



Sussex
Archaeological
Society

The Archaeology of Wooded Landscapes



Conference
Saturday 12 February 2011
Meridian Hall, East Court, East Grinstead

In association with the ESCC Historic Environment Awareness Project:
a project in the Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme
Involving people with the unique heritage in one of England's Finest Landscapes



Conference Information

Wooded landscapes are amongst the most difficult, but rewarding, landscapes to investigate. The archaeological features within them can be concealed by vegetation, sometimes impenetrable. The documentary evidence for them is often buried amongst sources relating to other interest areas. However, the archaeology can survive well, undisturbed by ploughing, building or natural erosion. Features can relate to the working and use of the wood itself – archaeology of the wood – or were originally built on open ground and subsequently tree-covered – archaeology in the wood. Sussex is one of the most wooded counties in England, so the conference subject is of particular relevance to the area. Much of its woodland has not yet been comprehensively explored or the archaeology within it recorded.

Speakers, working on landscape studies locally and elsewhere in the country, will contribute papers drawing out the strands of evidence available for investigation of wooded landscapes, examine the types of remains which may be found and highlight new technologies and means of achieving greater understanding. Evidence will be presented from Sussex and further afield, from prehistory to modern. A presentation of new discoveries in the Weald Forest Ridge area through LiDAR will be of especial interest to local delegates.

Delegate packs will include Survey, Identification and Research 'toolkits' for investigation of wooded landscapes, produced by the Historic Environment Awareness Project.

Booking information

The ticket price includes morning and afternoon tea/coffee, and a Conference delegate booklet. Lunch is *not* included but may be ordered and paid for at the time of booking. Please note that there are no other facilities available on site and the short lunch break makes it impractical to visit the town centre for lunch. You may of course bring a packed lunch if you wish.

Venue: Meridian Hall, East Court, East Grinstead.

Getting there: Car: the East Court estate, of which Meridian Hall forms part, is just off the A22 and A264. There is ample free parking on site.

Train: there is a railway station at East Grinstead.

Sunday 13 February – free fieldtrips

We are offering a choice of fieldtrips on the Sunday morning, all running from 10.20am – 12.30pm. There is no charge, but as there are only 30 places available on each, we do require you to book to secure your place.

1. *Brede High Woods, Cripps Corner, East Sussex*

Woodland landscape with woodland management, iron working & routeways:
David Brown

2. *Broadwater Warren, near Tunbridge Wells, Sussex/Kent border*

Military use in the Napoleonic period and both World Wars: Vivienne Blandford

3. *Gravetye Manor, West Hoathly, West Sussex*

Designed landscape incorporating iron working remains: Nicola Bannister

Further details, including directions, will be sent with confirmation of your booking. All conference enquiries should be directed to: Lorna Gartside, Sussex Archaeological Society,

Barbican House, 169 High Street, LEWES BN7 1YE,

tel: 01273 405737, email: members@sussexpast.co.uk

Conference Booking Form

Name.....SAS member no:.....

Address.....

.....Postcode:.....

Tel: (day).....(eve).....

Email:.....

There is a discounted rate of £20 for full or part-time students on award-bearing courses.

Please send meticket(s) @ £30 Please send meticket(s) @ £20*
**if you are applying for the student rate, you must name the course you are studying & the College here:.....*

Lunch

Lunch (a hot finger buffet including vegetarian options) must be booked and paid for in advance, although you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

Please book melunch(es) @ £5

Fieldtrips – Sunday 13 February

There is no charge for the fieldtrips, but places on each are limited to 30, so early booking is advised. The fieldtrips are only open to those who have also booked for the conference.

Please reserve me space(s) on the fieldtrip to (specify which visit)

Please find enclosed cheque for £.....payable to "Sussex Past".

Confirmation will be sent by email where possible. If you require confirmation by post, please include an s.a.e. with your booking form.

Please send your completed form & payment with SAE if applicable to:

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If you prefer, you may book online for the conference through our shop site: www.sussexpastshop.co.uk

Field trips cannot be booked online.

Conference Programme Saturday 12 February

- 9.30am *Registration*
- 10.00am **Introduction by Conference Chair, Casper Johnson**
- 10.05am **Woodland Usage in Anglo-Saxon England as illustrated in contemporary documents and place names**
Dr Della Hook
- 10.45am **Hunting, farming and fuel: the transitory character of English woodlands**
Dr Mark Gardiner, Queens University Belfast
- 11.25am *tea/ coffee*
- 11.50am **You can't see the wood for the trees – locating and recording modern military features in woodlands**
Roger J C Thomas, Military Support Officer, English Heritage
- 12.30pm **The flora and fauna of archaeological sites in woodlands**
Dr Patrick Roper, Ecologist
- 1.10pm *lunch*
- 2.10pm **New technology, new sites, new insights: Discoveries across the Weald Forest Ridge through LiDAR**
Vivienne Blandford, Landscape Archaeologist
- 2.40pm **Wyre Forest - on transcription and validation of LiDAR using volunteers**
Adam Mindykowski, Worcestershire County Council
- 3.10pm *tea/coffee*
- 3.30pm **Our woodland - divided, but still united! A case study of multiple ownership and archaeological investigation**
Waste Wood Owners
- 3.50pm **Understanding the history of wooded landscapes: Are we asking the right questions? Towards a new research agenda**
Dr Nicola Bannister
- 4.30pm *Questions and end*