

## **SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **HERITAGE GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019**

The Committee met on Fridays 15 March and 18 October 2019 to consider progress with previous awards and decided on the following offers:

- 1-2019 to David Sutcliffe £500 from the Gray Fund towards the costs of his research leading to a new biography and assessment of the work of Cecil Sharp. Completion of parts 2 & 3 of his biographical sketches of Somerset Folk Singers to join Part 1 in the SANHS library will mark the end of this stage of the project (since claimed);
- 2-2019 to Professor Roger Leech £1,416 from the Maltwood Fund to commission a full study and report on the painted wall plaster from Low Ham villa;
- 3-2019 to Andrew Buchanan on behalf of the Westbury Society £528 from the Maltwood Fund to commission an osteoarchaeological report and radiocarbon dating of Romano-British skeletal material from the Straits, Westbury (since claimed);
- 4-2019 to Amal Khreishah on behalf of the South West Heritage Trust up to £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund to commission a cabinet for archaeological small finds to facilitate access and study;
- 5-2019 to Professor Danielle Schreve £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund towards a programme of radiocarbon dating Pleistocene bone material from Gully Cave, Ebor Gorge;
- 6-2019 Liz Caldwell on behalf of MAYA £425 from the Gray Fund towards coach hire to the training excavation at Ipplepen (since claimed).
- 8-2019 to Professor Jodie Lewis £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund for assessment of environmental samples from the excavation of a late Bronze Age/early Iron Age round house at Priddy (since claimed – see report on the Priddy ‘Woodhenge’ in the September 2020 e-Bulletin);
- 9-2019 to Teresa Hall of the Winscombe and Sandford Archaeology and Local History Research Group £750 from the Maltwood Fund to for a geophysical survey of earthworks at Nye Hill.

We decided to withdraw offers:

- 2-2018 to Des Atkinson on behalf of the Victoria County History (£2,000) and 5-2018 to Richard Bennett of Breaking Ground (£1,950) because the condition requiring detailed schemes to be submitted and agreed has not been satisfied within the time allocated. The applicants are free to reapply when ready to do so.

Our aims are with the Maltwood Fund to support good quality archaeological and historical research related to Somerset and with Gray Fund to promote participation in the study of the archaeology and history of Somerset.

The committee considers applications in March and October every year (deadlines for application end of January and end of August). The funds are used to encourage and support work that would otherwise be difficult to complete. Please do apply – the forms can be down-loaded from the SANHS website. Please do enquire of me or our administrator, Teresa Hall for further guidance and information.

David Dawson, Chair, 2 September 2020