

October 2019 Update

Progress since the last update

23rd October saw us complete five workshops in the first half of the Autumn Term.

Training was given in how to clean, classify and bag finds as a first stage in identifying and dating items for inclusion in a site archive. All available finds from St Ethelburga's have been gathered together and we will be using this training to help us create our site archive.

We also looked at information held on the Nottinghamshire Historic Environment Record relating to Langar in the periods up to the 17th century. We will be plotting this on a map to see how this information relates to the landscape of St Ethelburga's.

David Bate shared with us information on his previous work carried out over a number of years on the site.



Sorting of finds



Despite the recent exceptionally wet weather we were lucky to find a dry, but cold day, on Wednesday 16th October to attempt to interpret our LIDAR information. As ground conditions prevented us from doing this on the St Ethelburga's site we used the grounds of Langar Hall with kind permission from Louise Skirving.

A number of features can be seen on the LIDAR and we were successful in locating what is probably an early bowling green which is octagonal in shape and is approximately 45 metres across. Possibly dating from the 17th or 18th century it has no relevance to our project but it will be worth following up at some stage as such early bowling greens are quite rare.



LIDAR of probable early bowling green, Langar Hall

After lunch we visited Wiverton Hall where we examined a field called Goose Green with permission from the farmer, Neil Tubbs. Maureen and Bernard Jarvis guided us around the field which is thought to be the location of the lost village of Wiverton. The LIDAR shows a number of features and walking the ground identified the likely location of the village streets and house platforms. Maureen and Bernard will be following up on this as part of their project on the history of Wiverton and the lost chapel of St Lawrence.



The site visit to Goose Green, Wiverton Hall

The second half of the Autumn Term commences on Wednesday, 6th November and continues until Wednesday 11th December. Our major focus will be to classify and bag all the available finds from St Ethelburga's ahead of identifying them in early 2020.

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