

# JIGSAW CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## PIECE TOGETHER YOUR PAST

Jigsaw is an exciting new project designed to support and develop community archaeology in Cambridgeshire.

This five-year project is a joint venture by Oxford Archaeology East and Cambridgeshire County Council and is supported by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Other partners include Huntingdonshire District Council and the Council for British Archaeology.

Through Jigsaw, local communities are a vital tool in helping archaeologists identify, understand and protect Cambridgeshire's rich archaeological heritage.

Jigsaw helps more people to get actively involved in discovering, understanding and protecting their heritage.

Jigsaw provides access to information, training and equipment, as well as developing community resources and supporting group and individual projects.

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## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to get involved or to find out more about Jigsaw, visit our website or contact the Community Archaeologists using the information above.



## ARCHAEOLOGY ACTION GROUPS

Jigsaw intends to set up at least one new community archaeology group in each of Cambridgeshire's five Districts. With the support of Jigsaw these new groups will learn the skills needed to investigate their local heritage and discover more about the past beneath their feet.

## AFFILIATED GROUPS

Jigsaw is not only a project for new groups. Existing local societies and groups interested in their heritage can become affiliated to Jigsaw. As well as being supported by the Community Archaeologists, these groups can access the training workshops and borrow equipment.

## VOLUNTEERING

Even if you are not interested in becoming involved in a group, do not be put off! As volunteers, individuals can also become involved in Jigsaw - you can attend the workshops and meet other like-minded people interested in archaeology and the past.



## JIGSAW COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

Jigsaw brings together all of Cambridgeshire's interested groups and individuals participating in community archaeology. This new network allows the sharing of skills, expertise and knowledge.

## TRAINING WORKSHOPS

All participants of Jigsaw have the opportunity to attend regular training sessions and workshops covering a range of topics. These include themes such as fieldwork and survey techniques, finds identification, conservation and how to give guided walks. They also provide an opportunity to learn about how to apply for funding for local historic projects.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Jigsaw has all the necessary equipment to enable local groups to investigate their own archaeology. Excavation, survey and recording tools are available for loan (free of charge) to those participating in the project. The workshops ensure that everyone is trained to use the specialist equipment they need, such as that used in geophysical survey.

## DISPLAYS & EXHIBITIONS

Jigsaw presents the work of groups and individuals through regular displays and exhibitions across the county. It also organises an annual Cambridgeshire Archaeology Festival where groups working with Jigsaw can showcase their work.

## OUTREACH

Outreach and education are at the core of the project. Jigsaw works with local groups, schools and community groups to develop new resources and engage as many people as possible in the work of the project and in understanding Cambridgeshire's past.

## NEWSLETTER

A biannual Jigsaw Newsletter provides information on events and activities and report on discoveries.

## COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology is not just about digging! Archaeological investigation includes documentary research, surveys, finds work, education and much more... Whichever aspect you are interested in, Jigsaw can offer you a chance to get involved in your local heritage.

