

This year, with more time at home for many of us, why not take a look at some of the archaeology of Hampshire just a click away online.

Museum collections

Enjoy exploring some of the archaeological collections held in the Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council collections by Hampshire Cultural Trust by visiting the online collections.

<https://collections.hampshireculture.org.uk/archaeology>

The webpage also has links to museums across the county where you can see some of these items on display. Hampshire Cultural Trust sites such as the City Museum and Westgate in Winchester, Basing House and the Red House Museum in Christchurch reopened to the public in July, and the Museum of the Iron Age reopens in August. Do check opening times before visiting, as they may vary from the usual opening hours, and booking is required. Unfortunately Rockbourne Roman villa remains closed this summer. However, researchers can once again visit the museum archaeology stores in Winchester to access the vast archives and collections in store by emailing collections@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk to arrange an appointment.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme – Hampshire finds

The Portable Antiquities Scheme database is a great place to search for archaeology discovered in your area of Hampshire, with many thousands of artefacts now recorded from the county, helping to build up a picture of life across the centuries. The advanced search allows you to narrow down your search to a place, period or type of artefact of interest. You might be surprised what has been found in your neighbourhood.



<https://finds.org.uk/database/search/results/countyID/17765> for Hampshire finds. For artefacts found in Southampton and Portsmouth, search separately under those areas.

Conservation in action

You can find out what happens once a new archaeology assemblage is acquired by a museum in these links about the fascinating work of conserving the Oakley Hoard, a late Iron Age burial discovered near Basingstoke.

<https://collections.hampshireculture.org.uk/topic/conservation-case-study-oakley-hoard-claire-woodhead>

<https://www.cultureoncall.com/the-oakley-hoard-1/>

<https://www.cultureoncall.com/the-oakley-hoard-2/>

<https://www.cultureoncall.com/the-oakley-hoard-3/>

You can also enjoy watching the transformation of two Roman artefacts discovered during recent excavations at Silchester as conservator Claire Woodhead cleans a brooch and a long-handled toilet spoon fragment first thought to be a pin in two videos.



<https://www.cultureoncall.com/silchester-objects-revisited/>

Festival of Archaeology 2020

The CBA Festival of Archaeology went online this year, and became a major feature of the output of Hampshire Cultural Trust's Culture on Call digital output. A series of videos 'A Potted History' were produced in collaboration with Wessex Archaeology, discussing Iron Age and Roman pottery in Hampshire. Other features include nine recently acquired archaeological treasures highlighted in nine separate posts, and a series of articles 'Digging the Dirt', exploring the process of archaeology.

<https://www.cultureoncall.com/tag/festival-of-archaeology/>

Hampshire Archaeology- Musings from a Hampshire Archaeology blog

If you haven't come across it before, a great selection of blog articles on all aspects of Hampshire Archaeology can be found on this website, created by our own David Allen, Linda Munday and the archaeology volunteers at Chilcomb House.



<https://hampshirearchaeology.wordpress.com/>

Archaeology in Hampshire Annual Reports

Don't forget to take a look at the wealth of information to be found on the Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society's own digital Archaeology in Hampshire Annual Reports from 2004-2016.

<http://www.hantsfieldclub.org.uk/hants-archaeology-reports-2004-14.html>

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