

The Trust for Thanet Archaeology 25 years of research and education in Thanet's archaeology

Twenty five years ago, on the 24th of April 1988, the Trust for Thanet Archaeology was formed as an educational charity with a remit to explore, research and teach about the archaeology of the Isle of Thanet. As the first organisation in Thanet to employ a professional archaeologist, giving advice on how construction might affect buried archaeology and digging on sites before building work starts, the Trust has carried out many important investigations in Thanet in those 25 years. Records of all archaeological investigations from the past are held by the Trust in a local register, along with many artefacts, photographs and archives.

A system for commercial tendering for archaeological work on development projects created in 1990 brought many other archaeological organisations to Thanet to dig on sites before construction work. The Trust for Thanet Archaeology helped to make many of these projects successful, using our local knowledge to give advice and assisting with field work. As digs are completed and other archaeologists move on to new work, the Trust remains as a local resource in Thanet, telling the public about excavations in talks and publications and fitting them into the long archaeological story of the Isle.

Eight thousand years of settlement are represented by archaeological finds from Thanet and some sites rival the most important monuments of the United Kingdom. The Trust for Thanet Archaeology is privileged to represent our great archaeological heritage on behalf of the people of Thanet and to use that resource to teach and learn about a past that belongs to us all.

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The aim of the Trust for Thanet Archaeology (The Trust), established by the constitution adopted when it was registered as charity in 1988, is to promote the preservation, exploration and better understanding of Thanet's unique archaeological heritage as well as the advancement of public education in the subject of archaeology.

- The aims of the Trust are achieved by carrying out and publishing a comprehensive and systematic programme of archaeological investigations, especially in the Isle of Thanet. Research excavations of academic value are principally carried out through the operation of a commercial Archaeological and Heritage practise, managed by the Trust's Director, who is an experienced field archaeologist.
- Good professional practise is maintained through a close liaison with the national and local authorities who manage the nation's heritage and by promoting a consistent professional standard of fieldwork, excavation and publication. The Trust encourages the participation of the Community in its work liaising with other like-minded organisations and arranges exhibitions events, study days and lectures to illustrate its work.
- The Trust for Thanet Archaeology maintains an archive of archaeological records and receives any finds resulting from its activities which their owners wish to loan or present to public institutions. The Trust seeks to allocate finds and records that result from its work, or are presented to the Trust, to properly constituted museums. Objects that are not able to be placed in a suitable museum are stored by the organisation.
- The funds to enable the objectives of the Trust are raised by support from commercial activities, public appeals and direct approach to donors and grant making bodies.

Further information of the Trust and a copy of the constitution can be obtained from the address below:



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