

THE WEST SUFFOLK PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Prehistoric Suffolk

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

In summer 2021, following a geophysical survey of known cropmarks, that identified multiple circular and linear features, Past to Present Archaeology launched a field school to investigate the prehistoric archaeology in West Suffolk.

Trenches were excavated by students from numerous universities which confirmed the presence of large ring-ditches that formed part of Bronze Age funerary monuments called barrows.



In 2022, we opened one half of a potential barrow which unveiled numerous pits, postholes and features that not only dated to the Bronze Age (2500 – 700BC), but potentially even earlier.



Field school participants excavated and recorded these known features, and found loads of interesting prehistoric artefacts, including arrowheads and scrapers from the Bronze Age, and even older artefacts such as cores, flaked tools and microliths confirming a multi-period prehistoric site dating back to the Mesolithic (9600 – 4000 BC). On the final day, we even found cremations.

Past to Present Archaeology now invite you to become part of our exciting and nationally significant field school, by participating in excavations in our 2024 season. During the project you will receive expert tuition in excavation and recording techniques, handle and learn about finds, how to process and record them, and even learn about environmental strategies to help us understand our site. You may even help us find a skeleton.



“Past to Present Archaeology is excited to announce our upcoming excavations in Suffolk in 2024, offering you the opportunity to join in exploring this vast prehistoric landscape!”



Join the discovery!

Project Dates: Weeks 1 to 6 from July 22nd to August 30th, 2024.

Archaeological training covers various aspects, such as

- SITE CONDUCT**
- EXCAVATION**
- RECORDING**
- PHOTOGRAPHY**
- GPS TRAINING**
- OSL DATING**
- DRAWING PLANS+SECTIONS**
- AND MORE!**

Additional activities include weekly evening lectures, finds handling, flintworking, and group visits to a local pub.

Additional courses:

- Environmental Processing Course (3 days)
- Finds Processing Course (1 day)

One week experience: £450 pow
Student one week experience: £350 (verification required)
Weekend experience option available at £180 per person.

Find out more and sign up -



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