

# SHARP

SEDFORD HISTORICAL AND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECT



## Annual Report

1st March - 30th September  
2024

## OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

### From the 1997 Constitution

*The object of the Association is the advancement of education and conservation by promoting, undertaking and making public historical research and archaeological investigation into the landscape of the Parish of Sedgford in the county of Norfolk and of adjoining and neighbouring Parishes (hereinafter together referred to as "the Research Area"). The results of the work will be disseminated by publications, exhibitions, public lectures and other means*

This annual report represents a short year from 1st March 2024-30th September 2024. This will allow us to reconfigure our financial year so we have a better idea of each season rather than covering most of one season and half of the next.

With the court case now concluded, SHARP is able to move on with new courses, new trustees and committee members and a new horizon in the form of the Farming in Protected Landscapes funding application which will allow us to develop and improve the site making things easier for site and set up team and allowing us to keep our prices affordable.

We were visited by Ed & Grace from FiPL who encouraged us to apply for the three main things we needed, toilets, showers and power in the form of solar array and this is what we put in for. Watch this space in 2025!



# The 2024 Archaeological Season

This year was particularly affected by the financial fraud case that was ongoing up to and throughout the season. On the run up to the season work was being undertaken to improve the financial systems in place. At the same time we carried out consultation with the membership on the constitution, as well as providing more open access and transparency of our policies and governance.

The summer season was very successful, with more bookings than the previous year and the development of more courses and activities. There were several visits from school and home-school groups, with the addition of a new activity trail and a session on human remains as well as usual digging, finds cleaning, environmental and ancient craft sessions. The site directors were kept busy with the various tours and visits, including the annual Friends visit and North West Norfolk History Society. We had four fantastic lectures during the season.



On site work continues on the malting site, with two more kilns being actively excavated. There was also a large focus on recording features that are starting to degrade. At the top of the hill we discovered a new East – West ditch that explained why the archaeology to the South of the trench is so complex. On

the carpark trench the discovery of a medieval trackway meant we could not reach the Anglo-Saxon archaeology we were expecting. However at the Northern end of the trench in the final days we discovered a skull, from what we assume is a prehistoric crouch burial.

Off trench work started on the paper archive with the help of a grant from the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society.

During the season there was also a consultation process with volunteers and the public on our plans for a more sustainable project.



From the outgoing Chair Gareth at the 2024 AGM:

*"I would like to highlight the following achievements this year,"*

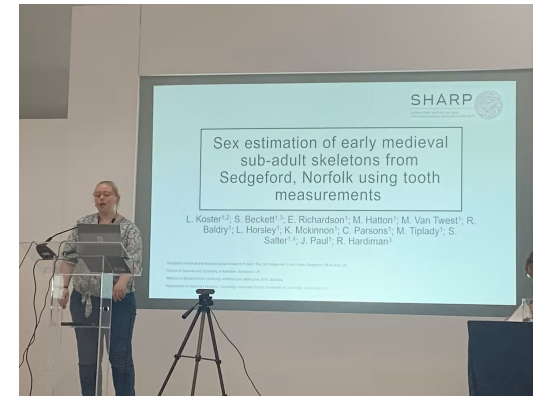
- Much needed work on constitution,
- Updating governance and financial systems,
- As well as the archaeology we have also kept a pace with our specialist work, environmental processing.



- Developed some new courses
- Successful open day, 250 visitors, £1200 money raised.
- Ellie in tours and visits, Friends of SHARP and NWNHS.
- Four great lectures, including last nights where Sophie Cabot stepped in last minute.
- Working towards sustainability grant, to get our own solar etc.
- Post-excavation backlog has been worked on, including the Roman project.
- Archive has been worked on at the moment, with the help of a grant NNAS
- Vastly improved site infrastructure.
- Merchandise improvements, including our own newsletter.



**Some of the lovely comments from those taking part during the 2024 season:**



*“Just wanted to thank you and the SHARP team for another great SHARP couple of weeks with the HR Team. As ever, I learnt a lot, met old and new friends, and had fun. Looking forward to 2025. Hope to be able to do two weeks with HR Team again.”*

*“There was nothing that I didn't enjoy, even when rain stopped us digging there were interesting jobs to do.”*







*"Hugely enjoyable and helped by the supervisor sharing knowledge and stories and even more so enthusiasm"*

*"I have learnt a lot, especially considering I knew nothing about archaeology before taking the BERT course. The supervisors were helpful and patient."*

*"The whole week was thoroughly enjoyable and I will definitely come again"*



*"I love the friendly atmosphere and that people new to archaeology are made to feel accepted and inclusive. I enjoyed working on trench 25 and hope to carry on next year."*



*"It was a very interesting dig and I enjoyed the week, both socially and archaeologically. It was fun and nice to meet new people and also good for me to experience a different type of excavation to what I have been used to. I admire the dedication of the team!"*



Lots of new courses are now available including archiving, photography and experimental, with more coming for 2025



The archive team getting to grips with decades of records



The experimental tent



**SHARP** wouldn't exist without the huge amount of volunteer time spent behind the scenes before, during and after the season. A huge thank you to all those people who make it possible.

