

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

HERITAGE GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

The Committee met on Fridays 11 March and 14 October 2022 to consider progress with previous awards and decided on the following offers:

- 2-2021 to Chris Webster £378 supplementary grant from the Maltwood Fund for a seventh radiocarbon date of a late Roman burial (HB5) from Northover, Ilchester;
- 2-2022 to Mary Claridge on behalf of Glastonbury Tribunal £327 from the Maltwood Fund for radiocarbon dating the canoe in the Glastonbury Tribunal;
- 3-2022 to Dr Richard Tabor, South Cadbury Environs Project, £1,290 from the Maltwood Fund for assessment of late Bronze Age metalworking at Sigwells, Charlton Horethorne;
- 4-2022 to Chris Jessop of Mick Aston's Young Archaeologists £400 from the Gray Fund for coach hire for a day of activities at the Springfield Trust led by Julian Richards;
- 5-2022 to Richard Philpott of Bridgwater St Mary PCC £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund for post-excavation finds processing and ordering the photographic archive of the 2016-17 work in Bridgwater St Mary;
- 6-2022 to Jim Nichols of Watchet Market House Museum £1,850 from the Gray Fund for photographic exhibition about the work of photographer James Date;
- 7-2022 to Shaun Wilson. Bath and Counties Archaeological Society Lansdown Camp Dating Project, £1,050 from the Maltwood Fund for sampling.

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

- 6-2018 to Laura Burnett PAS £302.40 from the Maltwood Fund for drawing the Roman lead vat from near Frome (published in *SANH*);
- 5-2019 to Danielle Schreve £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund for radiocarbon dates of Pleistocene animal remains from Gully Cave, Ebbor Gorge (report in *SANHS News 98 Winter 2022/23, 27*);
- 1-2020 to Matt Knight £500 from the Maltwood Fund for assistance to publication of his thesis on Bronze Age metalwork;
- 4-2020 to Katie Faillace £624 from the Maltwood Fund for bench fees for examining material from Cannington;
- 5-2020 to Adelle Bricking £361.80 for part payment toward radiocarbon dating material from Backwell;
- 7-2020 to Dr Clare Randall on behalf of the South Somerset Archaeological Research Group £1,732 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 (report in *SANHS News 98 Winter 2022/23, 30*);
- 2-2021 to Chris Webster, independent researcher £2,268 from the Maltwood Fund for radiocarbon dates of late Roman burials from Northover, Ilchester (report in *SANHS News 98 Winter 2022/23, 26*);
- 4-2021 to Richard Henry, now Finds Liaison Officer for Wiltshire, £954.68 from the Maltwood Fund for soil sampling in association with the Yatton Romano-British hoard (report in *SANHS News 98 Winter 2022/23, 28*);

5-2021 to Cheryl Green of Context One Heritage and Archaeology, £2,000 from the Maltwood Fund contribution towards preparation for publication of the excavations of St Augustine's Priory, Taunton.

4-2022 to Chris Jessop of MAYA £400 from the Gray Fund for coach hire for a day of activities at the Springfield Trust led by Julian Richards.

The following previous projects were also recently reported in *SANHS News 98 Winter 2022/23*:

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 and pottery excavated to the south of the minster church (pages 22-3);

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 (page 24);

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 (pages 25-6).

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. It will be seen that our grants have made substantial contributions to our understanding of the archaeology and local history of Somerset though our support of a wide range of projects undertaken by a wide range of individuals and organisations.

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 David Dawson, Chair, or our administrator, Teresa Hall for further guidance and information.

David Dawson, Chair,
Teresa Hall, Administrator,
22 March 2023