finds bags
	Sheep	PETRFR14 SH	1	
	Unknown Vertebra	PETRFR14 V	1	
	Animal Bone Un = unknown	PETRFR14 UN	3	
Animal Teeth	Cattle	PETRFE14 CA	1	Box 6
	Sheep	PETRFR14 SH	1	

Coding on the artefacts

* Where practical an artefact has a site code.

Parish or City: Peterborough = PET;

Site name: Romans of Fane Road = RFR;

The year of excavation: 2014 = 14 (PET RFR 14)

** This artefact was not found at this site but is genuine Samian ware. We did find some Samian ware on the site but not enough to put one example in each box.

APPENDIX AB. PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION: INFORMATION SHEET

Information Sheet

1. Competition Titles

A. Paint or Draw a picture of the Romans at home in their villa at Fane Road OR
B. Paint or Draw a picture of the Iron Age settlement at Fane Road with roundhouses surrounded by the enclosure ditch

2. What are the age categories? Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Years 7 & 8

3. Who can enter the competition?

The Art Competition is open to all pupils who attend schools in Peterborough. The entry should be no larger than A4 and each pupil can enter only one picture (painting or drawing).

When is the closing date?

The closing date is Friday 11th July, 2014. Entries should be handed in at school by the end of the day and the school will then need to send or deliver them to Mrs E. Law, 5, Fane Road, Walton, Peterborough, PE4 6ED by 4pm Wednesday 16th July. ALL entries must have on the back of them the following information: Artist's name, School name, Class and Age and whether the picture is A or B. Entries can be sent or handed in any day from Monday June 16th.

Who are the judges?

There will be a panel of judges (Mrs Law, a Community Excavation volunteer and an OA East staff member). The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence can be entered into. The organisers are not liable for loss or damage to any picture entered for the competition.

What are the prizes?

Three winners will be selected from each age category and contacted by David Crawford-White via the relevant school Headteacher. The first prize will be a replica Roman face pot. There will also be small prizes for the 2nd and 3rd prizewinners in each age category. All prizewinners will receive a certificate.

What will happen to the pictures?

The winning entries and a selection of other pictures will be displayed at the Celebratory Event and the exhibition of the Community Excavation and other events if possible. Selected entries will also be displayed on the Oxford Archaeology East website and may also be used for posters and publicity material. All winning pictures and others will also be exhibited at the celebratory event at the end of the project after which all pictures will be returned to the artists via their schools.

When will the prizes be presented?

Prizes will be presented at the 'End of the Community Excavation' exhibition in October 2014.

APPENDIX AC. HERITAGE WALKS: INFORMATION & BOOKING FORM

Information about the FREE Heritage Walks

Overall aim: The aim of these Heritage Walks is to provide an opportunity for the residents of Peterborough to visit heritage sites of national archaeological importance with an experienced guide. It is hoped that after these visits, those that attend will have a greater appreciation of their heritage both locally and nationally.

General information: The guided walks are primarily aimed at those that live in Peterborough but others can come if there are available spaces. There is considerable walking in all three HERITAGE WALKS and so appropriate footwear is advised. A separate information sheet on each walk will be sent to those that book a place.

Residents of Peterborough will be given priority on a first come first served basis and will need to book as soon as possible. While anyone will be able to book a place, NON Peterborough residents will only have their place confirmed 8 weeks before the walk takes place.

HW1 and HW3 can be visited by anyone but HW2 is on private land and the ground can be very uneven. No dogs will be allowed on any of the walks.

Participants: The walks will be open to all and advertised on the Romans of Fane Road Webpage, part of the OA East website and through the local media.

Age limit: Anyone over eight years old. Where someone is under sixteen years old a parent / guardian or responsible adult (18+ years) will need to attend as well.

Dates: HW1 – May 14th 2014, HW2 – June 22nd 2014, HW3 – September 27th 2014.

Dates may be changed or walks postponed by the organisers at any time. If you have already booked a place then you will be contacted by the organisers about the new arrangements.

Coach pick-up and drop off point: Opposite the Walton & Gunthorpe Community Association Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH.

Venues and time of walks: Please note the times

Heritage code	Walk	DATE of walk and BOOK before dates for Peterborough residents	Length of walk
HW 1	Water Newton (Durobrivae)	Wednesday 14th May (Book your place before the 9 th May)	Evening 6.15 - 9.15
HW 2 (2 trips)	Flag Fen	Sunday 22nd June (Book your place before 12 th June)	½ day 9.45 - 12.30 & 1.45 - 4.30
HW3	St Albans Museum, The Roman Theatre of Verulamium, Verulamium Park	Saturday 27th September (Book your place/s before 19 th September)	A full day 8.15 - 5.30

Cost: All Heritage Walks will be free of charge and open to all but booking a place will be essential.

Booking: Please book in advance so that the organisers and guides have an idea of who is coming and to ensure that the coaches are full. There are four ways of booking a place;

1. Complete a booking form which can be found on the appropriate web page and send it by post to D. Crawford-White, Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8SQ.
2. Drop your form in an envelope headed 'HERITAGE WALKS' through the door of 5, Fane Road, Walton, PE4 6ED any time but at least 5 days before the date of the walk.
3. Send your completed booking form in by e-mail to david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk
4. Ring Oxford Archaeology East on 01223 850 500 and ask to speak to David Crawford-White. You will need to leave him your contact details (Name & telephone number) and the walk you wish to attend. A contact number is vital so we can ring you back and confirm your place/s or if we have to postpone the walk for any reason. If David is not there please leave a telephone number and he will ring you back asap or do 1 - 3 of the above.

Booking conditions: Please remember that you must book a place before you come on the day. Unfortunately, you cannot just turn up with your booking form. As the cost of each Heritage Walk is paid for by the Heritage Lottery Grant, please let us know if you cannot attend so that we can let others come in your place. It will be IMPORTANT to contact Oxford Archaeology East (Tel. No. 01223 850 500) as soon as possible. Requests for tickets must be received at least 5 working days before the walk takes place.

NOTE: A full itinerary will be sent to those on each Heritage Walk closer to the date by email or post. The organisers cannot be held responsible for booking forms sent by post.

What to bring and wear on the Heritage Walks: Wear casual comfortable clothes. Do not wear flip-flops or slip on shoes as the ground will be uneven. Bring a waterproof as the walks will not stop if it rains, unless it's very heavy. Also bring any medication, snacks/lunch and drink as well as a camera to take those memorable photos

Numbers / Transport: Numbers will be limited to the size of the coach. Maximum numbers to each site will be 48.

Heritage Guides: At HW1 and HW3 the group will be divided into smaller cohorts each with a guide.

The Romans of Fane Road: Heritage Walks Booking Form

Walk code	Date & Name of Walk	Number of tickets required			Office Use ONLY
		Adult	Young adult (16-18)	Child (8-16)	
HW 1	Wednesday 14th May Water Newton (Durobrivae)				
HW 2	Sunday 22nd June Flag Fen				
HW 3	Saturday 27th September St Albans (Verulamium)				

Full name of the person booking the places:

Post Code:.....

Address:

Tel. No.: Mob. No.:

Tickets will be e-mailed to save postage. Please write your e-mail address carefully.

Thank
you.

Signed: Date:

All booking forms must be received 5 working days before the walk.

APPENDIX AD. HERITAGE WALKS: FEEDBACK HERITAGE WALK 1

Date: 14 May 2014

Title: **Water Newton** (Durobrivae)

Number attended: 52 Number of completed Review Sheets: 47

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	32	11	3	1	-
How interesting was your experience?	34	11	2	-	-
How well did you understand it?	32	13	2	-	-
How well organised was it?	30	13	3	1	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Very informative, knowledgeable guide
- Visiting site not normally open to the public. Talk by person with excellent knowledge and insight of site
- Access to area not easily accessible
- Very knowledgeable guide
- Convenient time
- Coach travel
- Very friendly guide
- Didn't know the town was here, very informative, saw the Ermine Road
- Glad it was fine weather! The organisation and the speaker was excellent. It was great to stand in the spot and envisage how it was in Roman times
- Very interesting
- Professor's insight opinions and views etc
- Very informative It was a great night weather wise. Vastness of the site!
- Informative. Didn't appreciate size and importance of site in Roman Britain
- Information sheets
- Personal touch of being shown round the site
- Lots of facts and information delivered in an easy to understand form by Dr Steve Upex
- Very interesting and well explained
- Very informative
- I liked it when we were walking round
- Very useful laminated maps to illustrate the site. Very informative guide – new ways of looking at landscape to find out about past settlement features. Very clear – not rushed

- Well presented walk / talk with lots of features pointed out and explained. Useful laminated maps and plans as well as aerial photo
- Walking along Ermine Street
- Very interesting to walk the area. Useful introduction to the town
- Excellent and knowledgeable guide – the detail was just right. Love walking the Ermine Roadway. A great evening. The laminated map / sheets were most helpful
- Something out of the ordinary which cannot usually do
- Interesting. Why go to Paston Community Centre to be told after everyone had parked in car park not to use it cos gate would be shut when we came back – mad rush to move cars once we were all sitting in coach
- It was a real treat to hear from people who did the work while we were actually stood there
- To be able to walk the site with Stephen Upex to explain the layout, history and archaeological features and have maps and aerial photos to illustrate
- It was a good walk on the site for the first time. It was good to have an expert interpret the site
- Didn't realise just how much relief still exists for the buildings. Putting the interior layout on the map / ground
- Very well explained. Extremely hospitable guide
- I wish I can go again
- Excellent
- Covered ground pretty well but would have been better if grass cut but site was difficult
- Able to appreciate the scale of the town and the earthworks
- Brilliant leader, very easy to understand and enthused us Seeing relationship to Castor. Setting in landscape context and wider environment around the town
- Good explanation of all the features of the site
- Knowledgeable informative, walking Ermine Street – Stephen made the town come alive
- Chance to explore local archaeology with an expert in field
- Discovering an area on our doorstep we didn't know was there
- Good explanation
- Can't put into words
- An understanding of the importance of Ermine street and the town to service the traffic

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- A longer walk as it was very interesting
- As a stranger to the area I found it difficult to understand
- Probably only when the excavations start
- Not at all unless you can fund some digs to reveal structures
- Excavate more of it
- Please increase the age group of attending these events. Very distracting when children talking through the talk. Age limit should be 16 I feel

- Speak to Peterborough City Council rights of way office regarding opening access to the site
- Included in part of tourist trail from Peterborough including Ferry Meadows
- Nothing obvious
- Parking
- Better organisation and car parking! Would liked to have looked at the fort and the river crossing
- I'd simply like to be able to do it again. I've wanted to do this walk for 30+ years so would like to repeat it every few years
- We were given a large map (not in plastic) marked A, B, C, D etc. The guide did not refer to this map, just the 3 in plastic, the larger one with markers would have been better to refer to for understanding of positions. Also limit to age 16+, children who attended were not interested and took up places on an oversubscribed walk
- Go further
- No criticism
- More opportunities to walk over such sites with a qualified archaeologist in June, July and August
- More time
- There should have been more walking and less talking, we could have made the fort. Time and motion important
- An illustrated talk before the visit, showing the route to be taken. Show the route to be taken and main stopping points on the photocopied handout
- Map / diagram to take away
- The idea of the Nene Valley Archaeological Park is fantastic. Hope it materialises
- Cut the grass!

APPENDIX AE. HERITAGE WALKS: FEEDBACK HERITAGE WALK 2

Date: 22 June 2014

Title: **Flag Fen**

Number attended: 34

Number of completed Review Sheets: 31

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	20	7	2	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	21	10	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	22	9	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	19	11	1	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- The guide was excellent, lovely manner and easy to understand. Answered all questions well
- The tour guide was very good and clear
- Excellent, approachable guide
- First time I had visited. Great to see how items are preserved. I will now bring my grandchildren
- Guided tour. Chance to see Must Farm log boats and hear about connections between 2 sites
- I liked the boats and the guide and that they are still researching
- The archaeology, the guide and organiser and their expertise and patience and that research is ongoing – don't know definite answers
- Seeing Must Farm boats. Best explanation of Flag Fen environment and non-shearing sheep (had visited a long time ago)
- Very informative, organised trip. Better than going around on one's own
- Seeing Flag Fen and guided walk. Important features pointed out. Good opportunities for questions and debates. Being able to visit log boats and see them
- The guide Mike Titman made sure we saw as much as possible in the time allowed. So many more developments since I first saw this site in early 1980s
- Thoroughly enjoyed the talk, very comprehensive. Thrilled to see the boats
- We have just moved into the area and have learnt a lot about where we now live
- Concise and informative history on our doorstep
- I enjoyed the information passed on by the guide
- Must Farm boats. Going round in a group. Vivacity site map was very helpful
- The guide was very informative and clearly spoken. He told us planned route before we started and summarised at the end

- The guide was able to answer our questions. He seemed pleasant and knowledgeable enough
- Visited twice before. However unaware of the actual room with the preserved posts.
- Enjoyed talk
- Good visit, setting the palaeo landscape
- More in depth explanation than previous visit
- Interesting and informative
- Good pace. Guide gave good and full explanations. A very informative and good tour

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- Very disappointing to find the roundhouses closed due to badly organised maintenance and that lights were out in the display cases. Would be greatly improved by some form of layered map of the Fen to show progress through time. The site could do with better access from the city like it used to be. Consider using hand held audio guides as seen in many historic houses
- More time to read the signs and see the items in cases in the preservation room and generally throughout
- Ongoing and good already
- Huts to be open
- The huts could be open and a follow up visit in September with the Roman road and boats
- Tiered maps
- Maps
- Open the roundhouses
- Would have been good to have the option to meet at Flag Fen – frustrating to wait on the bus and be late back. I was confused – had the impression it was a walk rather than a guided tour of Flag Fen (though that was fine in the event)
- Flag Fen unfortunately not organised for tickets causing delayed start. Roundhouses closed, unable to enter
- Open the houses! Lots more trips to other interesting places
- Guide could have emphasised Roman content a little more as Roman road runs through site e.g. did Roman road use a valley which would have made road a major one
- The roundhouses were closed by Vivacity due to maintenance problems – pity these were not spotted before the summer season of visitors. It is imperative that money be found to save the future of this unique site
- Wish it could have been longer
- Perhaps smaller groups would be better
- Email background info in advance. Suggest a follow up reading list and other places to visit
- Met my expectations
- Louder voices and clear verbal instructions and precise organisation – these elements could have been slightly better, plus keep to the advertised times
- Better internet presence – blog / new group. Email news i.e. tiers, possibly even social network sites

APPENDIX AF. HERITAGE WALKS: FEEDBACK HERITAGE WALK 3

Date: 27th September

Title: **St Albans** (Verulamium)

