



BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The research programme

The Berkshire Archaeological Society research programme focuses on the post excavation interpretation of archaeological evidence collected from archaeological events such as: pre-excavation desk studies, analysis of aerial photographs, field walking, geophysical surveys, and excavations.

The programme is currently focussing on Iron Age and Roman Berkshire. The map below shows the full extent of the study area.

In the future it is hoped to extend the programme to address the Palaeolithic, the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Early Medieval periods.

If you are interested in working on any of these periods please contact us.

Roman Berkshire

The Society is currently working on a project to Re-interpret *Roman Berkshire*. This work is currently addressing:

- The period AD 43 to AD 75, when Cogidubnus was king of a Client Kingdom which extended from Chichester in the south east to Winchester in the south west and northwards across Berkshire to Dorchester and Abingdon
- The Roman roads which run through Berkshire linking it to the surrounding regions
- The changes in economic activity in and around Berkshire in the period from AD75 when Cogidubnus died and his Client Kingdom was replaced by a civitatis to the time when Roman rule effectively came to an end in AD 360

The next steps are to use evidence from sites in our study area to gain insights into: Roman innovations in technology and farming practices, living in Roman Berkshire and changes in Roman rituals and politics.

If you are interested in learning more about Roman Berkshire, please come and join us: we normally meet in Reading on the first Thursday of the month.

Iron Age Berkshire

The Society has inherited a project which has produced a *Reinterpretation of the Iron Age in and around Berkshire*. This project was sponsored by the Berkshire Archaeological Trust and has reached the point where it has produced a number of lectures and work is progressing to complete a book, an exhibition and a website.

If you are interested in hearing a lecture on Iron Age Berkshire see what is on offer in the *Services to Local Societies* pages of this website.

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