

Refinding the "Lost Church" of St Ethelburga's, Langar, Nottinghamshire

An exciting community project to research the early history of the St Ethelburga's site in Langar. We will work with local people and provide training and support to collate and interpret disparate unpublished field work activities that has taken place in the past.

St Ethelburga's is a known early pilgrim site but its exact layout and design and chronology is not fully understood. A small scale unpublished excavation in the 1960's and subsequent metal detecting activities have resulted in a wealth of finds and building fabric. The project aim is to bring these together for identification and interpretation and to put our findings in the public domain.

We will bring together past research including aerial photographs, LIDAR surveys, field walking finds, local knowledge and new research in national archives by group members. Volunteers will be trained in all these methods. The result of this will be a newly created site archive which will protect the finds for the future and provide a platform for further research and fieldwork.

The project will unite local volunteers, the landowner, Nottinghamshire County Archaeologist, community archaeologists and the local primary school.

The wider dissemination phase will include the creation of a site archive of finds and documents, public talks, school sessions, a community exhibition and publication of our results.

The first phase of the project will run from May 2019 until August 2020.

Contact Nigel Wood for more details on how to get involved.

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