Number attended: 34 Number of completed Review Sheets: 23

Review Question	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of HLS or HW by OA East staff	20	3	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	20	3	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	15	8	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	20	3	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Very interesting walk. Lots of things to look at
- Compact but varied – museum of things in situ. Reference back to Durobrivae and Fane Road. Perfect weather. Driver very helpful with mobility scooter
- Informative guides
- Walks being guided
- A good introduction to St Albans – need to come back again! Very interesting
- Everything
- A visit to a site I had seen before. Reassuring to be reminded of what I had seen previously and see improvements to museum
- Everything – great day – would love to come again
- Having an expert explain what I had previously seen but not understood
- Small groups, helping to hear all information. Found out much about St Albans I never knew
- The size of the theatre was amazing, museum beautifully displayed. Mosaic floor breathtaking
- Being able to see whole site and individual notable/interesting locations, very comprehensive. Especially good to have our own group leaders to point out special aspects
- Excellent museum experience and OAE staff giving lots of supplementary, relevant info on guided tours
- The sense of space and lack of crowding. Remains are well kept and clearly explained. Being in small groups meant we could all hear our guide and benefit from his knowledge and experience
- Brought Roman Britain to life, I did not realise how big it was and having well informed guides to answer questions is a boon

- Having a guide who knew a lot about the site and very happy to explain it simply
- Actually being at the place where so much was found – it gave a good sense of scale
- Well organised visit left one wanting more
- So much more interesting to be shown round and be able to ask questions. Thanks for laying on such a sunny day
- Enjoyed seeing theatre and mosaics plus walk

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- A little longer wander
- Would have liked a full day with chance to visit Cathedral rather than leaving St Albans at 3pm
- Perhaps a little more time – but there is never enough time
- Better use of microphone on coach so info can be heard over engine noise and rattles
- A follow up
- Fine how is
- Maybe a little more time to explore
- Not at all
- I am very happy with the experience
- Nothing
- Microphone needed on the coach – cannot hear at the back
- Some better organisation for information provided
- Leaving Peterborough on time – waited for no shows. Some hesitation as to what was happening when on museum visit

APPENDIX AG. GEOPHYSICS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: FEEDBACK

Date of the survey: Saturday, 26th April, 2014

Weather conditions: Clear and dry all day

Number of participants booked onto the learning session: 16

Number of participants who attended: 14

Number of completed review sheets: 14

	Excellent				Poor
Review question	5	4	3	2	1
Administration of the GLO by OA East	14	-	-	-	-
How interesting was your experience?	13	1	-	-	-
How well did you understand it?	12	2	-	-	-
How well organised was it?	14	-	-	-	-

Please tell us what you liked about the experience

- Hands on experience. Seeing the ground before it is excavated
- Being hands on. Being able to see the readings vary as you walked along
- Loved the computer images in different forms.
- Loved the 'hands-on'
- Dispelled the TV myth that it is complicated. Hands on experience really helps to comprehend what is going on in future TV programme
- The opportunity to learn from an expert as he worked and to partake was very rewarding
- Excellent training session
- Hands-on, and explanation of what we were doing
- Understanding the structure of process and systematic approach Simple to understand once you get going
- Interaction, using equipment, small group, explanation of technical terms Good practical experience full of enthusiasm
- Seeing from beginning to end – including results. Practical 'hands-on' Information sheet to take away and reinforce learning. Real specialist with experience to relate
- Very interesting. I liked having a go
- Informative, friendly, fun, nice people
- Hands-on with the geophysical instrument and comparison with other techniques

Please tell us how the experience could be improved

- Evening presentation on published report
- For something other than the gas pipe!
- More sun

APPENDIX AH. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Volunteer Application Form (No experience required)

Please clearly print all details - Thank you

First Name: Family name:

Home Address: Post Code:

Current Address (if different from above): Post Code:

Tel No.: Mobile No.: E-mail address:

The aim is to involve the maximum number of local people in this unique opportunity. This may mean that depending on the numbers who wish to volunteer, applicants may be limited to five days work. You will be able to take part in several aspects of archaeology so please indicate clearly which aspects you are interested in. Please read the section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). This will give you more information. Thank you.

No experience is required but all volunteers will be expected to come for at least ONE DAY. Please tick the dates that you can attend. The Community Excavation will take place between Monday 19th May & Sunday 8th June. Please put a tick in the EX line if you wish to Excavate and / or put a tick in the FP line if you wish to Finds Process (i.e. washing finds) or put a tick in the Other line if you want to help in some other way (i.e. support the Outreach & Learning Officer, making the tea, taking photos, etc.). Open days for the general public are marked OPEN DAY. If you have particular support needs please include details with your application. Thank you.

Activity	Mon 19 th	Tues 20 th	Wed 21 st	Thurs 22 nd	Fri 23 rd	Sat 24 th	Sun 25 th
EX							No excavations
FP							
OTHER							
	Mon 26 th	Tues 27 th	Wed 28 th	Thurs 29 th	Fri 30 th	Sat 31 st	Sun 1 st
						Open Day 2	Open Day 3
EX							
FP							
OTHER							
	Mon 2 nd	Tues 3 rd	Wed 4 th	Thurs 5 th	Fri 6 th	Sat 7 th	Sun 8 th
EX							
FP							
OTHER							

If you have ticked the OTHER line what would you like to do? If you are not sure what but are willing to help in any way say so here:

I have read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). (Please tick) - Please be aware that the organisers may amend the excavation dates

Are you a member of an archaeological / history society? If 'YES' which one?

How did you hear about these volunteering opportunities? Please tick all that apply.

Exhibition - where seen?	Personal contact	Posters - where seen?	Local paper	Local radio	Website

Medical information to be completed by all volunteers

Full Name: Female/Male: Date of birth:

In the event of an emergency we need to know the following information:

Name & relationship to next of kin:

Contact address & tel. no. if different from your home address:

..... Post code:

Contact Tel. number (if different):

Name of your Doctor:

Address:

Post Code: Tel. Number:

Do you suffer from any medical conditions: Yes / No If 'Yes' please give information as appropriate.

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Do you take regular medication: Yes / No If 'Yes' please give information as appropriate.

.....

Do you suffer from any allergies: Yes / No If 'Yes' please give information as appropriate.

.....

Do you wear contact lenses: Yes / No Do you wear prescription glasses: Yes / No

Date of your last tetanus injection:

Please attach any additional information, which you think may be useful to support your application.

Before you sign this form please read the following information.

Please read the Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website first before you complete this form as the information it contains will help you.

If for any reason your circumstances change once you have sent in your application form and you cannot attend please let the Outreach & Learning Officer know as soon as possible by phone (01223 850 500) or by post or e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk). As part of the official record, OA East staff or their support staff will be filming and taking photographs throughout the excavation period. By signing this form you agree that this material can be used by OA East, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Peterborough City Council.

Please post or e-mail this application form to the Outreach & Learning Officer ASAP at least six days before you want to be involved. Please do not just turn up. You will be sent a confirmation

letter on receipt of your volunteer application form by post or e-mail or you may be phoned by a member of staff from OA East. You are advised to make a copy of this application. Please send a SAE if you wish confirmation of your application form by post. Before you sign the form please check you have completed all sections. If you do not, this may delay your application in being processed. Thank you.

Signed: Dated:

Name (printed):

(If you are under 18 please ask a parent/guardian to sign below. You must be over 8 years to volunteer)

Signed: Relationship to volunteer - Parent Guardian ... (tick one)

Name (printed): Dated:

Please send your completed application form to 'Volunteering', Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, Cambridgeshire, CB23 8SQ or to david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk

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APPENDIX AI. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Below is a range of questions that should help you decide how you want to be involved in this exciting and unique opportunity. If your questions are not answered or you still have other queries then please contact the Oxford Archaeology East by e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk) or by phone (01223 850 500).

What is the project about? Between August 2011 and February 2012 excavations took place on a hitherto unknown Roman villa at Itter Crescent, Walton, Peterborough. The site was excavated by Oxford Archaeology East who found part of an Iron Age enclosure ditch, several roundhouses and part of a Roman villa. The villa was two floors high with rooms surrounding a cobbled surface. Excavations also discovered underfloor heating, a kiln for making the roof tiles and various farm outbuildings.

Working in partnership with Fane Road Allotment Association and supported by an 'Our Heritage' Lottery grant the aim will be to excavate an area adjacent to these excavations as the remaining parts of the villa and any earlier archaeology is potentially under the current allotments. The Community Excavation will be over two years and will aim to find out more about this unique site, which remained untouched for nearly 1600 years. While the project will be centred on excavating part of the Roman villa and earlier archaeology there is a range of other community heritage related activities as well.

The Community Excavation will take place from Monday 19th May until Sunday 8th June when members of the general public (adults and young people) can take part in an excavation alongside professional archaeologists. You do not have to have any archaeological experience.

If you are thinking of getting involved send in your completed application form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For local schools and organisations the Outreach & Learning Officer can visit you and talk about the archaeology of Fane Road, run activity sessions as well as providing guided tours of the Community Excavation. If you want to know more please contact Oxford Archaeology East by e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk) or by phone (01223 850 500).

1. Who can volunteer? Anyone can volunteer who is enthusiastic and keen to learn new skills, although preference will be given to those who live in the local community (Walton) and the city of Peterborough. There is a lower age limit of 8 years at the time of volunteering. There is no upper age limit.

2. How do I become a volunteer? Read all the relevant information in this set of FAQ's, look at the website and decide which part applies to you and members of your family. Unfortunately, you cannot just turn up and dig. We will need to know who is coming each day. There is a basic volunteering form, which all volunteers need to fully complete.

3. Is there a lower age limit? Yes, there is. You must be at least 8 years old at the start of your volunteering time with us. Those aged between 8 years and up to 16 years will need to have a parent / guardian with them at all times. Those between 16 years up to 18 years will need to have an accompanying adult who is over 18 years.

4. What sort of volunteering opportunities are there? There is a range of volunteering opportunities. You can excavate or help wash and sort out the finds or support OA East staff by taking photographs, make the tea or acting as site stewards on Open Days. You will be shown how to excavate features, record what you do, draw sections, take photographs, wash and identify finds. For those that do not want to excavate or wash finds there will be many other jobs which support the Site Director & Outreach & Learning Officer.

5. What is available for local school, societies & community organisations? If you work in a local school or with a local community group or society you can contact the Outreach & Learning Officer. Visits to your school or community organisation can be arranged but need to

be planned well in advance. There will also be guided tours to the Community Excavation and the opportunity to take part in the excavations. Contact the Outreach & Learning Officer ASAP for forms. The number of OA East visits to school and organisations are limited and so are the number of guided tours of the community excavation site.

6. When can I apply to volunteer? You can apply to volunteer as soon as you want. Read all the FAQ's, complete the volunteer form and send or email it to the organiser. As the Community Excavation will be very popular please apply early.

7. Can I just come for one day? Yes you can. All the dates of the Community Excavation are found on the application form. If you want to volunteer for the Community Excavation and can come for more than one day then please indicate all the days you would like to attend in the appropriate section of the application form. Preference will be given to those who live in Walton and the city of Peterborough.

8. What more can you tell me about the Community Excavation? The information below covers most of the basic details about the Community Excavation. Site location and other relevant information will be sent to successful applicants closer to the date.

The proposed Community Excavation dates are from Monday 19th May until Sunday 8th June and are aimed at the local community, i.e. those that live and work within the Walton and Peterborough area. It will also include three Open Days for the local community and when the site is staffed there will be free guided tours for schools, local organisations and members of the general public.

All volunteers will work in small teams excavating a range of archaeological features supported by professional archaeologists. Everyone will have an introduction to the site and will be provided with all necessary equipment (i.e. gloves & trowels). The site will have toilets, hand washing facilities, a meeting room and first aid point.

The work times will be from 9.30am to 3.30pm each day with a morning tea break (11am-11.20am) and a break for lunch (1pm – 1.30pm). If work takes place at weekends then the day may be shorter. All volunteers will be expected to stay for the whole day and if young people (i.e. all those under 18 years) are also volunteers then parents/guardians will work alongside them. Unfortunately, there are no crèche facilities.

9. If I do not want to excavate can I still come and help at the Community Excavations? Yes you can. There will be an opportunity to finds processing (i.e. washing the artefacts that the other volunteers have excavated). The finds processing will take place on the same site and at the same times with professional support. There may also be other opportunities to help OA East on site e.g. taking photographs, making the tea, acting as stewards, etc.

10. So when can I volunteer for the Community Excavation? You can volunteer as soon as you want. Read all the basic details, complete the volunteer application form (one per person) and send it to the Outreach & Learning Officer at the address on the application form so that it arrives as soon as possible. All volunteers will be on a first come first serve basis with preference for local people. If we are overwhelmed by applications volunteers may be limited to a maximum of five days per person.

11. Can I bring a small group (i.e. maximum of 8 persons) to excavate for one day while the Community Excavation is on? Yes you can, so long as it's arranged with the Outreach & Learning Officer well in advance. All group members will need to complete an application form.

12. What do I bring if I come to the Community Excavation? You will need to wear old casual clothes, walking boots or stout shoes, waterproofs (as we do not stop if it rains), a sun hat and sun protection cream, gloves, sunglasses, protective cream and any medication needed. Tea / coffee / squash / water will be provided but you are advised to bring plenty to drink and food for the day. You may also wish to bring a gardeners mat (helps to protect the knees), a notebook, pencil and a camera (to record the event). Volunteers will be loaned all equipment (gloves, high visibility vest and trowel) for which a small deposit may be required.

As part of the official record, OA East staff will be filming and taking photographs throughout the Community Excavation. By signing the volunteer application form you agree for this material to be used by OA East, the Lottery Heritage Fund or Peterborough City Council.

13. Where will the Community Excavation be based? The Community Excavation will be based on the Fane Road Allotment site. Once we have received your completed application forms (send them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) we will send you more details. Daily teams of volunteers will be made up to work with the community site project officer. We will decide who is able to come on certain days and then they will send out confirmation details. Please do not just turn up at the site.

14. Can you provide accommodation? Unfortunately, we cannot offer any accommodation. There are hotels, B & Bs and campsites in the area. For further details please contact Peterborough Visitor Destination Centre on 01733 452 336.

15. What happens if I cannot come one day? If for some reason you are unable to work it is important that you contact the relevant person as soon as possible. Contact details will be given at the introduction meeting. Communication is very important particularly when there are others that could take your place.

16. What happens if a Project Officer feels that a volunteer is not suited to the work? If a Project Officer or Site Supervisor feels that a volunteer is not suited to their current work they will talk in the first instance to the volunteer and then the Outreach & Learning Officer. The volunteer may be asked to leave the community excavation.

17. What if I no longer wish to continue being a volunteer? If you are no longer able or no longer wish to continue volunteering then please let the Outreach & Learning Officer know as soon as possible by e-mail, letter or telephone.

18. I still have some questions, what do I do? If you still have any queries after reading the above FAQ's please contact the Outreach & Learning Officer by e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk) or by phone (01223 850 500). The aim of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) is not to put you off but to ensure that you are ready to take the next step and join us in this exciting opportunity.

19. How do I get a volunteering application form? You can download an application form to print from our web page. Just type in 'The Romans of Fane Road' into any search engine or contact the Outreach & Learning Officer by e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk) or by phone (01223 850 500).

20. Where do I send my completed application Form?

You send your completed application form to the following address

'Volunteering', Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Bar Hill, Cambridge, Cambs., CB23 8SQ If you want an acknowledgement that we have received your application form please include a SAE.

