



EXCAVATION 8-12 OCT 2021

1. **Venue.** Fane Road Allotments, Fane Road, Peterborough. Access will be via the gate off the footpath on the Itter Park side of the allotments. Parking in Itter Crescent is available on the park side; please remember this is a residential road and park with consideration. The site is accessible by local buses; Stagecoach 62 (Fulbridge Road), and Citi1, Delaine 101 and Delaine 201 (Lincoln Road/Paston Lane).

2. **Participation.**

a. **FRAG.** The excavation will be open free to all members of FRAG.

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

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

d. **JigSaw Affiliates.** Participation is free to members of JIGSAW affiliated groups/societies.

e. **Non-Members.** Those interested, but are not currently members of any of the above organizations are also welcome, but will be required to become full members of FRAG. Online application can be made at the link below:

<https://peterborougharchaeology.org/join-us/>

f. **Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC).** YAC members have been invited to participate on Saturday (9 Oct 21). Alex Fryer will coordinate YAC participation.

3. **Application.** Those wishing to participate are to complete the FRAG Participation Application Form (not YAC who will apply through the YAC coordinator). Further details are contained in the application form.

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

Day & Date	Times	Activity
Friday 8 Oct 21	0900-0930	Arrival
	0930-0945	Site Safety Induction
	0945-1230	Site Set-Up (tea-breaks as required)
	1230-1315	Lunch
	1315-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up

Saturday 9 Oct 21	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Sunday 10 Oct 21	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Monday 11 Oct 21	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Tuesday 12 Oct 21	0800-0830	Arrival
	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction (for new arrivals)
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Clean Excavations and Record
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Complete Recording and Backfill
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
1515-1630	Complete Backfill and Site Clear-Away	

YAC members will follow a separate programme on Saturday/Sunday.

5. **Welfare.**

- a. Toilet facilities are available in Itter Park.
- b. Food and drink is available from the kiosk in Itter Park or participants may bring their own if they wish. Additionally, participants should bring water or other drink as excavating is physically demanding and, despite the time of year, requires regular rehydration.
- c. Participants should wear sturdy and comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear (walking boots, steel capped boots, Doctor Martens boots, wellington boots, etc). Layered clothing allows for personal comfort to be maintained as weather conditions change. Waterproof jacket (with hood) and trousers should also be brought as excavation will continue during showers and light rain.

- d. Participants may wish to bring other items for personal comfort, such as; small camping chair to sit on during breaks and lunch, kneeler or knee pads, gloves, hat, scarf.
- e. Participants are responsible for bringing any medication they will need and for having an up-to-date tetanus inoculation (refer to your doctor or surgery nurse if in any doubt).

6. **Archaeological Equipment.** All excavation, recording and finds processing equipment will be provided by FRAG. However, please feel free to bring your own equipment.

7. **Insurance.** FRAG insurance includes Public Liability and small personal accident cover. JIGSAW affiliates participating under their group/society insurance are to provide confirmation of the Public Liability and small personal accident cover provided. Those taking part who may wish to consider their own personal accident insurance should seek advice from an insurance company beforehand, to ensure the correct type and level of insurance is purchased.

8. **Excavation Strategy.** This is the sole session of the eighth season of archaeological excavations on the Fane Road Allotment Site. The aim of this session is twofold. Firstly, to determine the east and north extents of the wall revealed in the May 19 excavation in order to identify any returns (north or south) and/or any intermediate wall junctions. Secondly, attempt to locate the east Iron-Age boundary ditch revealed by the 2012 commercial excavation to extend into the allotments east of the track that terminates on the north fence-line. To that end the plan is to excavate three evaluation trenches as proposed at Attachment 3 and as detailed below (please note that the proposed locations of evaluation trenches have not yet been finalized with FRAA and the agreed locations may differ):

a. **Trench 1.**

- (1) 3m x 2m immediately east of the 2019 excavation and centred on the confirmed wall alignment.
- (2) Extend to the east as necessary until extent of wall is identified or evidence of wall disappears.
- (3) Maintain approximately 0.5m - 0.75m of clear space between excavation and spoil, and any crops/planters.

d. **Trench 2.**

- (1) 3m x 2m approximately 0.5m - 0.75m from the fence line and centred on the confirmed wall alignment.
- (2) Extend to the south as necessary depending on initial results.

e. **Trench 3.**

- (1) 3m x 2m approximately 0.5m - 0.75m from the fence line and centred on the confirmed wall alignment.
- (2) Extend to the south, east and/or west as necessary depending on initial results.

f. Additional trenches may be opened if needed.

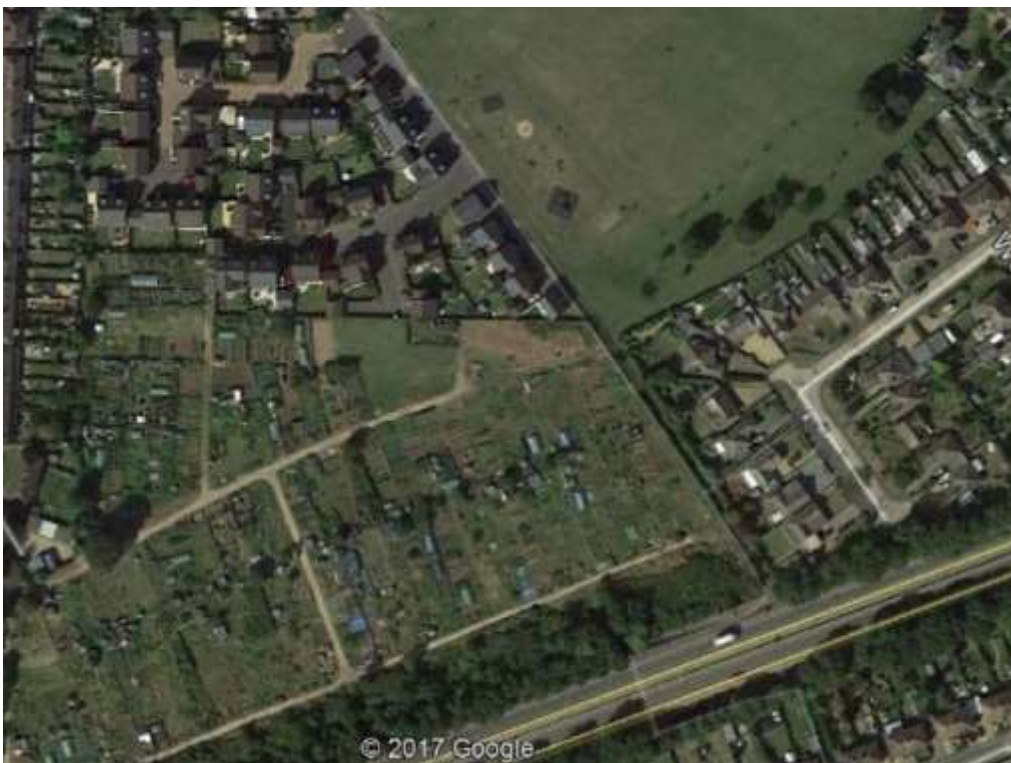
g. Each trench will be hand excavated (mattock) to a depth of 0.5m (unless clear archaeological features/levels are revealed at a higher depth) without preservation of spoil or finds; after-which excavation will follow the application of field archaeology principals.

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

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



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



Attachment 3 - drawing showing 2012 excavations, photograph of the May 19 excavation prior to back-fill and proposed trench locations.

