

## **Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society**

### **Report to the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum meeting**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

My apologies for being unable to attend. The following are some key points in the regular business of the society.

Membership stands at around a steady 390, plus 12 affiliate members. A review is taking place of youth and family membership with the aim of trying to entice and reach out to a younger audience. The society has 1 (!) junior member though 5 under 12s and 2 aged 12-18 through family membership.

Conferences – the scheduled (10<sup>th</sup> Sept) day conference at the Aylesbury oculus covering recent archaeological discoveries arising from HS2 unfortunately had to be postponed due to the death of the Queen but will be rescheduled. Arrangements are now well in place for the annual Buckinghamshire Local History Network at the same venue (1<sup>st</sup> October), the subject of which will be Buckinghamshire Cottage Industries.

Lectures and outings – the society organises a regular Saturday lecture programme for the winter season held at the museum and a series of summer outings, including a tour of Stowe Gardens and House and a tour of High Wycombe.

Active Archaeology Group – the AAG forms a part of BAS and undertakes fieldwork and training, also running a series of specialist lectures. Anyone looking to actively partake in archaeology is free to join but membership of the BAS is required for insurance purposes. Current excavations are taking place at the Great Linford manor garden ha ha.

Publications - Records of Buckinghamshire is the annual journal of the society and the latest edition – volume 62 – came out in May. The society has received a grant from the HS2 community fund to digitise and make available online past editions of RoB. The project is in hand and is progressing nicely. The society also produces occasional publications and the most recent – The Kings Manor at Brill – is selling well.

Recording award – the society has introduced an annual recording award to encourage high standards of fieldwork, research and publication and the first award will be made this year at the Buckinghamshire Local History Network (1<sup>st</sup> October).

Library – the BAS library is housed with the Discover Bucks museum and is open on Wednesdays and deals with regular enquiries from the public.

Outreach – the society occasionally holds stalls at external events and recently attended the Festival of Archaeology event hosted at North Marston by Buckinghamshire Council.

Website – new website is currently under development.

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