APPENDIX AJ. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND THE DAYS THEY WORKED

A total of 129 participants

A total of 478 days worked by participants

Name	Days	Name	Days	Name	Days
David Andrews	3	Josephine Fried	20	Roger Mould	7
Sophie Andrews	3	Alex Fryer	8	Stephen Naylor	3
Ian Arnott	4	Wendy Gamble	8	Marguerite Nicholson	10
Gillian Balchin	4	Nadine Gereson	9	Bob Oakes	1
Susan Barcis	6	Janice Gibson	2	Ginny Oakes	1
Helen Bartholomew	2	Jack Gill	5	Kevin Overton	4
James Beaton	1	Chris Green	1	Rhianna Overton	4
Margaret Berry	12	Katie Green	4	Brian Parsley	11
Alice Bettany	6	Debbie Greenwood	3	Rachel Phillips	3
Amanda Bettany	6	Mary Hannigan	2	Teilo Phillips	3
Jorga Bettany	8	Bob Hatton	1	Cat Potter	18
Steve Bettany	16	Megan Hatton	1	Chris Pridmore	3
Jean Bower	7	Heather Hayes Bowlzer	3	Rebecca Pridmore	17
Kate Bowyer	1	Zoe Hazell	1	Sheila Quigg	1
Hazel Brewin	3	Phil Hill	7	Bronagh Quinn	8
Andrew Brewster	10	Rebecca Hill	2	Steve Redhead	5
Alan Brimmell	2	Lucas Holt	1	Thomas Reed	1
Judith Bunten	15	Susan Horsley	4	Emily Rickell	2
Abbie Burt	2	Anne Horspole	8	Brigitte Rumble	1
Jessica Burt	1	Judith Horspole	7	Les Rumble	1

Name	Days	Name	Days	Name	Days
Siobhan Capano	1	Ruth Horspole	1	Beki Sellick	1
Gary Capes	2	Phoebe Hudspeth	1	Miriam Sellick	1
Chris Carr	2	Helen Huthwaite	3	Lyndsey Shaw	1
Nick Carr	19	Rick Kelly	18	Ian Slater	2
Andy Cakebread	1	Sasha Knight	2	Lynn Slater	6
Claire Cakebread	1	Veronica Latham	6	Angela Smith	2
Jon Cane	4	Louise Lawrence	1	Peter Smith	2
Helene Cham	2	Ian Lockwood Hall	8	Sue Smith	8
Freddie Chambers	2	Michael Ludlow	10	Christine Spencer	1
Callum Chapman	4	Steve Macauley	1	Hannah Stevens	1
Paul Clarkson	6	Barts Machen	2	Benjamin Steward	1
Simon Coxall	4	Simon Machen	2	Helen Stocks Morgan	1
Steve Critchley	2	Daphne Mair	7	David Symonds	1
Sue Deoraj	3	Jackie Marjoram	6	Noah Symonds	1
Alex Edwards	4	Robert Marsh	9	Rachel Thomas	2
John Edwards	4	Ian Mason	6	Sue Tingle	9
Jeanette Elrick	1	Libby Mather	1	Matt Wicks	3
Shona Elrick	1	Scarlett Mather	1	Gill Willis	7
Mary Evans	1	Anna McDonald	8	Wendy Willson	10
Charlie Forbes	8	Wendy McCarthy	2	Jill Wozniak	3
Mike Fortune	5	Chloe McLaughlin	1	Amanda Wong	2
Charlotte Fosbeary	1	Janet Mortlock	3	Ben Wright	2
Chris Fosbeary	1	Terry Mortlock	19	Steve Yates	1

APPENDIX AK. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: PARTICIPANT INDUCTION FORM

The Romans of Fane Road: Community Excavation 2014

SITE INDUCTION CHECK LIST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Name..... (please PRINT)

Adult / Young Person (8 – 18) (please ring as appropriate)

All young people (under 16 years) will be supervised by a parent/guardian or responsible adult for all aspects of their work. A parent or guardian will need to sign this form on their behalf

This induction has been carried out by (OA East staff name):

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1) I have been shown the location of the site Health & Safety Policy of Oxford Archaeology

I have been shown the location of the site Risk Assessment documents

2) Risk assessment for this site.

Site specific safety issues are

- Trip hazards - Falling in to pits / trenches
- Broken glass and old metal fragments

3) I have been shown, or I understand that I will be shown, the correct use of any tools I am asked to use.

4) The required PPE for this site is:

Wear gloves at all times / when appropriate

5) I am aware that I must take other measures for my own personal protection e.g. Sun block, sun hat, long sleeves, wear waterproofs supplied

6) I have been shown the position of the First Aid box

The First Aiders are:

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7) I have been made aware of the emergency procedures

8) I know how to contact help in an emergency

9) I have been shown the location of the toilets and hand washing facilities

10) I know the arrangements for making refreshments

11) I know the arrangements for lunch and working hours

12) I have read and understood the "Employees' Duties" (from H&S at Work 1999) and understand that these apply equally to employees and volunteers (over the age of 18) (PTO and read)

Signed..... Date.....

MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS 1999

Regulation 14: Employees' duties

85. Employees' duties under section 7 of the HSW Act include cooperating with their employer to enable the employer to comply with statutory duties for health and safety. Under these Regulations, employers or those they appoint (e.g. under regulation 7) to assist them with health and safety matters need to be informed without delay of any work situation which might present a serious and imminent danger. Employees should also notify any shortcomings in the health and safety arrangements, even when no immediate danger exists, so that employers can take remedial action if needed.

86. The duties placed on employees do not reduce the responsibility of the employer to comply with duties under these Regulations and the other relevant statutory provisions. In particular, employers need to ensure that employees receive adequate instruction and training to enable them to comply with their duties.

87 Employees have a duty under section 7 of the HSW Act to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their actions or omissions at work. Therefore, employees must use all work items provided by their employer correctly, in accordance with their training and the instructions they received to use them safely.

Regulation 15: Temporary Workers

(1) Every employer shall provide any person whom he has employed under a fixed term contract of employment with comprehensible information on-

(a) any special occupational qualifications or skills required to be held by that employee if he is to carry out his work safely; and

(b) any health surveillance required to be provided to that employee by or under any of the relevant statutory provisions, and shall provide the said information before the employee concerned commences his duties.

(2) Every employer and every self-employed person shall provide any person employed in an employment business who is to carry out work in his undertaking with comprehensible information on-

(a) any special occupational qualifications or skills required to be held by that employee if he is to carry out his work safely; and

(b) health surveillance required to be provided to that employee by or under any of the relevant statutory provisions.

(3) Every employer and every self-employed person shall ensure that every person carrying on an employment business whose employees are to carry out work in his undertaking is provided with comprehensible information on-

(a) any special occupational qualifications or skills required to be held by those employees if they are to carry out their work safely; and

(b) the specific features of the jobs to be filled by those employees (in so far as those features are likely to affect their, health and safety); and the person carrying on the employment business concerned shall ensure that the information so provided is given to the said employees.

Regulation 19: Young Persons

98. The employer needs to carry out the risk assessment before young workers start work and to see where risk remains, taking account of control measures in place, as described in regulation 3. For young workers, the risk assessment needs to pay attention to areas of risk described in regulation 19(2). For several of these areas the employer will need to assess the risks with the control measures in place under other statutory requirements.

99. When control measures have been taken against these risks and if compulsory school age) can be employed to do this work. A young worker, above the minimum school leaving age, cannot do this work unless:

(a) it is necessary for his or her training; and

(b) she or he is supervised by a competent person; and

(c) the risk will be reduced to the lowest level reasonably practicable.

APPENDIX AL. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: WEATHER LOG

Day	Date	Day	Morning	Afternoon
1	19 May	Mon	Dry, clear skies, very warm	Dry, clear skies, very warm
2	20 May	Tues	Dry, occasional cloud and warm	Dry, occasional cloud and warm
3	21 May	Wed	Dry, cloudy and warm	Dry, cloudy and warm
4	22 May	Thurs	Dry, full cloud cover and warm	Dry until 2pm and then heavy rain
5	23 May	Fri	Dry but overcast	Dry but overcast
6	24 May	Sat	Heavy rain until 2pm	Cloudy with occasional showers
	25 May	Sun	No excavations	
7	26 May	Mon	Damp, cloudy and showers	Cloudy, cleared late pm
8	27 May	Tues	Very heavy rain, cleared at lunchtime	Very cloudy and cool
9	28 May	Wed	Very heavy rain	Very heavy rain
10	29 May	Thurs	Cloudy and occasional drizzle	Cloudy and occasional drizzle
11	30 May	Fri	Dry and cloudy	Dry and cloudy
12	31 May	Sat	Dry and cloudy	Dry and cloudy
13	1 June	Sun	Clear, warm and sunny	Clear, warm and sunny
14	2 June	Mon	Sunny and dry	Sunny and dry
15	3 June	Tues	Clouding over	Sunny and warm
16	4 June	Wed	Heavy rain cleared at 11am	Showers
17	5 June	Thurs	Cool, windy but dry	Cool, windy but dry
18	6 June	Fri	Very hot	Very hot
19	7 June	Sat	7.15am thunder and lightning. Raining on and off	Raining until 2.30pm
20	8 June	Sun	Clear and dry	Clear and dry

APPENDIX AM. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS – PART 1

Total number of respondents: 87

What did you do? Tick all that apply	Excavated	25	Find processing	9	Both	52
Other – Please say what you did	Photography: 1					

Activities	(Please tick the appropriate box - thank you)					
	1 (great)	2	3	4	5	6 (poor)
Organisation up to the day you started	71 (82%)	15 (17%)	1 (1%)	-	-	-
Induction Talk	72 (83%)	15 (17%)	-	-	-	-
Excavation and the training	71 (87%)	9 (9%)	1 (1%)	-	-	-
Finds Processing and the training	58 (84%)	11 (16%)	-	-	-	-
Other training sessions	55 (82%)	11 (17%)	1 (1%)	-	-	-
Overall experience	82 (94%)	4 (5%)	1 (1%)	-	-	-

Would you like to be involved in another archaeology project like this in the future?		Yes	87	No	0
If 'YES' why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very interesting and enjoyed being a 'time team' member. Good to get some experience over a quarter of a century after completing an archaeology course. (WW) • Great experience. I would like to get involved again if not too far away from home (IS) • Because this, my first dig was so enjoyable, despite the rain (LS) • Loved the opportunity to do something I had always wanted to do (ST) • It was a very positive learning experience (IM) • Very well organised and support given was excellent. All very friendly and learned loads (AF) • As my first time excavating I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day even though at first I didn't know what I was doing • Enjoyed the experience and would love to be involved on any local excavations or continuation of Fane Road (SR) • I enjoyed myself • Excellent organisation, brilliant experience (BP) • The camaraderie and interest educational (CF) • Great atmosphere to work in, interest in the subject (NC) • I found the whole experience exciting as well as interesting and informative (NG) • Loved it! Would like to build on and expand the learning I have made (AH) • Lots of fun learning with hands on experience with lots of great people • As due to the weather I didn't get to do any excavation so would still like to do some (LS) • I've loved getting close up to the past and would like to develop the knowledge and 				

	<p>skills gained so far (VL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well organised. Friendly and helpful staff (MF) • Interesting and informative (JM) • Interesting to be involved (RO) • Because it was very interesting (VO) • Fascinating (RK) • It was a really great experience and I would definitely do it again (BQ) • Although a complete novice I've learned a lot (MW) • Certainly. This has been brilliant (GB) • Great fun, educational, involving (PC) • I found the entire experience intriguing and wish to learn more (AB) • Very interesting, informative and well presented (HC) • Found it interesting (AC) • I enjoyed the experience and feel I learnt a lot. It was also a sociable experience. Staff all excellent (CC) • It was fantastic – loved every minute of it, even the aches (HB) • Increasing knowledge. Fantastic opportunity to find out what goes on in the whole process. Great camaraderie (JB) • I want to study it at University and I find it enjoyable (HHB) • Interesting, close to home, great staff (HB) • Friendly people and staff, interesting project (AW) • Because this experience has been so interesting (SS) • Interested in archaeology (IA) • I found it interesting and rewarding (LR) • Very interesting and I have an interest in this subject generally (BR) • It helped me learn about the Romans (BM) • It's great fun and educational (SM) • I found it all very interesting and rather exciting. Lovely to be part of an enthusiastic group. Archaeologists James. Steve, Toby and David all very helpful and approachable. Volunteer Terry great fun and very knowledgeable (JM) • Because it was good fun even though I didn't find anything (LM) • Because it was interesting. Because I could find new things (SM) • I have a passion for archaeology and the time and freedom to indulge my passion (JF) • Experience was wonderful. Right amount of informality. Organisation excellent and learned a lot (MN) • Thanks to David and whole team for passing their knowledge on and making it an enjoyable experience (PS) • Interesting and also an opportunity to learn (AS) • Very informative, friendly and great organisation (MB) • I enjoy the process of uncovering the past (CP) • It's wonderful to keep learning about archaeology in the UK (SK) • It was a great experience particularly as this was my first dig (ILH) • This is something I have always wanted to do. It is fun and enlightening (SH) • Because I love digging, archaeology and the Romans (TP) • It was an interesting, exciting and rewarding experience. I loved learning about the site and history and handling artefacts. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming too (RP) • Because it was really fun and interesting and exciting • Because it was very enjoyable and fun. It was also a great experience • It's fun • It was fun to see the things (LH) • Interesting and learned something (JE)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love digging and being active with finds and the suspense if it's a great find or not • Involvement of local community important. Learnt much about project and archaeology as a whole (SD) • Because it was great • Because it brings the community together • It was interesting and engaging – hands on • Because it was very fun and informative • I like finding stuff (MS) • Fascinating, well organised, friendly (SC) • Great experience for both young and old (SB) • An opportunity to get hands on with a subject that has interested me more and more over the years (DM) • Very interested in archaeology (CG) • Interesting and exciting (BS) • As a community project this was a brilliant opportunity for people who have an interest in archaeology, particularly local people (JB) • Interesting well run project – I only helped for one day but would have liked to have done more (ZH) • Because I love it! (AE) • Lots to learn – lots of fun – lots of nice folk (JE) • Always good to meet some people with similar interests (AB) • It's a great experience working with other people in the fresh air and learning new skills. (RM) • Love history and connecting with finds from the past – so relevant to our future for our children. (WM) •
If 'No' why?	NO COMMENTS WERE RECORDED

APPENDIX AN. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS – PART 2

Total number of respondents: 87

Part Two: Participants were asked to add any other comments/observations that they would like to make about their time on the Community Excavation

