



## The Origins of Romsey and the role of its waterways

Sunday 25th March 2018, 10.30 am. - 12.45 pm.

The main branch of the River Test flows to the west of Romsey, but there are numerous waterways through the old town. The most significant of these is the Fishlake which is a manmade stream that takes water from the Test to the north of the town (near Greatbridge) and returns it at the south of the town (near Middlebridge).

The Fishlake is an important example of early canal construction – pre-Norman at least, and it brought water to the centre of historic Romsey as well as powering the Town Mill for hundreds of years.

However the beginnings of the Fishlake are by no means apparent and this field trip will be an opportunity to study this waterway and to discuss its origins. The morning will be led by Karen Anderson, a Romsey historian and archaeologist who has undertaken much research into this stream.

Meet at World of Water, Greatbridge Road, Romsey SO51 0HB, at 10.15 for a 10.30 a.m. start on Sunday 25th March. The exploration will last about 2 hours. (World of Water is north of Romsey between the railway line and Greatbridge on A3057.) We are grateful to World of Water who will let us use their car park and who have a very nice café which visitors may wish to patronise.

Further information, including parking, from: Mike Broderick – 01256 351624.

Cost: Members: £5.00 ~ Non-Members: £7.00 ~ Full-time Students: £4:00

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Please reserve place(s) for the Landscape Section Visit to Romsey, Sunday 25th March 2018.

Places: Members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **HFC Landscape Section**. You will be notified if your booking has not been successful; but email [landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk](mailto:landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk) with any queries about bookings/availability.

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