

# festival of ARCHAEOLOGY

## LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

We invite you to take part in the 2019 Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology. For the first time a month long chance to discover more about the rich and diverse heritage of the two counties. The Festival has a fascinating range of events, talks and guided tours from some of the county's archaeological and historical experts. Local groups will show you their own discoveries and invite you to become involved in making the next great discovery!

**The Festival in Leicestershire is financially supported by:**  
Leicestershire Fieldworkers; Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society; Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Forum; CBA East Midlands; Leicestershire Industrial History Society; The Friends of Jewry Wall Museum; Hinckley Archaeological Society; University of Leicester Archaeological Services.

For an online version of the leaflet and to keep up to date with the latest events go to: <http://leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology>. The Council for British Archaeology festival website also has details of all these and national events <https://festival.archaeology.org/>. This leaflet went to print in early May so there may be some additional events notified that are not listed. These and last minute changes will be posted on the Fieldworkers website where a printer-friendly version of this leaflet is also available to download. For all the latest news and to follow the festival visit:

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## BRADGATE PARK EXCAVATION OPEN DAY & FESTIVAL LAUNCH

**Saturday 29th June: 11am – 4pm**  
Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford car park, LE6 0HB  
Visit the University of Leicester excavations at Bradgate House. Guided tours of the excavations and Bradgate House will go on throughout the day along with many other activities for all the family, including demonstrations, archaeological material to handle, re-enactors, exhibitors and bookstall.  
**FREE.** Car parking £4.00 (all day). [www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park)



### How to get involved

- Leicestershire and Rutland have a vibrant archaeological scene. New members are always welcome at all the local groups. Come along to the many events during the Festival and talk to members of the various groups, or contact:
- Leicestershire Fieldworkers**  
A group with over 40 years of supporting archaeological fieldwork around the 2 counties with affiliated groups, training, lectures and trips.  
[www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk](http://www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk) or email [info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk](mailto:info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk)
  - Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society**  
Promotes the study of Leicestershire's history, archaeology, antiquities and architecture. Publishes the journal Transactions and Leicestershire Historian. Stages a programme of talks throughout the year. [www.lihs.org.uk](http://www.lihs.org.uk)
  - Leicestershire Young Archaeologists Club (Part of the Council for British Archaeology)**  
The club for 8- to 16-year olds interested in archaeology.  
<https://leicestershireyac.wordpress.com/>
  - Council for British Archaeology: East Midlands**  
An umbrella group for local archaeological societies and individuals.  
[www.archaeologyuk.org/cbaem](http://www.archaeologyuk.org/cbaem)
  - University of Leicester Archaeological Services**  
Award winning commercial archaeology unit based in Leicester. [www.le.ac.uk/uilas](http://www.le.ac.uk/uilas)
  - School of Archaeology & Ancient History, University of Leicester**  
Undergraduate, post-graduate & distance learning degrees in Archaeology & Ancient History. <https://le.ac.uk/archaeology>
  - Portable Antiquities Scheme**  
Recording of archaeological finds making the information available to all. Contact Finds Liaison Officer, Wendy Scott. 0116 305 8325 or email [archaeology@leics.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@leics.gov.uk)
  - Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum**  
An umbrella organisation for museums, heritage groups and individuals with an interest in their local heritage in the two counties and the City of Leicester offering support, guidance, access to funding and professional advice. [www.lrhf.co.uk](http://www.lrhf.co.uk) or email [lrhfchairman@gmail.com](mailto:lrhfchairman@gmail.com) or [lrhfmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lrhfmembership@gmail.com)
  - The Friends of Jewry Wall Museum**  
Although the Museum is closed at the moment The Friends of Jewry Wall Museum continue their support and look forward to the reopening of the museum.  
Contact: Jennifer Macgregor: [jennifer.macgregor1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jennifer.macgregor1@ntlworld.com)
  - Leicestershire Industrial History Society**  
An active society studying Industrial history and archaeology with digs, talks and publications. [www.lihs.org.uk](http://www.lihs.org.uk)

<https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/>

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