

BOSTON SPA ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE GROUP

Archaeology, Ecology, Geology and History

Constitution

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to provide the opportunity for members, both amateurs and professionals, to explore the archaeology and heritage of their own district.

Area

The area in focus is roughly, though not exclusively, that which lies between Wetherby, Tadcaster, Thorpe Arch and Bramham, and is centred on Boston Spa.

Membership

The group is for adult (18 and over) residents and non-residents of the area. Applications for membership will be decided by the committee. Membership is subject to applicants' agreement with the constitution and payment of an annual subscription. The committee may suspend membership in the event of activities by individual members that are deemed inappropriate for the group. Members should refrain from removing finds from any site on which the group is working without careful recording or as part of a group activity, and, out of consideration for the farmer or landowner, should not divulge specific site locations to non-members without permission from the committee.

Links

The group should also have an eye to the wider area and links with other groups and agencies. Members should endeavour to record all findings and report them to the group, and where appropriate to other agencies.

Scope

The group should provide a forum for discussion and for the exchange of information about archaeological and heritage issues. Members may have a range of specific interests, which the group should encourage.

Community service role

The group should publish and share its findings with other agencies, including those of West and North Yorkshire, as well as assisting the community by providing information where appropriate. The group will aim to work with the local library to provide public information about its findings. In the event of the group's disbandment all remaining funds will go to the Parish Council and/or other group(s) deemed appropriate by the committee.

Committee

The group will be run by a committee, including a chairman, secretary and treasurer elected at the Annual General Meeting, who will co-opt other members to the committee as necessary for the running of the group. The committee has the power to amend the constitution only with the agreement of the membership. The committee will administer the group for the benefit of members and the wider community, organising suitable activities, such as regular meetings, group or individual projects, talks by guest speakers, visits, newsletters and reports.

(The group was founded in September 1999. The name was changed in October 2008 and the constitution amended in November 2008.)