

Quarley Down Ancient Environs Project



This group grew out of the excavation in the Laundry Field on the Cholderton Estate, which I was asked to undertake at the invitation of the owner Henry Edmunds. Several members of the team were looking for the opportunity of working on a longer term project and asked me to provide a professional input into a more extensive project. As a result the Quarley Down Ancient Environs Project was born in 2009 with team members from both sides of the county boundary. Everyone in the group apart from myself are enthusiastic amateur (in the best senses of the word) archaeologists and we work to high professional standards.



The aim of QDAEP is to survey the archaeology of the whole of the Cholderton Estate. The excavation in the Laundry Field has formed a major focus, but with that coming to a close

we wish to concentrate on non-invasive survey with the main emphasis on field walking all the arable fields on the Estate, together with the surveying of any upstanding earthworks surviving in the areas of permanent pasture and woodland.



We have to field walk soon after ploughing, a fairly short window of opportunity in the autumn and an even briefer in the spring. This generates a considerable quantity of finds that need to be washed and catalogued. We would like to expand our numbers from the local population to be able to increase our coverage of fields. So if there is anyone from Cholderton, the Bourne valley or further afield (no previous experience required), who would like to get involved, please make contact with me at cynbyn@btinternet.com.

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