- Staff were always available, supportive, helpful and informative – one of the best digs I have been involved in (BP)
- All of the staff were welcoming and friendly but gave information clearly. It was a very positive community experience with a variety of interested and interesting people. I learned a lot and had a great time (NG)
- All the staff were knowledgeable, explained what to do and how to do it and gave praise accordingly. Lunch time talks were informative. Thanks for allowing me to be involved (SR)
- So interesting on the dig. Enjoyed washing the finds. Granddaughter so excited to touch something Roman that has been buried for years (WM)
- The dates I worked have been fantastic, the team were great even when the weather was appalling! The organisation and Heritage Learning Sessions have been excellent as well. Would love to be involved in future excavations (AF)
- I felt all the professional staff took pride in helping novices feel useful and informed.
- Thanks for sharing your knowledge so freely and positively (IM)
- This was a fantastic time working with a great group of professionals from whom I learnt a lot. I would love to be involved if there is the opportunity to do more especially on this site (ST)
- Well organised, well explained, finds displayed and described. Facilities for volunteers were sufficient for numbers attending (IS)
- David, you gave us plenty of written information prior to the excavation which was really helpful as I can't remember things. The staff were really dedicated and the whole experience was very enjoyable. I don't really know how the staff managed to keep going. I presume you all run on 'Duracell' as you continued to work after all the volunteers had gone home and by the time we returned the next morning you had already been there for hours! The staff were really helpful and quite happy to answer my questions even if they were a bit silly. I enjoyed meeting all the people involved in the excavation and would really like to be involved in another. I was very impressed with the way the dig, open days and school visits were organised. Thank you. (WW)
- An extension of the day – either earlier start or later finish – appreciate start/close activities are required and travel to/from Cambridge. Provision of squash was great – non tea/coffee drinkers are often overlooked – thanks. Cannot think of anything else that would have improved the experience! (NC)
- A big thank you for letting me be involved in the Fane Road project as a volunteer. I hadn't done anything like that before and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. All of the staff and volunteers were really friendly and helpful, which helped make the day extra special (LL)
- This was the first time I had done this and got a great buzz from it. Meeting like minded people a lot more knowledgeable than me but not in the least pretentious (CF)
- A real learning experience and great camaraderie in a well organised project.
- Congratulations to David and all the other OAE staff and Fane Road allotment association for being great hosts! (PC)
- A truly exciting and instructive time from David and the team. Thanks (GB)
- Really friendly team here. Enjoyed the work very much, liked unearthing stuff, especially as
- I didn't expect to find anything at all! Found bits of Roman history more interesting now, feel like I understand our heritage slightly more. All round good experience! (MW)
- This has been such an interesting project. I have learnt so much from the archaeology team and from other volunteers and visitors to the site. Everyone has been so friendly and helpful in making this such an enjoyable experience. I feel further enriched with knowledge and enthusiasm for history and archaeology, which I will pass on to the children I teach. Thank you OA East (VL)
- It was brilliant being talked through what you had already found on site. Just a shame I couldn't help uncover more (LS)

- Great to be able to have a go at everything with just the right amount of instruction The staff worked really well together – both paid and volunteers. David is an excellent leader, so enthusiastic, that it rubs off on other people. So well organised. Really good to have so many handouts to read through and learn from, likewise to look at all the finds and books laid out on the side – to be able to ask questions and told answers. Lunch time tool box talks were really informative and interesting and gave us even more insight. Great that this learning opportunity was expanded on wet days when we weren't digging- and meant we weren't washing finds all day. Staff were all really willing to teach and explain things. If you needed extra equipment it was often them that went to get it – not sent you. Also there was a plentiful supply of basic items we needed in good condition e.g. gloves, kneelers , trowels, shovels etc. Toilet facilities, hand washing, finds washing, mug washing, refreshments and CHAIRS! all well laid out. Very positive comments on what you had dug/cleaned. Can't praise the team and the opportunity enough – MORE please (AH)
- So exciting how everything changes day to day (JM)
- Very friendly and professional team – great advocates for the importance and value of our history (SM)
- Would have appreciated a bit more time on excavation techniques and what to look out for. However, this is a small point as everyone was very helpful and friendly. An enjoyable day. Which, could have been longer (BR)
- Some of us could stay later, I could have – i.e. 6-8pm in the summer (LR)
- I found the people running the dig so helpful and they didn't make me feel awkward or foolish despite this being my first ever dig. All of them have passed on their enthusiasm for archaeology. It's been great in spite of the rain (SS)
- Thank you for taking the time to involve us and teach us about the project and what you have been doing (AW)
- It was really interesting and I enjoyed it a lot. Would love to do something like this again. It was a really fun and enjoyable experience (HHB)
- The archaeologists and Terry have been amazing. No matter how many times the same question was asked they answered with the same enthusiasm. They were always ready to help and advise volunteers (JB)
- Thank you for a fantastic opportunity and also a great family day out! All staff were friendly and knowledgeable and made a huge difference (CC)
- Brilliant two days, made to feel involved and welcomed. Good organisation (HC)
- This has been hugely rewarding, a great learning experience. I have met people with a variety of fascinating skills and everyone has been very friendly. The chance to try my hand at various activities has been an additional treat. The talks were helpful and of great interest. I've had a fabulous time. Everything totally organised so that areas are safe, clear and well marked (SH)
- What a brilliant time with professional, enthusiastic and knowledgeable archaeologists. They were good company and a pleasure to be with. Always helpful and enthusiastic without being pompous and demanding. David's excellent organisation, enthusiasm and knowledge was a privilege to be experienced. In my opinion it is essential that further community digs are funded to ensure that our heritage can be researched and documented before it is lost or destroyed. It must be a legacy that we can bequeath to our grandchildren and future generations. In addition I have met some very interesting people and learnt so much in such a short time. It has certainly whetted my appetite for further excavations. Well done Oxford Archaeology East a brilliant effort (ILH)
- I had a wonderful experience and learned a lot. All the best in the future. I hope you're able to maintain the funding for the Community Heritage Project next year!! Oh and the kiln firing was a brilliant idea. (SK)
- The staff were very patient and knowledgeable (CP)
- Have really enjoyed my time here getting down and dirty, great experience – would love to be involved in another dig (MB)
- A thoroughly enjoyable experience and the professional team was great to work with. Thanks to all (AS)
- Having done many classes on archaeology I was very keen to help on a practical dig – especially such an important site and local. I thought I would love it but it was all very much better than I could have imagined. The number of finds and variety quality was much larger than anticipated. The professional archaeologists were all extremely sympathetic, knowledgeable and patient with the volunteers. This not only created a sense of worth and keenness in the volunteer force, but was very encouraging for us volunteers and I felt the whole dig was an exhilarating experience, very

productive and as thorough as possible. I would look forward very much to another opportunity. Learning sessions at the local Community Centre were excellent and not to be missed for dig preparations. Outings to Flag Fen, Durobrivae and St Albans – extremely helpful. Sessions and outings covered many aspects of this local dig and helped volunteers to see the whole dig in context (MN)

- It was an absolute joy to spend time with David and his team. The training was brilliant. Many thanks to them all for sharing their knowledge, plus their patience in working with a diverse group of volunteers (JF)
- I loved looking at the stuff and I am happy that I got to do what was a once in a lifetime experience for me and my mum (TP)
- Really felt part of a team – treated as a professional not a bystander. Whole experience totally enjoyed. The talks were informative, easy to follow, interesting delivered by enthusiastic people – showed local expertise. Nothing was pretentious unlike digs I had previously been on and had to pay for the privilege of doing nothing more than watching the archaeologists. The whole atmosphere instilled trust, experience was one to be remembered and hopefully many more will be in the pipeline. Thank you to all involved. Plus digging was not taking place on the days I was booked in. There was no problem in coming back another day (or another) so that no one went away disappointed (SD)
- Thank you. It has been a fascinating experience and an opportunity to do something completely different (JE)
- An excellent time - learnt so much from David and team from OAE who were all very patient and really helpful. They could not do enough to help and were so friendly. Everyone worked well together making a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thank you (GW)
- Thank you for such an amazing opportunity. Everything was really well organised and well run.
- Everyone was so friendly and informative, they seemed to genuinely enjoy sharing their experiences and knowledge (RP) and well run. Everyone was so friendly and informative, they seemed to genuinely enjoy sharing their experiences and knowledge (RP)
- Just thanks to all involved – a lot of hard work and preparation made for a tremendous experience (SC)
- A commemorative T Shirt (or similar) on sale at £15 would have been a nice souvenir (DM)
- Very informative. OAE very happy to explain things (CG)
- A really enjoyable time working with and learning from the pros and the more experienced volunteers. Working on a Roman site was the cherry on a great cake. Thanks a lot to all
- The overall enthusiasm of all those involved is wonderful. I've learned a lot more in a subject matter I adore. Many thanks to you guys and girls (AE)
- David Crawford White is an exceptional leader and organiser of such projects. Every one of the team of archaeologists from OA East staff were very supportive and cheerful at all times with the volunteers on this project. It was an opportunity to be involved in a local archaeology dig which, I would have hated to have missed. With their help through factual printed information, informal lunchtime lectures and talks and involvement with like minded folk, I learnt a great deal and have a great thirst for more knowledge. The series of visits and lectures so far have also been superb and well organised. The whole "Fane Road Experience" for me has been well worth the stupendous effort and sheer hard work by the organising team. Heritage lottery money very well spent on this community event – and what a great opportunity to give the younger generation a chance to experience archaeology – washing finds, artistic ideas and the chance to see a pottery kiln in operation with a decorated pot to take home. Roll on stage 3 on this site – PLEASE!. Thank you all for a wonderful experience – it has been a joy to meet you all (JB)
- As one of David Crawford White's weekly volunteers, I was fortunate to be able to join the Fane Road dig in Peterborough for two of the three weeks. Having been on training digs elsewhere for the past 6 years, and a couple of test pitting projects, I had a reasonable idea of what to expect. I found the project was extremely well organised and run and your staff were exceptional in the way they carried out their work, professional at all times, and very supportive and available to the volunteers at all times during the working day. I am grateful for the chance to be involved in an important archaeological project and would welcome to dig with your staff again (BP)
- Throughout the entire excavations volunteers were encouraged to take part in all aspects of field archaeology independent of previous experience (whilst always giving thought for personal ability). The OA staff and the more experienced volunteers were more than happy to share all their

knowledge in as much detail as possible. Even when the weather was against us and excavation could not continue there was always plenty of other activities to keep everyone busy. Even when it was not possible for people to complete certain parts of a feature due to having to return to work the OA staff would make every effort to delay recording for when they could return and finish it. This gave a great sense of part ownership of the excavation rather than just being volunteer labour. The morning and evening briefings were very informative and set the day up detailing any important points of the day and any notices that needed to be briefed out. The site inductions were well pitched as not everyone has experience of working on uneven ground and all the dangers were highlighted. The lunchtime tool box talks were a great way of learning while having lunch. Whilst there were some of these pre planned using OA staff as time went on a few others volunteered to have a go even though having no or little presentation experience. I feel the friendly non judgemental atmosphere that was present made this a good positive experience for them and hopefully will give them more confidence with any future presentations they may have to give.. As time went on it was apparent that there was a great sense of community forming. This was not only shown by the discussions on social media in the evenings. It was also apparent in the amount of home made cakes and biscuits that were put on the table for all to share. If we were not all working hard all day excavating and washing finds I am sure we would all be a few pounds heavier. All age groups were able to take part from 8 – 80+. My own daughter (*) had a fantastic time getting involved as much as possible in all aspects of the event. Everyone especially the OA staff and regular volunteers took time to show her as much as possible. The vast numbers of school children that visited the site was fantastic. The program of activities that could be done with a large number of children both have foundation knowledge of history as well as a good oversight to what was going on with the excavation. I summary this has been a first class community event that has set a new standard for community participation events. David and his team should be proud of what they have done. I also feel that this event and the project as a whole will be remembered by all who have taken part for a very long time to come. (SB)

- Brilliantly conceived, organised and executed! The lunchtime sessions conducted by the participants were a nice touch. I learned some more about the important art of recording what was dug and found out. I was reasonably good at it too. Many thanks to all the pros from OA East whose enthusiasm shone through in all the long hours they put in to make this dig happen. (AB)
- Having dug test pits on the site it was a brilliant opportunity to excavate a larger area. (RM)
- Is it possible to put up an information board in Itter Park near the children's play area (like the one at Milton ferry bridge) showing what the Roman villa looked like for children to read and take an interest in.
- I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity your hard work in getting the grant and organising the site has given me and the others from the Warboys group. Personally I really enjoyed my seven days, despite the few rainy hours, and also enjoyed working with and learning from James, Toby, Steve and Rhiannan and of course Terry, please thank them all for sharing their knowledge and their patience. Having spent a few sessions at Itter Crescent test pitting over the last couple of years it was a great opportunity for me personally to work on a larger trench and in doing so getting some new thoughts and ideas for my group's future excavations. We have a couple of sites to work over the next few years which will take me out of my test pitting comfort zone.
- Working with a set of registers for context numbers, photos etc has made me realise that I will need a few more skills and a little cash to make our excavations a success.
- My 2 granddaughters who took part in the excavation for a day in half term really enjoyed the experience. They were so excited to touch tesserae and artefacts that had been found and never seen the light of day for thousands of years.
- Wendy's granddaughters really enjoyed the experience of the excavation and had never done anything like it before so it was a new experience that I enjoyed and every moment of the time flew by. Everyone was friendly and I found out so much. Overall a great experience I shall never forget. I hope I should be able to do something similar again.

APPENDIX AO. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION





'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project

- Come and see what volunteers, of all ages, are doing on the Community Excavation.
- Visit the 'Open Days' (10am - 4pm) on Sat 24th & Sat 31st May as well Sun 1st & Sat 7th June.
- View the latest finds, join a guided tour and enjoy lots of family activities.
- Make a pot on Sat. 24th May & have it fired in a 'Roman' kiln on Sat 31st May.
- Meet Roman re-enactors (Sat 31st May & Sun 1st June).
- If you are busy working, drop by on the 'Open Evening (Wed 4th June, 5.30 - 7.30) and enjoy a site tour.



The entrance to the Community Excavation is via Itter Park



To find out more about the project type 'The Romans of Fane Road' into any search engine or you can email david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk



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APPENDIX AQ: COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: OPEN DAY PRESS RELEASE

Open day is city history

a hit for buffs

FEATURE

Open day at archaeology site offers insight into Roman life in Peterborough

By Stephen Baines
Editor, Anglian Evening Telegraph
 10.10.17

Hundreds of residents were able to learn what the Romans did for us at a special archaeology session in the city.

A community dig to uncover an ancient Roman villa is taking place at the East Road Allotments in Walton, Peterborough, and an open weekend was held to allow residents to get up close to the finds.

During the special weekend, visitors could speak to Roman re-enactors, paint their own Roman pottery, and find out more about the discovery, which took place between August 2013 and February 2015.

David Crawford White, outreach and learning officer for Oxford Archaeology East who are running the dig, said: "It was a very successful weekend. Several hundred people came to see the dig throughout both days."

"We had visitors of all ages, and it is good to see people are interested in the site and what we are doing here."

The Roman villa was the first to be discovered in Peterborough for nearly 100 years, and is thought to date back to 100 BC.

The excavation of the dig is mainly being carried out by volunteers, with funding coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

So far 60 people have taken part in the so far community excavation. Among the fascinating discoveries were a possible shard of handmade Bronze Age pottery, a Roman brooch, painted plaster, locally-produced pottery, Iron Age pottery and building material.

Mr Crawford White said: "The fact this villa in Peterborough was found in the 1930s, so it is a very significant find."

"It is also very rare for a community dig like this to take place."

