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## 2016 Excavation Programme Information Pack

Thank you for taking an interest in our 2016 excavation programme. This information pack will provide you with an overview of what you can anticipate should you choose to join North Cornwall Heritage for this year's summer season. The following will cover what experience you should expect, which exciting projects you will be working on and other key information that you may find useful when deciding whether you wish to come join us on one of our seasons.

### The experience:

We will be running survey, excavation, recording and analysis of archaeological materials utilising a wide spectrum of techniques and skills.

We believe in providing a flexible experience which is ultimately dictated by you, as we appreciate everyone has their own learning requirements and personal goals that they wish to achieve. You will also be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful parts of Cornwall with like-minded people in a relaxed atmosphere.

### Our projects:

We run multiple projects each season so that you get a choice of varied learning environments and experiences. We have in the past worked on various sites, and the current year's projects are detailed below. We refer to each of our projects by using unique NCH site codes, to help us identify and separate our multiple projects. For more information, please refer to our projects page on the NCH website. Fieldwork this year will be based mostly at NCH01 and NCH07, but there will also be post-excavation work on our previous projects. This and other potential projects are subject to change and will be confirmed at your induction.

**NCH01** is our first and longest standing site, primarily focused on a settlement occupied from at least the 12th century up until the 1700's, believed to be referred to as "Melorn" in historical documents. The site appears to be a farmstead consisting of several buildings and has already shown evidence of multi-period occupation and use. This site has the potential for more archaeological resources to reveal the true past of this interesting coastal upland settlement. This year's fieldwork will be focussed on establishing the full extent of the settlement as well as re-establishing some earlier work completed in the area.

**NCH07** is the first steps in a proposed much wider settlement study looking at the establishment, development and continued use of a moorland village within the mid-medieval period. It is associated with a medieval settlement and is situated on Bodmin Moor, which has historical evidence linking it to the Knights Templar in the 12th Century. Previous excavations have uncovered evidence of occupation and activity from the pre-historic period through to the 15th century. Future work will include excavation, geophysics as well as both landscape and standing building survey.

**Dates** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Summer season – NCH01 & NCH07

**\*\* Please note that we do not dig on the weekends \*\***

**Facilities** The NCH facilities (aka "The Compound") include the following (all less than 100m from the camping area) for the exclusive use of NCH participants.

#### Canteen

- Microwave
- Stoves
- Toasters
- Kettle / tea urn
- Refrigerator and freezer space

#### Toilet/Shower Cabins (one male, one female)

- Fully plumbed, indoor toilets
- Hot showers

#### Utility Cabin

- Washing machine and Dryer (coin operated)
- Dry room
- Washing up area
- Waste and recycling facilities

Camping area for tents (Camping equipment is not provided)

#### Car Park

We also have the more homely aspects of a field school within "The Compound", such as a 42 inch smart TV, device charging area, free wi-fi, fire-pit, BBQ and a large covered area when required.

### **Daily Schedule**

Please note that we only dig Monday to Friday usually, but there is always plenty to do at the weekend at the campsite and in the surrounding area.

Breakfast	08:00
Travel to site	8:45 (earlier for NCH07)
Work starts	9:00
Morning tea break	10:30 – Half hour break
Lunch	13:30 – Half hour break
Work ends	16:00

**Evenings** As mentioned above, we have ample facilities within "The Compound" for entertaining yourself during the evenings. We also try and organise fun and educational things to do – namely field trips, quiz nights and there are talks of the return of "NCH's got Talent" for 2016...this is not compulsory, but will be a lot of fun!

## Food

Breakfast	Cereal, Toast
Lunch	Sandwich materials provided with snacks, fruit and crisps to see you through the day
Beverages	Tea, Coffee, Water, Squash
Dinner	There will be evening meals some nights and these will include BBQ's, home cooked food and beach picnics.

Some lunchtimes we may do pasty runs, and on the weekend we tend to have cooked breakfasts. These will be at an extra cost, determined by what's on the menu.

There are also options for dinner and shops in the local town of Camelford and cooking facilities on site, as mentioned above.

## Costs

- Attendance:
  - Standard rate - £15 per day
- Please note:
  - Food and camping are optional
- We require £30 as a deposit at the time of booking. This deposit is non-refundable on cancellations made two weeks or less prior to your start date on the excavation, but is deducted from the full cost of your stay with us.

## What Happens Next:

*If you are interested in joining us this year...*

- Bookings will be via our website for our summer season (from Easter 2016).

*Once we have received and processed your booking form...*

- We will send you payment instructions outlining how you can pay your deposit

*Once we have received your deposit...*

- We will send you an email confirming receipt
- We will send you an email with your induction pack

While we aim to answer all enquiries as quickly as possible, please allow 5 - 10 working days for our response. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates too!

All the best – we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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