**Home Front Legacy 1914–18 Day School**

**Recording First World War sites in the UK for community groups**

The CBA is working with Historic England and partners across the UK to help local communities identify and map the remains of the First World War Home Front.

Running from 2014–2018, the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project is supporting community groups researching local places associated with the Great War with an online toolkit and guidance for recording the remains of surviving sites, structures and buildings around Britain.

The Home Front Legacy website provides tools, guidance and resources for you to carry out archaeological recording and submit your data to your local Historic Environment Record and National Monuments Records to add to our knowledge and inform future protection for sites.

Using our online toolkit and the resources on the Home Front Legacy website, everyone can help to research and record their local sites and structures and help to safeguard First World War survivals here in Britain. Exploring these remains brings you into closer contact with what our families lived through, and the ways in which the Great War shaped their lives and the places we live today.

You don’t need to be an archaeologist or have experience of fieldwork to take part. You may have an interest in the Home Front, and be researching your family or local area, or involved in a First World War Centenary project.

The CBA invites local community group members, national and local projects and partners to this day school to find out how to use the recording toolkit and online app for your project. We would like to thank Historic England for funding this event.

**This day school will:**

* Get you actively involved with the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project
* Share the toolkit and resources to use within your own projects, or to start one up
* Enable you to start discovering your local First World War surviving sites, structures and buildings using online resources
* Help you connect with your local Historic Environment Record
* Give you the skills and confidence to share your learning with your community group
* Provide the forum to share your projects and to meet potential partners

Course delivery: presentation, multimedia and practical demonstration. Bring along your own laptop, tablet or mobile, if you have one, for our practical recording demonstration.

**Day school programme**

**10.30** Welcome and coffee

**11–12.00** Presentation, multimedia

1. An introduction to the Home Front Legacy 1914-18 project
2. What remains are out there? First World War surviving physical remains overview Land, Sea, Air, and Home Front Key Note Speaker:- Dan Miles, Research Resources Officer, Historic England.
3. Cast Studies: - Richard Osgood, Senior Archaeologist, Defence Infrastructure Organisation: - Salisbury Plain’s Home Front Legacy. Phil Marter, Faculty Member, Winchester University: - Morn Hill Camp, Winchester.

**12.00–1pm** Presentation, practical demonstration

1. Getting started – step by step to setting up and taking forward your recording project

William Illsley, Assistant Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council.

Desk Research: How do you find WWI remains?

* The Heritage Gateway
* What are Historic Environment Records (HERs)?
* How do they help local groups?
* How do they protect your local historic environment?
* What services can you access?
* Questions for HER Officers

Other sources of information - online

* The National Archive
* Commonwealth War Graves Commission
* Genealogical web sites
* Local historical records, museums and archives
* Great War Forum
* War Memorials Online
* National Monuments Records
* Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities First World War hubs
* Heritage Lottery Fund ‘Then and Now’

**Networking lunch 1–2pm**

**2pm–3.45** Presentation, practical demonstration

1. Using the site recording toolkit

* Finding sites with maps and aerial photographs
* Field recording using the app
* Site recording demonstration from using the web resources to completing the app recording form and displaying your site and project on the online map of UK remains
* Writing site descriptions

**3.45–4pm Q&As Get involved/contacts and close**