



What's On

Berkshire Archaeological Society - April 2026

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News



Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Trial

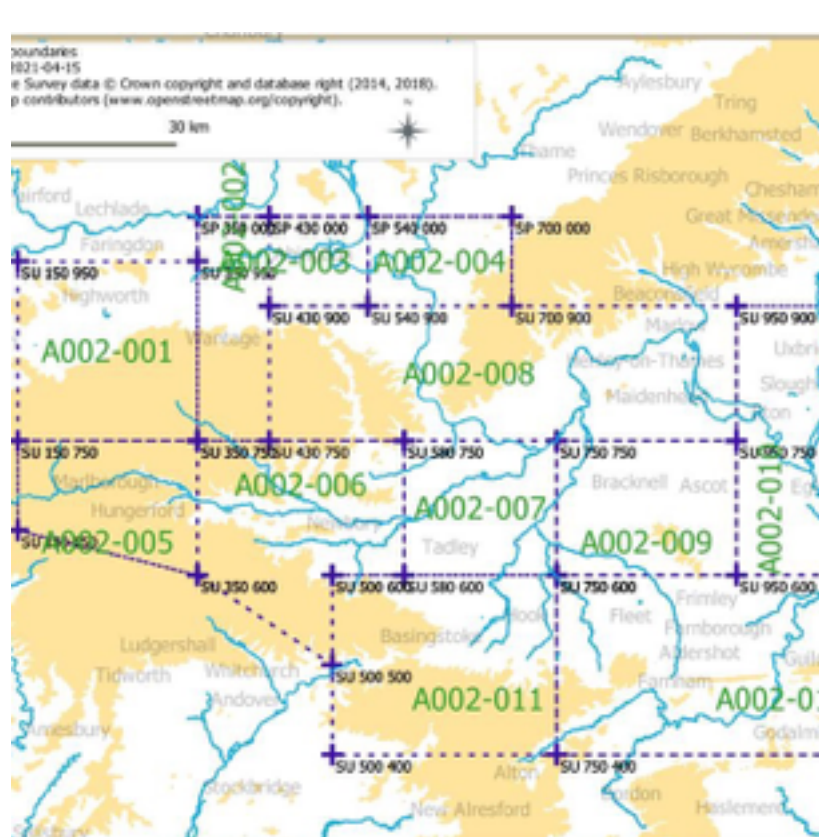
BAS have been conducting Geophysical Surveys for over a decade. Up to now we have used magnetometry and earth resistance equipment to test for possible underground features, such as ditches, walls and areas of burning. GPR has the potential to show up buried structures at different depths so as to create a three dimensional view of the sub-surface.

At the start of the excavations at Wickham House in April, Philip Rawstron will lead a team to try out a GPR instrument loaned by Guideline Geo. They will target areas already surveyed by other means to see what more can be learned with this new technique.

If successful, BAS will consider whether to add this to our range of surveying equipment.

(Image: a Mala EasyLocator CORE in use on a hard surface)

Upcoming Events



Wednesday 8th April 2026

Study Group

Agenda:
TBA

All welcome.
2:30pm at Woosehill Community Hall,
RG41 3DA.

[See website](#)



Wednesday 15th April 2026

Pub Lunch

All welcome for an informal chat.
If you want to join us please notify Tim Lloyd at tim.lloyd@berksarch.co.uk by the Saturday before the lunch.

If enough people are NOT digging at Wickham

12:00pm at The Wheelwright's Arms,
Davis Way, Hurst, Reading, RG10 0TR.



Saturday 25th April 2026

BAS Lecture: How Big was Pompeii?

by Dr J. W. Hanson (FHEA)

My main interests at the moment are in urban studies, demography, architecture, and social networks, with a particular interest in how all this applies to Pompeii

2:00 for 2:30pm at RISC (2:15 on zoom)

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Past Events



Saturday 21st March 2026

BAS Lecture: Standing Stones of Islay

by Grace "Ivy" Strong (MA Oxford University)

[Read the report](#)

Other News



Until 25th May 2026: British Museum Hawai'i - a kingdom crossing oceans

The exhibition brings together remarkable objects – from feathered cloaks worn by chiefs and finely carved deities, to powerful shark-toothed weapons and bold contemporary works by Kānaka Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian) artists.

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Until 4th May 2026: British Museum Samurai

Discover the reality behind a millennium of myth at this sweeping exhibition on the legendary Japanese warriors.

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Local Societies

- See the links below of details of their activities:
- [Berkshire Archaeology Research Group](#)
- [Maidenhead Archaeological and Historical Society](#)
- [Marlow Archaeology Group](#)
- [South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group](#)
- [Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society](#)

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