

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

HERITAGE GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

The Committee met on Fridays 13 March and 16 October 2020 to consider progress with previous awards and decided on the following offers:

- 1-2020 to Matt Knight £500 from the Maltwood Fund for assistance to publication of his thesis on Bronze Age metalwork;
- 2-2020 to Andrew Young, Avon Archaeological Unit £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund towards the osteological report of excavated material from Portbury Primary School;
- 3-2020 to Denny Robbins on behalf of Tintinhull Local History Group £1,000 from the Maltwood Fund towards a gradiometry survey of a suspected Roman settlement at Tintinhull (project completed and grant claimed);
- 4-2020 to Katie Fallace £626.40 from the Maltwood Fund towards bench fees for examination of human remains from Cannington;
- 5-2020 to Adelle Bricking £672.00 from the Maltwood Fund for carbon-dating human bone from Backwell Cave (part completed and £361.80 claimed);
- 6-2020 to Marion Jeffrey on behalf of the PCC £550 from the Maltwood Fund for radiocarbon-dating samples from Timberscombe St Petrock (an exciting 8th-century date – project completed and claimed in 2021).
- 7-2020 to Dr Clare Randall on behalf of the South Somerset Archaeological Research Group £2,152 from the Maltwood Fund for pottery analysis, illustration and radio-carbon-dating to complete the post excavation work for the Stapleton Mead Roman Landscape Project, Martock;
- 8-2020 to Philippa Osborne on behalf of Community Archaeology on the Mendip Plateau £1,134 from the Maltwood Fund for radiocarbon-dating samples from Chewton Mendip to elucidate dating of buildings excavated to the south of the minster church.

Necessarily the Covid-19 pandemic has caused delays but we were also pleased to receive reports and claims for the following projects:

- 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;
- 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 and presentation at the Annual Archaeology Day 2021 on this exciting Neolithic complex on Mendip);
- 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.

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.

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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, 18 April 2021