



Hampshire Archaeological Dowsers 2025 - 2026



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Our Objective

To encourage the study and advancement of the knowledge and scientific principles of dowsing in all forms and application, but particularly for archaeology.

This includes:

- Locating and surveying sites of known or potential archaeological interest.
- Searching for subterranean watercourses, cavities and tunnels.
- Studying earth energies in sacred and secular space.

The group arranges training, undertakes surveys and works closely with other dowsing or archaeological groups and societies.

For further details of our activities and membership information please visit:

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How to find Shawford Parish Hall

Pearson Lane is opposite the entrance to the station car park at Shawford, and north of the railway bridge.

Parking for up to 40 cars for visitors is available outside the hall and at the railway station car park.

The address is: Pearson Lane, Shawford, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2AA

All lectures are held at **7.30 pm** on the last Thursday in the month. Selected lectures are held at Shawford Parish Hall.

HADS members **£3.00**

Non-HADS members **£5.00**

Payable on the door on the night

ZOOM lectures are free for HADS members. Non-HADS members contact Don Bryan on donaldbryan18@gmail.com

HADS Winter Programme 2025/2026

Thursday 16th October 2025 at Shawford Parish Hall
The Cult of St Swithun
Talk by Dr. Tom Watson

How and why did little-known Bishop Swithun become the centre of a national cult and make Winchester a major centre for early medieval pilgrimage? Tom Watson examines the social, political and religious development of his cult.

Thursday 27th November 2025 on ZOOM
Annual General Meeting
Dowsing the Arthurian Legend
Talk by Don Bryan, Founder member of the Pendragon Society.

Throughout history people have been intrigued by the legends of King Arthur and his knights and their connection with the Holy Grail. These legends appear all over Britain, from Scotland down through Wales into deepest Cornwall. Legends appear over a large part of Northern France too.

During this talk Don will unravel some of the myths associated with this romantic King of the Dark Ages. Over recent years Don has explored some of the more famous Arthurian sites in the southwest of England and has used his dowsing rods with some amazing results to add fact to the fiction.

Thursday 11th December 2025 on ZOOM
Anglo-Saxon Southampton
Talk by Andy Skinner

During the Dark Ages Southampton became one of the most important Anglo-Saxon towns in England. Unpick its story by exploring the archaeological evidence they left behind.



Thursday 29th January 2026 on ZOOM
Tintagel Castle Archaeological Research Project (TCARP)

Talk by Win Scutt, English Heritage

Win Scutt set up TCARP to investigate the design and dating of the Early Medieval structures on the headland. The site is famous for its trading contacts with Greece, Turkey and North Africa in the post Roman period.

Thursday 26th February 2026 on ZOOM
The Revolting People of Bishop's Waltham
Talk by Tony Kippenberger

A talk covering the occasions when the people of Bishop's Waltham and its nearby villages have been roused or rebelled against the authorities (both local and national). From taking up arms and possibly dabbling in treason, to rioting across the countryside, residents haven't always been compliant. Few of us know how angry some of our ancestors got.

Thursday 26th March 2026 at Shawford Parish Hall
Salisbury – A Tale of Two Cities – Part 1
Talk by Andrew Negus

This two-part talk explains why a brand-new town was created in 1200 and how it went on to become one of England's wealthiest towns within 200 years. Part 1. The city of Old Sarum is settled by Celts, Saxons and Normans and we see the creation of a new cathedral and city at Salisbury.

Some of our recent activities have involved field trips to sites of archaeological interest including:

- Warblington
- Hengistbury Head
- Old Portsmouth
- Wallingford



ZOOM presentations have included:

- Dartmoor Myths and Legends
- Ancient Dead of Hampshire
- Wrecks of the River Hamble
- The Formation of England – an 8 week course looking at the history of England since earliest times.

Future events will include:

- Local dowsing activities at which tuition will be offered
- Visits to local sites of archaeological interest
- Pub lunches of course!