## TRUSTEES

Yvonne Bolton-Smith; - Chair from 31/07/24  
 Eleanor Blakelock; - Secretary from 12/10/23  
 Sam Atkins; Treasurer  
 Pete Taylor; 31/07/24  
 Lucy Koster; 31/07/24  
 Eleanor Lees; 31/07/24  
 Gareth Davies; Outgoing Chair  
 Terry Baxter  
 Dan Cockling  
 Tiggy Harris  
 Steve Horn  
 Owen Morgan



## Committee Members from 31/7/24

Ann Smith  
 Sophie Beckett  
 Bill Howard  
 Kali Graham

And as always a very special thanks to all the fantastic team of volunteers who helped support the season, their hard work makes the whole project possible.

# FUNDING & FINANCE



Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project 1064553

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/03/2024 To 30/09/24

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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Arch'ological Archiving Course	510	-	-	510	-
BERT Course offsite	8,295	-	-	8,295	883
BERT Course onsite	-	-	-	-	5,767
Cashback	101	-	-	101	-
Craft For The Day	223	-	-	223	-
Crafty Course Offsite	-	-	-	-	585
Dig for the day	654	-	-	654	1,606
Donations and legacies	6,131	-	-	6,131	7,390
EA Course offsite	460	-	-	460	-
Excavation Volunteer Offsite	4,795	-	-	4,795	2,824
Excavation Volunteer Onsite	-	-	-	-	8,623
Friends of SHARP	414	-	-	414	595
Gift Aid	440	-	-	440	-
Grant - Headley Trust	-	-	-	-	2,400
Grant - NHLF	-	-	-	-	2,902
Grant - Norfolk Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	2,500
Grants	1,978	-	-	1,978	-
Home School Visit	329	-	-	329	-
HR Glos Course	864	-	-	864	711
HR Volunteer Offsite	790	-	-	790	466
HR Volunteer Onsite	967	-	-	967	1,284
KLUS	1,204	-	-	1,204	158
Landscape Course onsite	414	-	-	414	-
Online cremation course	117	-	-	117	490
Photogrammetry	118	-	-	118	-
Refund to SHARP	354	-	-	354	-
Royalties	-	-	-	-	4
Shop Sales	875	-	-	875	1,852
Sundry income	567	-	-	567	-
Team contribution	2,456	-	-	2,456	1,290
Team RIK Donation	100	-	-	100	-
Tuck sale	345	-	-	345	-
University Booking	-	-	-	-	4,320
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,501</b>	<b>46,650</b>

### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Total receipts** 33,501 - - 33,501 46,650



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Advertising and Promotional Expenses	170			170	608
Archaeology Supplies	299			299	-
Catering H & S	6,118	-	-	6,118	-
Cleaning	1,134			1,134	250
Course materials	111			111	-
Dues and subscriptions	719	-	-	719	538
Entertainment	82			82	-
Equipment Hire	2,328			2,328	-
Equipment purchase	1,635	-	-	1,635	1,620
Ext Merchandise sales	357			357	-
Finds Resources	61			61	-
Food	4,274			4,274	5,972
Fraudulent expenditure net of repayment	-	-	-	-	2,827
Fuel	2,423			2,423	76
Grant Archives spend	370			370	-
HR Glos Venue	700			700	875
Independent Examiners fees	240			240	-
Insurance	875	-	-	875	1,028
Merchandise	277	-	-	277	838
Office and administration expenses	94			94	-
Refund	1,296			1,296	-
Rent of land	365	-	-	365	365
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,430
site facilities	5,413	-	-	5,413	15,459
Site health & Safety	598	-	-	598	558
Site maintenance	729			729	-
Transport costs	1,020			1,020	-
Travel costs	15			15	-
Tuck stock	500			500	-
Venue Hire	-			-	30
Waste disposal	831	-	-	831	422
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>33,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,034</b>	<b>32,894</b>

**Total payments** 33,034 - - 33,034 32,894

**Net of receipts/(payments)** 467 - - 467 13,756

**A5 Transfers between funds** - - - - -

**A6 Cash funds last year end** 13,405 - - 13,405 -

**Cash funds this year end** 13,872 - - 13,872 13,756







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<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from		To	
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### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays current account	13,872	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,872</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

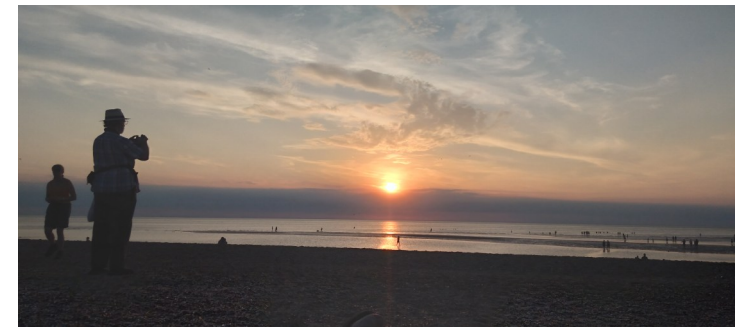
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