"We will have 100 pupils coming to see it this week."

"It is a great chance for people to learn about the history of Peterborough."

"We are seeing three or four very distinct phases for the villa, so it is a very exciting find."

"The earliest part of the villa dates back to about 100 BC, and goes on to about the second century AD."

"We have not found much pottery on the site, but there has been plenty of painted wall plaster."

"The dig is due to finish on Sunday."

"We will then sit down and talk about the possibility of the second phase of the works."

A second open day will take place at the allotments on Saturday between 10am and 4pm, where the new finds from this week will be on display, as well as the discoveries from earlier in the dig.

For details visit <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/157-the-remains-of-fine-road>



Work going on at the weekend's open day.




APPENDIX AR. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: VISITORS COMMENTS

The following statistics relate to the visitors that signed the Comment book placed in the green entrance tent.

The site was open to casual visitors from Wednesday 21 May.

Date	Name	Address	Comments
Wed 21 May	D.Mair		Very interesting
Mon 26 May	B.Wright		An interesting and well attended site. Good to see so much enthusiastic community engagement.
“	E.May	Mansfield Woodhouse	Good
“	J. Mule	Werrington	
“	D & S Macks	Werrington	
“	N. Marsden	Peterborough	
Tues 27 May	M. Arnott		Very interesting and informative
“	K.Arnott		Very exciting to see all the finds
Thur 29 May	R & T Phillips	Walton	Very interesting and fun to do
“	S.Upex		
“	L. Gamble	King's Cliffe	
“	M.Gamble	King's Cliffe	Brilliant. Can't wait to come again
“	B.Johnson	Orton Goldhay	
Fri 30 May	U3A Archaeology		Excellent presentation and wonderful work being undertaken
“	B.Raylor	Alconbury Weston	
“	T.Armstrong	Peterborough	Very informative
“	N.Stimson	Paston	

Date	Name	Address	Comments
Sat 31 May	G. Hodgkin		Very interesting. Will be back next week
“	H Attwood	Peterborough	
“	A & E May		
“	A & R Mortlock		
“	A & K May		
“	B & R Klipfer	Leipzig, Germany	
“	J & S Lomas	Alconbury Weston	
“	L. Dunleavy	Dogsthorpe	Excellent! Very informative and interesting
“	G & G Clarke	Paston	
“	N. Sandford	Peterborough	
“	French family	Werrington	
“	D.Williams	Peterborough	
“	S.Holdich	Hampton Hargate	
“	K & M Inglett	Gunthorpe	
“	C.Bradshaw	Peterborough	Very interesting – certainly piqued my interest
“	S.Horsley	Peterborough	Terrific site, very interesting, friendly staff
“	C.Horsley	Peterborough	Marvellous volunteers
“	T.Bridges	Werrington	
“	N.Bridges	Werrington	
“	A.Lockwood Hall	Longthorpe	Excellent

Date	Name	Address	Comments
“	I.Lockwood Hall	Longthorpe	
“	D.Gamble	Walton	Glad rain has stopped
“	S.Smith	Fulbridge	Sad to have finished my digging stint
“	S.Moore	Peterborough	Excellent. Thank you
Sat 31 May	L.Boyle	Walton	Brilliant, friendly and interesting
“	R.Pinto	Walton	Very interesting
“	J.Bailey	Gunthorpe	Excellent and pity PCC didn't advertise it more!
“	T.Donnell	Peterborough	Very interesting/interesting artefacts
“	C.Hurst	Gunthorpe	
“	A.Hurst	Gunthorpe	
“	M.Beach	Dogsthorpe	Really interesting
“	N.Valentine	Dogsthorpe	Very friendly, helpful and interesting
“	K.Reed	Dogsthorpe	Friendly volunteers and interesting
“	O.Reed	Dogsthorpe	Awesome
“	O.Reed	Dogsthorpe	Interesting
“	A.Reed	Dogsthorpe	Cool!! Thanks
“	V.Dyke	Orton Goldhay	
“	R.Horspole	Werrington	
“	M.Richardson	Langtoft	
“	S.Ross	Orton Northgate	Excellent

Date	Name	Address	Comments
"	M.Garner	Fulbridge	
"	D. Kotowski	Chesterton	
"	P. Kotowski	Chesterton	
"	R.Kotowski	Paston	
"	J. Brierley	Castor	
"	R.Brierley	Castor	Very interesting- thank you
"	S.Roberts	Longthorpe	
"	P.Hargreaves	Werrington	
"	V.Bowyer	Gunthorpe	
"	S.Cooper	Werrington	
"	H.Cooper	Werrington	
"	Spencer family	Whittlesey	
"	R & E McDonnell	Wansford	
Sun 1 June	S.Yates	Maulden, Beds	
"	G.Bradshaw	Peterborough	
"	J.Harris	Peterborough	
"	S.Fryer	Peterborough	
"	T.Mason	Gunthorpe	Better than expected
"	K.Walker	Peterborough	Very interesting

Date	Name	Address	Comments
“	Steve and Chris	Walton	
“	Bjorn		
“	L.Evans		
“	Hadrian		
“	Kieran		
“	Chris and Esther		
“	C.Horsley	Peterborough	Very friendly, beautiful kiln work
“	S.Horsley	Peterborough	
“	J Burdock	Peterborough	
“	C.Dalliday	Paston	Very interesting
“	G.Dalliday	Paston	
“	O.Dalliday	Paston	Loved the cleaning
“	C..Dalliday	Paston	
“	T.Northern	Paston	
“	C.Ayres	Paston	
“	R.Ayres	Paston	
“	A & E May		Hooray, great pot from kiln, learned about the dig in the villa. Great stuff
“	J & K Walker	Peterborough	A very interesting morning
“	W.Hodgkin		My pot is brilliant
Sun 1 June	A.Brewster		

Date	Name	Address	Comments
“	D.Butler	Walton	
“	T.Bridges	Fulbridge	Very interesting
“	D & E Buck	Eastfield	Fantastic
“	Raymond family	Peterborough	Wonderful day – thank you
“	Valentine family	Peterborough	
“	V.Dyke	Orton Goldhay	Enjoyable
“	R.Patterson	Paston	
“	A.Rice	Peterborough	
“	R & J Gibson	Peterborough	
“	J.Bailey	Werrington	
“	Maynard family	Alconbury Weston	
“	M.Tingle	Paston	
“	A.Sharman	Peterborough	
“	Burt family	Werrington	
“	M.Marjoram	Werrington	
“	J.Marjoram	Werrington	
“	A.Fox	March	
“	A.Dine	Paston	
“	A.Pura	Eye	Very good. Could do with public refreshments
Tues 3 June	Barber family	Thorney	As a home ed family we appreciated being allowed to tag along with the

Date	Name	Address	Comments
			school visit – Thanks!
“	L.Ferrier	Walton	Very interesting and enjoyable – thank you
“	C.Perryman	Walton	
Wed 4 June	T.Morgan	Cambridge	Great site – loved it!
“	D.Atkinson	Werrington	Very interesting
“	N.Carr	Langtoft	Awesome and so close to home!
Thurs 5 June	R.Casa Hatton	PCC archaeology	Official visit – great site
“	C & C Phillips	St Neots	
Fri 6 June	A.Hatton	UCP	Excellent site – well excavated
“	M.Stimson	Paston	
“	R.Jeyes	Peterborough	
“	R.Ayres	Peterborough	
“	C. Opass	Peterborough	It was awesome
Sat 7 June	A.Reynolds	Dogsthorpe	It was cool
“	S & P Close	Peterborough	Fascinating
“	G.Bradshaw	Peterborough	
“	J.Boardman	Peterborough	
“	S.Horsley	Peterborough	I've come back to photograph
“	J.Crawford White	Cambridge	
“	M.Sandford	Bucks	
“	S & P Dolryole	Werrington	Very interesting

Date	Name	Address	Comments
“	L. Jenkins	West Maling Kent	Very interesting
“	S. Pearson	Werrington	Very informative. Very good
“	S, C & R Baker	Peterborough	Great to see what is under your feet
“	D, S & A Reed	Peterborough	
“	G & M Willis	Warboys	Really interesting
“	D.Hatton	UCP	Excellent excavation
“	R Casa Hatton	PCC	Super
“	Megan	Peterborough	Great
“	Louie	Peterborough	Super
“	Sam	Deeping	Cool
“	A.Roberts	Perse School	
“	E. Bass	Peterborough	Excellent
“	I.Bass	Peterborough	Really good
“	R.Bass	Peterborough	Really interesting
“	J.Brown	Peterborough	
“	S. Squire	Peterborough	Brilliant
“	M. Ashwell	Peterborough	
“	M.Bailey	Itter Crescent	Very interesting!
“	Raymond family	Peterborough	It was so good we came twice

Date	Name	Address	Comments
“	T. Jebson	Somersham	
“	G. Jebson	Winslow Bucks	
“	A.Corgrove	Werrington	
“	H. Forman	Glinton	
“	P. Stevenson	Glinton	
“	Barber family	Thorney	
“	J. Dowse	Peterborough	Amazing. Thanks
“	R. Stebbings	Peterborough	
“	G. Hazlongs	Northborough	
“	L. Cook	Peterborough	
“	E & L Kennedy	Peterborough	Thank you – very informative
“	B. Kenny	Orton Melbourne	Very interesting
“	I.Hunt		
“	P. Paterson	Little Yaxley	David should know more about fossils
“	M. Barratt	Long Sutton	Very informative – thanks
Sun 8 June	L. Almond	Walton	Brilliant work
“	M. Harper	Peterborough	Brilliant work
“	S. Larder	Norburn	History beneath our feet!
“	H. Stocks	Willingham	Very knowledgeable staff
“	Barden family	Peterborough	
“	S. Smith	Peterborough	Sad it's ended – hope for more

Date	Name	Address	Comments
			funding
“	E. Smith	Mansfield	Spectacular
“	J. Wozniak	Werrington	Shame it couldn't go on for longer
“	K. Gamec	Cambridge	
“	R. Beasley	Peterborough	
“	A.Marks	Paston	
“	R & G Wilson	Peterborough	

APPENDIX AS. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: FEEDBACK FROM OPEN DAYS

Open Day Two: Saturday 31st May. Total number of returns: 83

How far have you travelled?	Under 5 miles	5 – 10 miles	11-20 miles	20 + miles
	67 (81%)	12 (14%)	3 (3%)	1 (1%)
How did you hear about the event?	Word of mouth	Media	Newspaper	Poster
	55 (66%)	18 (22%)	7 (8%)	3 (4%)
How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	63 (76%)	18 (22%)	2 (2%)	0
What is your age?	Under 18 years	18-30	31-40	41+
	27 (33%)	9 (11%)	6 (7%)	41 (49%)

Open Day Three: Sunday 1st June Total number of returns: 61

How far have you travelled?	Under 5 miles	5 – 10 miles	11-20 miles	20 + miles
	33 (54%)	15 (25%)	6 (10%)	7 (11%)
How did you hear about the event?	Word of mouth	Media	Newspaper	Poster
	28 (46%)	16 (26%)	12 (20%)	5 (8%)
How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	38 (62%)	17 (28%)	6 (10%)	0
What is your age?	Under 18 years	18-30	31-40	41+
	18 (29%)	3 (5%)	14 (23%)	26 (43%)

Open Evening: Sunday 4th June Total number of returns: 13

How far have you travelled?	Under 5 miles	5 – 10 miles	11-20 miles	20 + miles
	33 (54%)	15 (25%)	6 (10%)	7 (11%)
How did you hear about the event?	Word of mouth	Media	Newspaper	Poster
	28 (46%)	16 (26%)	12 (20%)	5 (8%)
How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	38 (62%)	17 (28%)	6 (10%)	0
What is your age?	Under 18 years	18-30	31-40	41+
	18 (29%)	3 (5%)	14 (23%)	26 (43%)

Open Day Four: Saturday 7th June Total number of returns: 42

How far have you travelled?	Under 5 miles	5 – 10 miles	11-20 miles	20 + miles
	27 (64%)	3 (7%)	5 (12%)	7 (17%)
How did you hear about the event?	Word of mouth	Media	Newspaper	Poster
	30 (72%)	6 (14%)	3 (7%)	3 (7%)
How would you rate the event?	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
	34 (81%)	6 (14%)	2 (5%)	0
What is your age?	Under 18 years	18-30	31-40	41+
	14 (33%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	25 (60%)

APPENDIX AT. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: SCHOOL VISITS

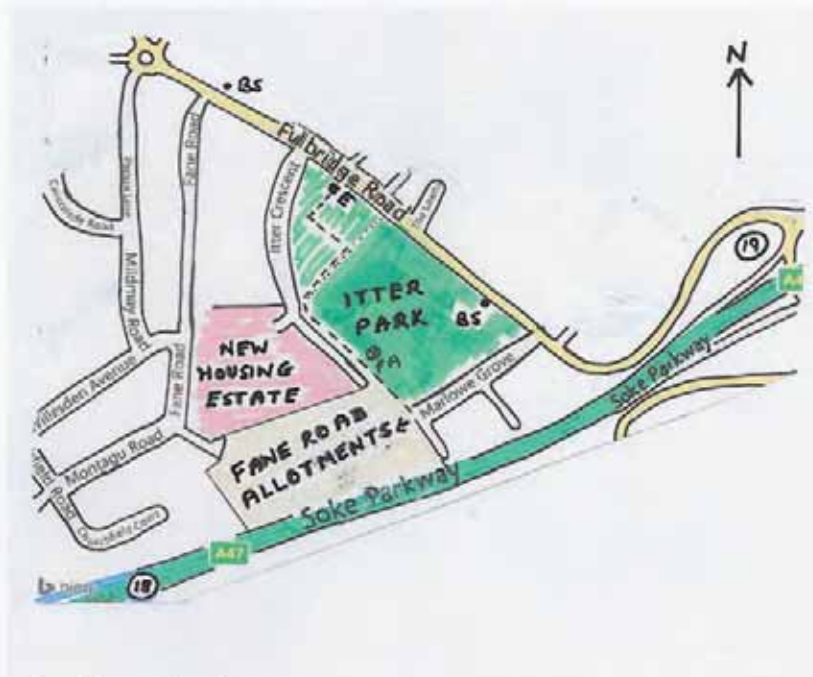
The map below and the accompanying description was sent to all schools coming to the Community Excavation by coach.

The 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Project

Please read these information sheets carefully and if you have any queries please get in touch by phone (01223 850 500) or e-mail (david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk).

Location map and details

The Fane Road allotments are found to the south west of Itter Park, as shown in the map below. There is no access to the general public, school groups or organisations from Fane Road. Access to the site is from a single gate way along the path that goes from Itter Crescent to Marlowe Grove.



Source: <http://www.bing.com/maps/>

If you walk from the sign posted entrance of Itter Park (E) you come to a small housing development named 'Mosaic'. The houses are being built by Bellway Homes (East Midlands) Ltd. at the end of Itter Crescent. Walk along the path adjacent to the new houses past the play area (PA) until you come to a single gate into Fane Road Allotments. BS are the bus stops.

Parking for cars

Parking is very limited in the area particularly along Fane and Montagu Roads. If you do park please be mindful of the local residents and please do not block access to their driveways.

