

# Bexley Archaeological Group



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## Introduction

In 1979 an Archaeological provision was initiated for Bexley Council under its Directorate of Education, to create an Archaeological Unit, operating through its Youth and Community Service. So the remit was educational, targeting schools, Community Groups, Pupil Referral Units and the Probation Service's Community Service Programme.

The unit's management was originally by committee, four of which were appointed by the Council. By 1982 the Unit provided the site-surveying module for the London University Extra Mural Certificate in Field Archaeology.

At this time four Certificated Archaeological students made a commitment to expand the activities of the unit and open its membership to all.

During 1984 the management committee agreed to the unit becoming fully delegated, thus removing it from direct Council control but making it responsible for all running and development costs and the name was changed to Bexley Archaeological Group.

In 1998 the late Major John Hollis MBE became the first Honorary President.

In 1999 the current management structure was inaugurated as set out in the Constitution.

Dr David Vicerey-Weekes is the current Honorary President.

## Projects

Since 1982 the Group has undertaken a number of projects which include:-

- Excavation of Foots Cray Place, Woollett Hall Farm, Sidcup Golf Course, Crossness, Bexley High Street and our on-going site in North Cray.
- Long-term archaeological survey of All Saints Church, Foots Cray. Including the excavation of the Simon DeVaughn tomb.
- Watching brief on the Cray Valley water line across North Cray Meadows and later the Cray Valley sewer line parallel to the water line.
- Desk Top Study and survey on Foots Cray Meadows, lower terraces, Foots Cray Place and the Smoking Room.
- Ongoing Resistivity Survey of Foots Cray Meadows and Woollett Hall Farm fields, Bexley.
- Some members were also volunteers in the T.V. program 'Two men in a trench' at Hornchurch and Dover.

## Who Can Join?

The Group is open to all likeminded people encouraging those with disabilities to take part in the archaeological activities. Anyone may participate in whichever level they want, from a person with just general interest to the experienced field worker.

## Research

Research & Discussion papers presented on:-

- The Roman Watling Street.
- Foots Cray Parish.
- Welling as Roman Noviomago.
- The pre-history of the Cray Valley.
- Spatial aspects of Bronze and Iron Age settlements and hillforts in the London Basin.
- Plus many lecture papers on various subjects.

## Other Activities

- Liaison with Bexley Council and English Heritage on Bexley Archaeological Matters,
- Annual Training excavations
- Archaeological workshops
- Field Trips to National Sites.
- Campaigned for Historical Narrative Information Boards at open spaces.
- The collection and safe storage of archaeological material.
- Residential field trips to various places of interest.
- Talks given to other groups and associations

## Membership

The new members pack includes:-

- The current BAG Newsletter.
- Latest information on fieldwork and social events.
- Priority places on all the Group's activities.

Individual, Couples and Family Membership available.

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Introducing BAG's two consultants  
Rupert and Ambrose

