

PAST

Peakirk Archaeological
Survey Team



**PEAKIRK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY TEAM (PAST) &
FANE ROAD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (FRAG)
PEAKIRK TEST PIT EXCAVATION
SEASON 1, SESSION 1 (23 - 27 OCTOBER 2023)**

1. **Venue.** Peakirk village green.
 - a. **Site Benchmark (SBM).** Northwest corner of property; 2, Chestnut Close.
 - b. **Post Code.** PE6 7NW
 - c. **National Grid Reference.** TF 16864 06682
 - d. **What Three Words.** humble.punctual.hotspot
2. **Participation.** Participation is open to all on submission of a completed application form. No experience is necessary as basic excavation instruction will be provided. Numbers may be curtailed in order to ensure full days of activity for participants and to minimize periods of standing around.
 - a. Participation is free for members of FRAG and JigSaw affiliated groups or societies as of 22 Oct 23.
 - b. Non-members of FRAG or JigSaw affiliated groups or societies may participate as temporary FRAG members for the duration of the session. Temporary membership will cost £1 for the session, irrespective of how many days participated. Priority will be given to Peakirk residents until 23 Sep 23.
3. **Application.** Anyone wishing to participate should complete the FRAG Participation Application Form. Further details are contained therein.
4. **Programme.** The programme has been planned for the period 23 - 27 Oct 23. Changes to published dates and inclusion of additional dates will be notified as far in advance as possible. The daily routine will loosely follow the timings below:

Day & Date	Times	Activity
Day #1	0800-0830	Arrival
23 Oct 23	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up

Day #2	0800-0830	Arrival
24 Oct 23	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Day #3	0800-0830	Arrival
25 Oct 23	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Day #4	0800-0830	Arrival
26 Oct 23	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up
Day #5	0800-0830	Arrival
27 Oct 23	0830-0845	Site Safety Induction
	0845-1015	Site Activity
	1015-1045	Tea-Break
	1045-1215	Site Activity
	1215-1315	Lunch
	1315-1445	Site Activity
	1445-1515	Tea-Break
	1515-1615	Site Activity
	1615-1630	Clear Loose & Pack-Up

5. **Fenland Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC).** Children from Fenland YAC have been invited to participate on 26 Oct 23. There will be two sessions of participation, 1000-1200 and 1300-1500, with a maximum of six children on each session. The children will be supervised by Fenland YAC adult leaders.

6. **Visitors.** The site will be open to visitors on an *ad hoc* basis.

7. **Welfare.**

a. COVID-19 safe measures in keeping with extant government guidelines will be adhered to when undertaking the excavation.

- b. Toilet facilities are available in Peakirk Village Hall:

Address; B1443 St Pega's Road
Post Code; PE6 7NF
Grid Reference; TF 16931 06583
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- c. Car parking is available adjacent to the village green and at Peakirk Village Hall.

d. Participants should bring their own food and drinks or be prepared to purchase from nearby commercial outlets; the nearest being an excellent NISA in Ginton, approximately one mile from the site location in Peakirk. Participants should also bring additional water or other drinks; excavation can be physically demanding and, despite the time of year, requires regular rehydration.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. Participants are responsible for bringing any medication they will need and for having an up-to-date tetanus inoculation (refer to your doctor or surgery nurse if in any doubt).

7. **Archaeology Equipment.** All relevant equipment will be provided by FRAG. However, please feel free to bring your own equipment.

8. **Insurance.** Volunteers will be covered by FRAG insurance. Those taking part who may wish to consider their own personal accident insurance should seek advice from an insurance company beforehand to ensure the correct type and level of insurance is purchased.

9. **Excavation Aims.** This is the first session of the first season of archaeological excavations undertaken as a joint venture with Peakirk Archaeological Survey Team (PAST) within Peakirk, and is a continuation of previous archaeological investigations carried out by PAST. The aim of this session is to determine whether the Car Dyke transits the village green as suggested by earlier archaeological excavations and ascertain its alignment. Locations of previous PAST test pits in the village green and relative to the geophysical anomaly assessed as the Car Dyke can be found in Attachments 4 and 5.

a. **Strategy.** Archaeological investigation will consist of the excavation of a single 3m x 2m test-pit that will straddle, at right-angle, the visible linear landscape feature in the village green, believed to be the west side of the Car Dyke.

b. **Development.** Participants with previous field archaeology experience (such as excavation, finds processing, recording) will be afforded the opportunity to further develop their skills.

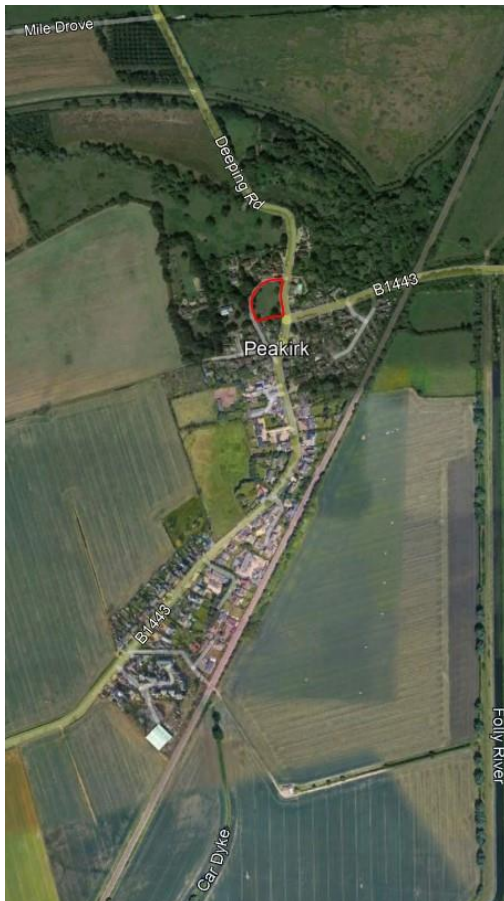
c. **Training.** Participants with no previous field archaeology experience will be giving the opportunity to learn basic excavation, finds processing and recording skills.

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

Attachment 1 - Google Earth image of Peakirk Village relative to local roads and landmarks.



Attachment 2 - Google Earth image of Peakirk village green within the village.



Attachment 3 - Google Earth image of Peakirk village green with approximate location of test pit.



Attachment 4 - drawing showing locations of relevant previous archaeology.



Attachment 5 - drawing showing photographs of relevant previous archaeology.