Coach parties

You are advised to check out the site personally before your group comes to the site by coach. Coaches that are booked by the project will be advised to drop you off on the Itter Park side of the road at the Park entrance marked (E) on the location map shown above.

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The Romans of Fane Road

The walk from Fulbridge Road to the site entrance at Fane Road Allotments



Photo 1

Photo 1 - The coach should stop by the entrance to Itter Park.

Photo 2 - Walk through the Park entrance and up the long path. Turn left at the Park hut and then right.



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 3 - Walk along the path past the Park plan to the far end.

Photo 4 - When you get to the exit of the park you are at the end of Itter Crescent.



Photo 4



Photo 5

Photo 5 - At the end of Itter Crescent you will see the new houses. Walk along the path which separates you from the new road by a low fence.

Photo 6 - Keeping the new road and houses on the right. Walk past the children's play area.



Photo 6



Photo 7

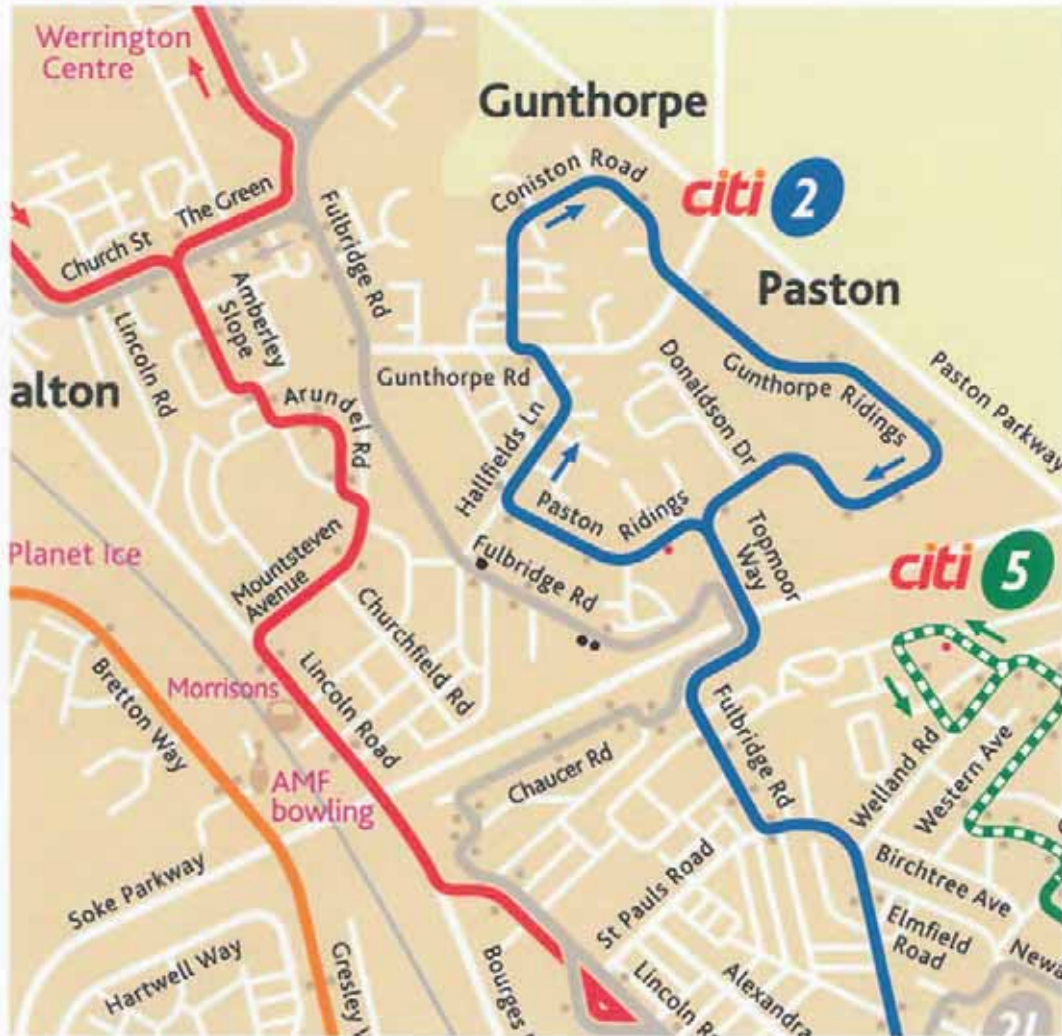
Photo 7 - At the end of the new houses you will come to a high metal fence. The entrance to the allotment site (X) is 15m from the end of the low wooden fence.

Photo 8 - When you enter the allotment site you will find a sign saying 'MEET HERE'. Please wait here and a staff member will come to you and show you where to go.



Photo 8

Bus routes that go close to the Community Excavation Site



Source: <http://travelchoice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/TrafficTravelParking-Buses-BusRouteMap.pdf>

The 'little bus' number 408 goes along Fulbridge Road. Travelling north-west the bus stop is by the southern end of Itter Park (●●). Travelling south-east the bus stop is by the Parish Church of Paston All Saints (●). It is a ten minute walk to the entrance of the Fane Road Allotments. Please check the bus times before you travel.

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APPENDIX AU. COMMUNITY EXCAVATION: SCHOOL FEEDBACK

Activity	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administrative organisation before the visit	4	2	1	-	-
Introduction to archaeology and site induction	5	2	-	-	-
Site tour	5	2	-	-	-
Looking at artefacts from the current excavation and/or Itter Crescent	4	3	-	-	-
Activity – Finds processing	6	-	-	-	-
Activity – Sieving for finds	2		-	-	-
Administration during the visit	2	4	1	-	-
Feedback from pupils and accompanying staff	4	3	-	-	-

School 2: Feedback from Gladstone Primary School

None received

School 3: Feedback from Hampton Vale Primary School

Staff member: *All involved enjoyed the visit and it was very informative. All staff involved had a good knowledge of finds.*

Staff member: *A superbly well organised visit - thank you very much. The children were in awe at being able to handle some of the artefacts. All the staff and volunteers whom we met were enthusiastic, knowledgeable and courteous. They responded very well to the children, encouraging them and pitching their information and their questioning at an appropriate level. Thank you also for very detailed and helpful instructions to reach the site and for organising transport. This was a very successful visit - many thanks to everyone involved.*

Email: *Dear David. I wanted to drop you a brief note to thank you and your volunteers for all your and their work, enthusiasm and expertise that you showed during the Fane Road visit by the Year Three classes at Hampton Vale Primary School on Monday June 2nd.*

Not only did the visit engage all the children and help to further their knowledge of the Romans, but it has kept them 'buzzing' about the subject for several days. Several reported how excited they had been to have seen the 'history detectives' at work!. Thank you again for arranging and hosting such a well-organised and informative visit.

Neil Coaten, Year Three teacher, Hampton Vale Primary School

School 5: Feedback from Marshfields Special School

Staff member: *It was a great chance to take the learning experience out of the classroom and see some of the things we had already learnt about whilst building on this too. We were lucky to have lovely weather and from getting off the coach to getting back out there was a great buzz. Many students were intrigued and wanted to find out more information. To make it an*

even better experience thinking about some of the vocabulary used would be useful. For our learners a lot of words are too difficult for them to understand but if broken down and simplified they would be able to understand more when listening.

Many have taken away lots of information which has then produced further questions. They are very excited about entering the competition too.

It was a great way to introduce archaeology as a topic rather than just have me tell them about it. Hands on experience is the best way for these learners to learn and so washing the artefacts and learning what the pieces were really interested them.

It was great for them to have the different level explained and how it shows us different time periods - they took this on well. Overall a great learning experience and an excellent opportunity to be part of discovering Peterborough's history. Thank you for letting us be part of that.

School 6: Feedback from Longthorpe Primary School

- 4.4.1 Class Members: *'Very interesting', 'the best part for me was holding the artefacts in the white tent', 'cleaning the stones was fun', 'I liked seeing real artefacts and I thought it was pretty cool', 'I loved learning about the Roman', I got a bit bored at the start but as it went on it was fun', 'the artefacts were amazing', 'I enjoyed watching the dig'.*

School 7: Feedback from Heritage Park Primary School

- 4.4.2 Staff member: *The hands on activities were enjoyed by everyone! The timeline activity was great at giving children a sense of place in history. It was also good that had artefacts linked to these times. The children were desperate to have a go digging it would have been great to have a patch (not the dig area) for them to dig / move earth to search as the adults watched using some tools.*

School 8: Feedback from City of Peterborough Academy - Special School

- 4.4.3 Staff member: *We are very grateful for this opportunity and the pleasure and positive attitude towards our group of challenging pupils.*

APPENDIX AV. GROUP VISITS TO SITE: FEEDBACK COMMENTS

Activity	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Administrative organisation before the visit	5	-	-	-	-
Introduction to archaeology and site induction	5	-	-	-	-
Site tour	5	-	-	-	-
Looking at artefacts from the current excavation and/or Itter Crescent	5	-	-	-	-
Activity – Finds processing	1	-	-	-	-
Activity – Sieving for finds	1	-	-	-	-
Activity – Excavating	1	-	-	-	-
Administration during the visit	4	-	-	-	-
Feedback from members	5	-	-	-	-

Group 1: Feedback from Werrington Local History Group

Member: *Interesting to see what lies beneath your feet. Very Interesting.*

Member: *Very professional tour and a sound introduction to Roman archaeology for people who have not been in contact.*

Member: *Plenty of hands on even for a guided tours with no activities.*

Group 2: Feedback from Peterborough U3A Group

Committee member: *Very successful evening – the welcome, information and opportunity to handle the artefacts was greatly appreciated by us all. You were very popular – a star !*

Member: *David's enthusiasm for his subject shone through and informed us.*

Member: *It would be interesting if there is anyone, locally who could put this villa into context with the Romans in this area and to ascertain its use and importance.*

Member: *Absolutely brilliant. So interesting. Such enthusiasm. I will be back on Saturday. Thanks.*

Member: *A very interesting evening.*

Member: *A fascinating and interesting evening.*

Member: *Thanks for all the information imparted.*

Member: *We really enjoyed the evening and David's interesting talk.*

Member: *We thank you so much for a very enjoyable and informative evening.*

Member: *A brilliant evening, a brilliant project – would love to have a phase 3 excavation.*

Member: Very interesting evening, really enjoyed it.

Member: We are all ready for phase 3!

Member: Is there a chance of a CD?

Group 3: Feedback from Fenland YAC Group

Staff: *Everything ran very smoothly thanks to excellent organisation. The children were engaged with all the activities – a good time was had by all!*

Member: *Thoroughly enjoyed the day.*

Member: *Thought the day was very informative, educational and great fun... archaeology is more than just digging!*

Group 5: Feedback from Rotary Club of Peterborough

Committee Member: *An excellent follow-up to the previous presentation to our club. Itself very well received. Thank you David.*

Comments from members: *Very enjoyable and genuinely eye-opening*

Group 11: Feedback from the Peterborough U3A

Committee member: *Everyone was delighted to have the opportunity to see the excellent work proceeding on site, to witness the sight of precious pieces of local history and experience such an interesting and comprehensive talk and tour by the leader. Looking forward to the follow-up meeting and presentation to our group in November.*

A special word of thanks to David Crawford-White for allowing and arranging the visit and comprehensive delivery throughout the tour.

APPENDIX AW: EXHIBITION ONE: THE EXHIBITION FLYER






'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project EXHIBITION

Join us on from 11am - 4pm on Saturday 25th October and see the finds from the recent Community Excavation at the Fane Road allotments.

The Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr David Over will be presenting prizes for the School Art Competition at Noon. Plus there will be a range of family activities and a display of photographs from the Community Excavation.

The exhibition is being held at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Halffields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH

To find out more about the project type "The Romans of Fane Road" into any search engine or you can email david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk



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APPENDIX AX: EXHIBITION ONE: THE EXHIBITION PROGRAMME



Feedback
At reception we have a large plan of the 'Isle of Peterborough'. Write a comment, add your contact telephone number & pin it to the map where you think the Celts buried their treasure. The prize will be a book on archaeology.




Here are just some of the 1,000s of photographs taken by staff and volunteers of all ages involved in the Community Excavation.









An Exhibition of finds and photographs from the 'Romans of Fane Road' Community Excavation on Saturday 25th October (11am - 4pm)



There will be a presentation of the Art Competition Prizes at Noon by the Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr David Over.



PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE
A photographer wearing a OA East high vis vest will be taking photographs throughout the day as part of the official record of the project. If you do not wish to be included in any photographs please see the photographer. No names will be included in any photographs used in the promotion of the project by either Peterborough City Council, Oxford Archaeology or the Heritage Lottery Fund.

To find out more about the project type "The Romans of Fane Road" into any search engine or check out <http://oxfordarchaeology.com/community-projects/257-the-romans-of-fane-road>

Programme of Events

Welcome to the first Exhibition of the finds from the 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project. We hope that you enjoy viewing and handling some of the many different artefacts found during the Community Excavation. If you have any questions about the project please ask at the reception desk.

11am Doors open






11am - 4pm (Main Hall)

- An exhibition of some of the many hundreds of finds from the Community Excavation.
- A display of some of the 1000s of photographs taken during the Community Excavation.
- A display of pictures by pupils from Peterborough that entered the Project Art Competition.

Noon (Main Hall) The presentation of prizes to the prize winners of the Peterborough Schools Art Competition by the Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr David Over.

1.30 - 4pm (Small Hall)
An on-going Power Point Presentation about the Community Excavation and a range of family activities.

APPENDIX AY: EXHIBITION TWO: THE POSTER TO ADVERTISE THE EVENT











'The Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project

EXHIBITION at Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery

Come and see some of the many
artefacts that were found during the
excavations at Itter Crescent and the
Fane Road Community Excavation.
The exhibition will be held from
Saturday 27th March until Sunday 12th
April during normal museum opening
times.

To find out more about the project type 'The Romans of
Fane Road' into any search engine or you can email
david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk

APPENDIX AZ. EXHIBITION TWO: A LIST OF ARTEFACTS DISPLAYED

1	A Roman Storage Jar	18	Roman Coin with a design which will enable identification by the specialists
2	A tegula (roof tile) with hob nail impressions from a boot	19	Small find (Sf 7) - A small lead weight or a spindle whorl.
3	A Tegula (roof tile) purposely bisected by the maker	20	Small find (Sf 82) - A single Roman glass hexagonal cross section bead (6×4×6mm)
4	A tapering semi-circular roof tile called an Imbrex	21	Small find (Sf 112) - A hammered copper alloy (cu) ingot.
5	2nd century pottery called Samian Ware from Lezoux, Central Gaul showing the lower half of a lion	22	Small find (Sf 32) - Small 7th/8th century Anglo-Saxon oval buckle
6	Tesserae are small cubes of stone or ceramic material used to make a mosaic floor	23	Small find (Sf 155) - Small stone irregular bead that maybe natural
7	Roman pottery from the 3rd /4th century pottery called Shell Tempered Ware	24	Small find (Sf 152) - A dog tooth amulet
8	A large Antler Hoe	25	Small find (Sf 81) - An awl made from an animal fibula
9	Small find (Sf 98) - Eleven fragments of glass from small cup	26	Small find (Sf 151) – A lead angula gallet used to secure a plaque or window glass
10	Small finds (Sfs 51 & 67) - Two glass fragments from an open glass base	27	Small finds (Sfs 46 & 133) - Fragments of 1st / 3rd century Romano-British window glass
11	Small find (Sf 119) - A group of thick walled glass, possibly modern	28	Small find (Sf 150) A mussel shell with man made perforation
12	Small find (Sf 9) A copper alloy bow brooch with a moulded foot knob	29	Fired Clay Objects - Two incomplete Iron Age triangular loom weights
13	Small find (Sf 5) A bow brooch, where the short wings have two ridges	30	Painted Wall Plaster (PWP) - PWP of various colours were found throughout the site
14	14 Small find (Sf 2) A small copper alloy knee brooch with decoration	31	Tumbli / Box flue – An open ended rectangular box (top and bottom) used with as part of a hypocaust system
15	A number of worked flint blades	32	A fragment of fired clay that has been deliberately scored
16	A flint scraper	33	Base fragment of a Samian ware cup with part potters stamp
17	Small find (Sf 118) - A fragment of blue-green glass		

NB Red colour denotes objects found during the OA EAST Itter Crescent Excavation

APPENDIX BA. EXHIBITION TWO: COMMENTS MADE BY VISITORS

10 / 10	loved it	Good one
Good	Fab!	Good
Cool!	Love it so far	Amazing
Good	Extraordinary	Fabulous
Amazing, cool	One of my best days ever	Cool!
Enjoyed it	Liked it	So cool
Very good, enjoyed it	Good	Excellent pics
Very nice	Very interesting	Very pleasant
Great display	This is brilliant	Excellent
Great	Really good	Good
I am coming here again	Love it! I am coming here again	Very very nice
Very interesting	Interesting	Most interesting. Well done
An interesting collection from the artefacts found	A deep pleasure for my roots	Great!
Lovely	Beautiful	Amazing
Fascinating	Very interesting	Enjoyed it
Amazing	Very good museum	An interesting surprise
Super	Fabulous	Compact and with the leaflets informative
Having worked on the project am pleased to see the finds displayed so well. Supporting paperwork adds to understanding and interest. It is a shame the display could not be more.		
Interesting	I helped excavate this	Very educative
Rather interesting	Very good	Had fun

APPENDIX BB. ROMAN BOXES: LIST OF RECIPIENTS

No.	Name of school / group	Type of group/ organisation
1	Fenland Young Archaeologists' Club, c/o 30 Livermore Green, Werrington PE4 5DG	Youth
2	Gladstone Primary School Gladstone Street, Peterborough, PE1 2BX	School
3	St Neots Museum, The Old Court, 8 New Street, St Neots, PE19 1AE	Museum
4	Briga & Friends - Roman, Medieval & Tudor History, 15 East End, Langtoft, Peterborough, PE6 9LP	Works with schools
5	Longthorpe Primary School, Bradwell Road, Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 9QW	School
6	City Of Peterborough Special Academy, Reeves Way, Peterborough, PE1 5LQ	School
7	William Law C of E Primary School, Twelvtree Avenue, Werrington, Peterborough, PE4 5DT	School
8	Kings School, Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UE	School
9	Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF	Museum
10	Discovery Primary School, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough PE4 6HX	School
11	A box given to Jorja Bettany for her involvement in the children's publication.	Individual
12	Laureate Community Primary School & Nursery, Exning Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB6 0AN	School
13	Castor Church of England Primary School, Stocks Hill, Castor, Peterborough, PE5 7AY	School
14	Hampton Vale Primary School, Westlake Avenue, Peterborough, PE7 8LS	School
15	CEES Stibbington, Church Lane, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LP	School Learning Centre
16	Burwell House, 44, North street, Burwell, CB25 0BB	School Learning Centre
17	Copmanthorpe Primary School, Low Green, Copmanthorpe, York, YO23 3SB	School
18	Brotherton & Byram School, Low Street, Brotherton, Knottingley, WF11 9HQ	School
19	Isle of Wight College, 6th Form, Medina Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5TA	School
20	Oxford Archaeology East	Outreach Dept.
Totals	8 Peterborough schools, 4 Other schools, 2 School Learning Centres, 2 Museums, 1 Re-enactment group, 1 Youth group, 1 OA East, 1 Individual	

APPENDIX BC. ROMAN BOXES: COMMENTS FROM SCHOOLS /GROUPS

Correspondence received after sending school / groups a set of Roman artefacts.

School / Group Name: Brotherton and Byram Primary Schools

Dear Mr Crawford-White, Thank you very much for the donation of the Roman artefacts for our children to use at Brotherton and Byram School. These artefacts will give all of our children a 'First Hand' learning experience of history and deepen the children's knowledge of what Roman life was like. As part of our cross-curricular approach to learning these resources will also help us when teaching about Archaeology. Kind Regards, Mrs Brown

Name of School / Group Name: Stibbington Centre

Thank you very much for the two boxed sets of Roman artefacts we have received, which were excavated last year at Fane Road near Peterborough.

Throughout our year we have school residential and day visitors who explore and investigate a range of topics and a day of life in Roman Britain is becoming increasingly in demand. These artefacts of building materials, pottery and bone are an ideal set of handling objects to stimulate enquiry and close observational work. The children have been very excited to be allowed to handle these artefacts and have commented about how it makes them feel very connected to the past.

We look forward to having many more opportunities to further excite and engage our visitors with the past, here at Stibbington and also at Burwell where we are sharing the second box of artefacts with the residential facility at Burwell House.

Veronica Latham

Name of School / Group Name: Discovery Primary School

I am writing to say thank you very much for the box of Roman artefacts from the Fane Road dig which you have donated to Discovery Primary School. I will be leading a staff meeting to explain the contents and the use of them in lessons.

They will make the learning much more hands on and interactive and the children will enjoy finding out about the Romans.

Lucy Kennedy

Name of School / Group: City of Peterborough Academy Special School

On behalf of the school I would like to thank you for the work you have done with us over the past 12 months including class talks and site visits. It has been very useful and provided provided alternative opportunities to enhance learning.

I would also like to give a big thank you for the box of Roman artefacts you provided us with recently, as having real opportunities to handle these items is vital when developing a child's interest in the past and engaging in learning.

We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Mr T Wales

Name of School / Group: Laureate Community Primary School, Newmarket

I am writing to thank you for the box of artefacts which you kindly sent to the school from the 'Romans of Fane Road' project.

Our Chair of Governors, Mr B Parsley, who was involved in the project has already given presentations to two classes using the materials from the box, helping the children increase their knowledge of the Romans as part of the curriculum.

The materials are very much appreciated and will be a valuable asset to the school now and in the future.

Mr D Perkins

APPENDIX BD. INTERPRETATION BOARDS: FEEDBACK FORMS

	Comm Ex at Fane Road	The Romans of Fane Road Newsletter	Fane Road Allotment Association	Friends of Itter Park	Loc 1	Loc 2
Numbers	12	2	4	3	8	9

Information Board 1

1 - An image of an Iron Age roundhouse, along with images of items in daily life

2 - Drawings depicting a roundhouse settlement plus various tools and objects of art, pots and weapons etc. plus a time line.

3 – I would like to see on the boards a list of any item of major interest. Also where these items may be seen if on display anywhere. Also a telephone number and name if any member of the public requires any more information.

4 – It would be useful to add if there is any evidence of a continuity of occupation from the IA into the RB or did the Romans re-occupy a deserted IA settlement. I don't know if the ceramic and other evidence from the commercial as well as the volunteer excavations have provided the answers to this. Other considerations could be why this particular location was favourable for settlement.

5 – Photo or drawing of the site showing the archaeology with IA features highlighted. Explanation of what the features were used for. Dates of occupation. Were the houses still in situ into the Roman period. Who might have lived on the site, what they might have done, and how many people might have lived there.

6 – Artistic impression of what these dwellings would look like. The timeline relating to this site – stages 1, 2 etc. Plan of this area showing Car Dyke and Fen Edge and other similar Iron Age settlements also access trackways. Artefacts found on the Itter Crescent and Romans of Fane Road excavations to show evidence of Iron Age settlement. Sketch of dress worn by men, women and children.

7 – Title:- This is an artist's impression of the Iron Age Settlement that was here on this site ? BC.

8 – Pictures of the people involved. Children's drawings of their interpretation. Findings.

9 – Pictures of archaeology found and explanation. Pictures and explanation of finds and what they may have looked like. Time spent doing work, with whom and when. Picture of what the site looked like and what the people were weaving and their activities.

12 – Any relationship to Flag Fen residents i.e any corresponding activity at Flag Fen in Iron Age.

14 – Fortified sites on hilltops and escarpment was constructed to defend themselves. Most of the population lived in roundhouses on farms or settlements. 150 BC metal coinage came into use. The first settlement was Colchester. 100BC Carn Euny was Cornwall's first village still on maps today. 55BC Caesars attack on Britain failed. AD43 Claudius took Colchester and received the submission of the Kings. After 16 days Claudius returned to Rome to bask in the glory of his success. The Iron Age site was a very small site it was not a fortified site it was a small farm.

15 – I would like to see a reconstruction drawing of the site as it would have looked in the Iron Age. Some photos of what artefacts were found are a must. Perhaps a brief description of what life was like for the people living there at this time.

16 – Location of Iron Age finds with a description on artefacts and how the finds relate to the Roman site.

Information Board 2

1 - An aerial view of the site excavated. Information and explanation of the workings of the hypocaust heating system. Information and explanation of the workings of a Roman kiln. A cross section of a Roman road.

2 - A drawing of the Roman villa which was on the site. Outline drawings with information on the bath house system of heating. A time line. Information on the connection between this site and Castor eg the armies etc. Information and drawings displaying the various finds on the site e.g. pieces of pot, jewellery etc.

4 – There are some issues which should be addressed such as the role of the villa Estates in the agriculture / political landscape of the time. Where for example does the Fane Road / Itter Park Villa fit into the distribution of similar elite settlements in the region and was its foundation a planned settlement focus as part of the suggested Fenland Imperial Estates. Why was the Villa abandoned and when. As far as I recall there was little in the way of later occupation evidence except for an isolated Anglo Saxon burial. Presumably the site once abandoned blended back into the wider agricultural landscape becoming part of the land holdings of Paston Manor and village

5 – Photo or drawing of the site showing archaeology with Roman features highlighted, possibly more than one colour showing later developments. Dates of occupation. How they might have used the area e.g. drawing of Villa and gardens. Illustration of hypocaust. How many people might have lived here and what might they have done. Something about the artefacts that were found and in what quantities. How the Villa fits in with others in the area.

6 – Artistic impressions of buildings during Roman period highlighting architecture, hypocaust systems mosaics. Timeline relating to this site over different stages. Plan of area showing Car Dyke and Fen Edge, nearby Roman settlements including Werrington, also access through trackways and roads. Artefacts found on the Itter Crescent and Fane Road excavations to show evidence of Roman settlement. Sketch of dress worn by men, women and children.

7 – Title:- This is an artist's impression of the Roman Villa that was here in ? AD. Include the fact that it was a series of villas resulting in this one. Would like some reference to the tile kiln and the terraced garden.

9 - Pictures of archaeology found and explanation. Pictures and explanation of finds and what they may have looked like. Time spent doing work, with whom and when. Picture of what the site looked like and what the people were weaving and their activities. Show pictures of finds e.g. coins, buttons etc

11 – Definitely a good quality reconstruction drawing.

12 – Information on inhabitants. Explain how local people became Romanised rather than Italian Romans moving to UK. How might this Villa have fitted into surrounding activity i.e. Durobrivae, Ermine Street. Is this an important discovery or would it fit into a routine for period discovery – why?

14 – On the Fane Road there was a 2-storey house with a tiled roof and under floor heating and a bath house attached to the side. AD 61 Roman army in Wales subduing the druids. Boudica led her army on a violent campaign. Colchester was the first to fall, next to fall London and St Albans. Boudica took her army north-west to meet the Romans marching back from Wales. Her army was crushed and Boudica took her own life. AD117 Hadrian started to build his wall. The wall was still being built when he died. 340 – 380 Roman golden age of Villas in the Cotswolds. 367 Pict Scots overrun Hadrian's Wall and ravage North Britain. 408 Saxon raids increase. 410 the end of Roman reign. Roman army must have been at Fane Road for a short time.

15 – I would like to see a reconstruction drawing of the site as it would have looked in the Iron Age. Some photos of what artefacts were found are a must. Perhaps a brief description of what life was like for the people living there at this time.

16 – As much information as possible especially in relation to where the buildings were situated.

Other comments

2 – I feel it is a far better option to site these boards in the formal gardens as in my opinion there is less chance of vandalism.

4 – The location of the board will attract graffiti as well as low level vandalism. Would it be better to site the board. The location of board 2 is better as the use of the park will limit opportunities for graffiti and vandalism.

5 – The site was dug by volunteers from the local community. The title of the board should relate to information on the internet for those who want to research further.

6 Title : Itter Crescent and Fane Road Excavations – Our Heritage

9 – I would prefer to see the boards in site √1 because you would get more footfall in this location. In the other location people would have to go into the park to look at the boards.

10 – The design of the boards showing the impression of the Villa and photos of the finds would be better described in English as the Latin description may discourage people from fully understanding the significance of the Villa.

12 – A site map including park, allotments and new estate.

14 – You could put photos of objects from the Iron Age and photos from the Roman age.

15 – I know it will be difficult but I think the sponsorship logos should be kept as small as possible to allow more information to be placed on the boards. The boards should be placed in the park gardens. Other info boards in the gardens are respected and not vandalised. If placed on the allotment railings I think they would definitely be subjected to vandalism.

16 – We think it is a good idea to have information boards, however, there is concern that these boards could be vandalised. Will there be ongoing maintenance for these and if so who will be responsible for this?

APPENDIX BE. QUESTIONNAIRE: 'LIFE AFTER FANE ROAD'

The 'Romans of Fane Road' Heritage Lottery Project has still many months to go before it ends next June with a Celebratory Event but people are already asking what next? Although we have finished the Community Excavation and the Heritage Walks there is still much to do e.g. three Heritage Learning Sessions, the children's and popular publications, the archaeological report and the teaching resources all have to be completed with your help. Plus the marking-up of finds to be archived. The Management Committee is interested to know now what you would like to see happen in the city of Peterborough after the project has ended next June.

Here are a few ideas / suggestions. Tick the ones you like and add your own. We will also be asking you for feedback about the overall project early next year. So if you would like to be part of the review group please tick below. More details will be sent out at the beginning of February.

Setting up a local history / heritage group in the Fane Road area.	I would be interested in helping with the organisation of such a group.
I would be willing to lead a session on	Would you support such a group by attending their activities?
A series of further talks on heritage subjects: Eeling, thatching, etc..	A series of visits to other archaeological sites and museums e.g. Stonea Camp, Devils Dyke, West Stow, Lincoln Museum, British Museum, etc..
A range of practical sessions e.g. flint knapping, making & firing pots, building prehistoric structures.	A series of small test pit excavations on Fane Road allotment and other allotment sites (subject to their approval).
Volunteering at sites such as Flag Fen, Peterborough Museum, etc ..	I would like to be part of the overall project review group.

What ideas do you have?

 Continue overleaf or add attachments

Your name: Post Code:

Address:

E-mail address (Please print carefully):

Signed: Dated:

Please return this sheet to DCW, Outreach & Learning Officer, Oxford Archaeology East, 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8SQ or email it to david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk at any time up until 31st January 2015. Thank you.

Note: This questionnaire sheet will be sent to all schools, all Community Excavation volunteers, all those that have attended the Heritage Walks and Heritage Learning Sessions and project Newsletter mailing list. DCW Oct 14

APPENDIX BF. REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE 'LIFE AFTER FANE ROAD'

Number of replies: 41

Setting up a local history / heritage group in the Fane Road area.	12 (29%)	I would be interested in helping with the organisation of such a group.	6 (17%)
I would be willing to lead a session on	0	Would you support such a group by attending their activities?	33 (80%)
A series of further talks on heritage subjects: Eeling, thatching, etc.	27 (66%)	A series of visits to other archaeological sites and museums e.g. Stonea Camp, Devils Dyke, West Stow, Lincoln Museum, British Museum, etc.	38 (93%)
A range of practical sessions e.g. flint knapping, making & firing pots, building prehistoric structures.	27 (66%)	A series of small test pit excavations on Fane Road allotment and other allotment sites (subject to their approval).	29 (71%)
Volunteering at sites such as Flag Fen, Peterborough Museum, etc.	14 (34%)	I would like to be part of the overall project review group.	12 (29)

- Would like to go and dig up more things if it was not too far from where I live.
- Involving children in hands on out of school activities reflective of former civilisations.
- Discussion of the similarities and differences of life 2000 years ago and everyday life today (inspired by finding sheep bones in my Iron Age waste pit – I grew up eating roast lamb).
- Carry on work on existing site.
- Construct mosaics
- Kiln firing. Would like to donate more but time is limited.
- An interactive part of the Museum based on the Fane Road findings and excavation.
- To keep the group together to continue with test pits to be done by Fane Road Allotment Association with help from OAE.
- Fish traps, dug out canoes (c.f. Must Farm)
- A visit to Must Farm and Horsley Hill Civil War Fort and a talk on history of Cathedral
- Geophysics survey of the adjacent playing fields plus test pitting in areas identified as of interest by that survey.
- Links with other local archaeology groups to arrange visits to meetings.
- Joining other groups for visits to local and other sites. Exchange offers of help/information projects with other local groups
- If a local history/heritage group in the Fane Road area does not happen, any person who expressed an interest would be welcome to consider visiting Werrington Local History Group. Meetings on the first Thursday of each month and I would willingly supply details of our programme
- Information shared by email of archaeology/history talks, demonstrations, visits, hands on stuff going on within a 30 mile radius of Peterborough
- Another firing in the Roman kiln

APPENDIX BG. EVALUATION: PROGRAMME

Date: Saturday 18th April

Time: 9.30am - 12.15pm followed by a buffet lunch

Venue: Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH

Aim of the morning: To look at all aspects of the Heritage Community Project and to see what went well and what could have been improved on. To include the comments from this review in the Final Lottery Report which will be submitted at the end of the project.

Besides the need for someone to take notes and then to type them up, participants will be asked to take notes and to give them to DCW at then end of the morning or send to him afterwards.

Time	Activity
8.30	Arrive and set up tables/ chairs, etc.
9.30 - 9.45	Tea / coffee / biscuits / juice
9.45 - 10.00	Welcome and introductions. The purpose of the meeting
10.00 - 10.05	Overall view by DCW
10.05 - 10.15	Part 1 - Review of the Launch - organisation, the day, the layout, publicity, numbers
10.15 - 10.30	Part 2 - Review of the Heritage Learning Sessions
10.30 - 10.45	Part 3 - Review of the Heritage Walks
10.45 - 11.00	Comfort Break - tea / coffee / biscuits / juice
11.00 - 11.30	Part 4 - Review of the Community Excavation - volunteers, site visits (schools & organisations, others), 'Roman' kiln, H&S, results, Open Days and Evening, Press uptake
11.30 - 11.45	Part 5 - Visits to schools & organisations, Review of the Exhibitions, website, Press involvement
11.45 - 12.15	Part 6 - 'Life after Fane Road' Looking at what people have said so far, what needs to happen next, etc.. Plus: Newsletters, Box of artefacts, teaching resources for Peterborough Museum, etc..
12.15 - 1.30	Lunch - this will be a buffet type lunch. If you have any particular dietary requirements please can you let DCW know by 14th April so that the catering can be planned accordingly. Also if you do not wish to stay for the buffet lunch also let DCW know. Thank you.
2.00	DCW packs away and leaves the premises by 2pm

APPENDIX BH. EVALUATION: LIST OF ATTENDEES

A list of those that came to the evaluation session and their involvement with the project.

No.	Name	Launch Event	HLS	Geo	HW	Com Excav
1	Alex Fryer**	-	Y	-	-	Y
2	Wendy Gamble*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Jackie Marjoram	-	-	-	-	Y
4	Marguerite Nicholson*	-	Y	-	Y	Y
5	Wendy Willson**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Ian Lockwood Hall*	-	Y	Y	-	Y
7	Tom Reed	-	-	-	Y	Y
8	Debbie Greenwood**	-	Y	-	-	Y
9	Bronagh Quinn	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Jean Bower*	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Jill Wozniak*	Y	Y	-	Y	Y
12	Steve Bettany	Y	Y	-	Y	Y
13	Gill Willis	Y	Y	-	-	Y

Key: HLS: Heritage Learning Sessions Geo: Geophysics Learning Session
 HW: Heritage Walks Com Excav: Community Excavation
 * Marked artefacts
 ** Marked artefacts and prepared the 'Red' boxes for schools & groups

APPENDIX BI. EVALUATION: NOTES TAKEN AT THE PROJECT EVALUATION MEETING

Date: Saturday 18th April, 2015

Numbers attending: 13

Notes: Taken by Mrs Gill Willis

David Crawford-White welcomed everyone to the meeting and after each person had introduced themselves, he spoke about the report that he had to write and how he was going to do this. The general opinion of those attending the meeting was that everyone who had taken part in any of the activities found David to be very friendly, welcoming and knowledgeable; hence the very good attendance and return of participants to other events.

He has written an article with photos and submitted it to Culture 24 a National company based in Brighton who has around 1.5 million hits a year to their archaeology section.

Discussions then took place on the various events and talks that took place. People discussed it together around the table and then wrote their thoughts down on paper.

Review of the Launch – comments

- 1400 leaflets had been distributed around the area
- Notification had gone to schools, businesses, libraries, the museum, supermarkets, areas in Queensgate University, on the website, leaflet drop, intranet at PCC
- Generally PR in Peterborough is not good
- Wasn't aware of any activity in this area
- Filled me with anticipation, especially the thought of building a Roman kiln
- Excellent - well organised, experts very easy to talk to, lots of interesting aspects to inspire us and interest for all ages

What could have improved the event? How to move forward?

- A Facebook page would have spread the word
- Make sure web links work – HLS hyperlinks did not work properly
- Keep to talks program, bring in additional project managers in order to keep main organisers free for general duties
- Target all types of interested people i.e. academic interest, popular interest, any financial support interest, professional archaeology/excavation interest
- More of a social media presence
- Volunteers need to engage visitors to make them feel welcome and wanted. If never done archaeology before they need convincing they have something to offer
- Interaction with visitors especially on tables with artefacts. General info re photos and someone to interject when visitors talk about photos. Do lone visitors feel alone? Could they be grouped somehow?

Review of the HLS – comments

- All fascinating in their own way
- Wide range of talks by a fabulous range of speakers – ideal taster sessions
- Two sessions a night work really well
- Knowledge greatly extended about back room work
- Hands on sessions always interesting

- Found bones and skeletal evening particularly interesting because I was involved
- Excellent and great preparation for the archaeology to follow on actual site. The whole series was fascinating and very difficult to select any that I did not find interesting/useful
- Loved the Must Farm and bones and of course the pottery
- Lots of talks that I would have discarded but still attended and enjoyed
- The bones and Environmental Archaeology really stood out for me
- So good each could have lasted longer.
- Found bones and skeletal evening particularly interesting because I was involved
- Excellent and great preparation for the archaeology to follow on actual site.
- The whole series was fascinating and very difficult to select any that I did not find interesting/useful
- Specialists who could speak freely and enthusiastically rather than from notes made it engaging.
- Two talks in one evening made it more attractive
- Venue very accessible
- The practical exercises were particularly useful eg Environmental Archaeology

What could have improved the event? How to move forward?

- Maybe more about all the sites in Peterborough
- Could You Tube and video certain talks
- A repeat series to include the excavation on allotment site and future opportunities for volunteer help for further projects
- Would love more sessions to be run maybe with Vivacity
- Facebook page / social media could have been used. Encourage attendees to publicise
- Longer talks for practical sessions
- Take talks through the archaeological time line. How to take knowledge to next level
- More detailed talks, more detailed hands on activities, geology surrounding archaeology, layered mapping through centuries
- Different dates/ times Tuesday evening may not be practical for everyone. Practical days at Bourn
- More talks could include similar topics and mix of those with practical applications
- Would like more of the same
- Video and post the talks. Make powerpoints available with audio
- Should it be open to the general public or should people sign up for them
- Take the talks to greater detail for people interested in the particular topic

Review of the HW – comments

- Durobrivae walk excellent for relationship of town to Praetorium and Normangate. Excellent guides
- Enjoyed them all
- Talks and tours round St Albans were excellent
- All enjoyable. The bus to Durobrivae was very cosy. Always wanted to go to St Albans and enjoyed it enough to go back again on my own
- At Flag Fen the guide answered questions and aware of group

What could have improved the event? How to move forward?

- Opportunity for same walks for school groups
- Visits to other sites – Stonea Camp, Lincoln, Colchester, Car Dyke, Castor, Sutton Hoo and West Stowe, Grimes Graves
- Durobrivae could have offered more walks
- More time needed at Durobrivae, need to be aware of slowest walkers

Review of the Community Excavation

- Site was well run and staff were friendly and I felt very welcomed to the site. The kiln was a brilliant feature
- OA East staff were fantastic, could not have asked for more support
- Thought it was marvellous and would love a similar opportunity.
- Free choice was excellent, organisation superb
- It was so good because of the timing and the people involved
- There was something for everyone, always busy
- Marvellous, would do same thing again with no reservations
- Good experience of the unseen aspects of archaeology – it's not all like time team
- Site was very well run, staff were lovely and friendly always willing to help and assist.
- Joining in felt very accessible and would happily take part again
- Everyone has been given a taster and people have been left wanting more
- Everything was great, facilities were all good and easy to feel part of a team, no them and us
- Facebook, Twitter worked really well

What could have improved the event? How to move forward?

- More notice of dates to allow people to book leave from work
- Should have lasted longer
- Encourage more people to take a turn at washing the finds. Have a final talk at the end of each day for people to comment and for experts to sum up and highlight anything of interest found
- Need to have a variety of days to reflect people's availability
- Maybe wait until all school exams are over
- A longer period would involve more people
- Maybe on first day be shown how to excavate as some people were worried that you may be scraping away too much
- Maybe a buddy system
- A separate area for school children as took up the marquee at lunch and break times
- David said if reopened would probably not bring in a digger but would dig the top away by hand. Maybe a mini digger for the back fill

Visits to Schools and organisations, review of exhibitions

- Only 2 schools took part in the Art competition
- David has e mailed schools to say how disappointed he was at the overall response from the schools

- David has produced a box for the Museum to be used by children visiting. The box provides 2 sets of dressing up clothes (male and female), cookery objects, copies of recipes for a Roman meal, 4 jigsaws of Roman artefacts found in the Museum
- 20 boxes of artefacts from the site have been made up and will be given to schools and organisations (these are not necessarily in Peterborough)
- Post excavation exhibition more successful than Launch in part because had more volunteers who knew each other and could work with minimal direction

What could be improved? How to move forward?

- Maybe volunteers could go into schools and talk about the excavation
- Chair of Governors to be informed prior to sending out publicity on project
- Could parents be notified via parent mail
- Include in Term Times and Primary times

Life after Fane Road

- Another dig – re-excavating site
- Archaeology apprenticeship. HLS and excavation would provide theory and practical
- Could anything be done for youngsters through the Princes Trust – tying in with volunteers
- Heritage of the area needs to be exploited with as many people as possible
- Next time do not mention places may be limited but encourage volunteers to spread the word
- Following the excavation several people are taking up courses in Archaeology including one person who has been accepted by Oxford University.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

APPENDIX BJ. CELEBRATORY EVENT PROGRAMME



Just some of the many photographs taken during the Community Excavation.

The Programme for the evening

7.00 – Welcome & opening address by James

7.05 – A PPT presentation of an overview of the project by David

7.30 – Buffet and Bar open. Archaeology quiz

8.10 – A short comment from those that took part in the project;

1. Steve Bettany
2. Jean Bower
3. Alex Fryer
4. Wendy Gamble
5. Marguerite Nicholson
6. Bronagh Quinn

8.40 – Comments by a Committee member for the East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund and Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton, City Archaeologist

8.50 – Presentation – Archaeology Quiz results

9.00 – Final thanks by Terry .. tea and coffee

Remember to take away a piece of Roman CBM!

A message from the Romans of Fane Road Management Committee

Since the project was launched on Saturday 30th November 2013 it has engaged many hundreds of Peterborough's residents in a wide range of activities. The launch in November 2013 was attended by over 280 people. By January 2014 ten Heritage Learning Sessions were underway involving 91 local residents. As the weather became warmer 130 joined OA East staff on the three guided walks (Durobrivae [Water Newton], Flag Fen and Verulamium [St Albans]). Before and after the dig staff spoke to over 1500 students and staff as well as over 900 group members. After a geophysical survey of the community excavation 134 people took part in a 20-day Community Excavation. Staff were sustained by early morning egg sandwiches from chickens on the allotment. Waistlines were also increased by a regular supply of cakes and treats brought in by participants. Schools and groups visited the site with OA East staff talking to over 600 visitors with a further 400 coming to the Open Days.

The project has produced teaching resources for Peterborough Museum. 2 publications have been printed, which will be distributed to 2,000 people as well as 2 interpretation boards, which will be installed by the Friends of Ipper Park. The project's exhibitions went well with over 200 people coming to the October exhibition and potentially over 5,000 people viewing the artefacts at the recent Exhibition at Peterborough Museum.

The project has been supported by thousands of hours of volunteer time since the grant was received in 2013. Without this generous support there would have been no project and the residents of Peterborough would not have had an opportunity to learn more about their heritage.

We wish you all the best in the future and hope that the memories of the project will stay with you for many years to come. Thank you for your support.

Liz Law, Rebecca Casa-Hatton, James Fairbairn & David Crawford-White

The Romans of Fane Road Celebratory Event

Saturday 30th May 2015 at 7pm



Trench One at the end of the Community Excavation



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