

NOTE FROM COVERING EMAIL FROM SARAH ASKHAM 9th Sept 2021:

Sarah Askham (WHS Coordination Unit) had technical problems and lost data earlier in the year, hence the lack of official minutes.

Gill Swanton's personal notes were sent out instead but it was noted that these were incomplete.

GRS – personal notes from ASAHRG meeting 19 March 2021.

The meeting opened with grateful thanks to Susan Greaney for hosting, setting up and sending out the notes of the previous meeting.

1. Apologies/membership etc.

Apologies from Ian Barnes, Heather Sebire, David?, Nick, + others not recorded

Neil Adams in for Mel PK

Helen Woodhouse replacing Phil McMahon

2. Matters arising –

Actions - ? I did not record anything here

Changes in staffing in various organisations were noted – a list should be compiled/current list of members updated and circulated. Action SA and KW. It was noted that members are present as individuals, not as representatives of their organisations.

A report from MOD may be available soon

3. Research Framework

Dan Miles – more detail next time, a draft of web ?pages being created, Framework putting strategy behind other matters/research. Vast amount of Neolithic content, needs to be made manageable + cross referencing, better monitoring.

'HE funded and staffed' (?) –

ASAHRG 'owns' its RA.

A link before next meeting SA

4. Current Research

A) David Dawson/ Wealth of Knowledge Project

Wil Partridge – info to database; research agenda for the Museum; workshop in October;

CAS – links with other databases

Jackie McKinley – human remains and destruction -?- DD – safeguards in place.

B) Josh Pollard/Living with the Monuments Project

- Easter. Folly Hill, lithics, stake holes
- Summer – if possible due to regulations - ? Waden Hill, Overton Hill, S/Windmill Hill, Pal Encl, Longstones. Will see what/not possible.
- Mike Allen and Charly French will be in area doing further soils research.
- WKPE – Rob Ixer - ? some stones from Cunyan Crag, Cheviot. ? glacial or deliberately transported

C) Ann Collar and Stuart Eve - Iron Age and Roman Project

- Sacred spaces/natural spaces/meaning and memory/
- Sloe Copse – Spring Head // Hayling Island & Thetford (I.A.)
- ? Summer 2021, 4 trenches

D) Martyn Barber – aerial survey: Martyn – could you please send in notes – I made copious but enigmatic ones – not intended for further reporting

5. Dissemination etc

- AC mentioned that links had been already sent to Sarah – (? anything happened)
- Alistair Barclay said would send a link (did it arrive?)
- CBA Festivals dates published – last 2 weeks of July

6. County Archaeology update:

Neil Adam – Stonehenge area: Park Farm (East of Avenue), nothing in geophysics, area stripped, features (grave-like), multi-period cemetery – all Saxon, late C5/earlyC6. Post-ex underway. Intercut.

7. Review of monitoring etc – Ann Carney

A) Management Plan – starting 04/21....to 2022. An online document. Will make more note of climate change.

B) Condition Survey – still thinking of options

8. Reports from Steering Committees and Partnership Panel

- The Steering Committees has not met
- Partnership Panel:-
- Trust Transition Board/funding/Governance Review/new Chair of P Panel
- Role of ASAHRG in any future structure
- What would the Group like raised at the next PP meeting?
- In addition and ref the Condition Survey: many sites are not recorded on published sites in their correct positions. This needs to be corrected in a review of scheduling, better geo-referencing and use of satellite imagery.

9. Future events:

- YAC –
- Brian Edwards and Exhibition in Museum (Devizes)
- ASAHRG profile - ? promote at events

- Continuing closure of Libraries
- Children not benefitting from lack of access

10. Richard Osgood is due to chair the next meeting

11. AOB

- Following the success of the WANHS on-line lectures during the pandemic it was agreed that there was potential for future collaboration in delivering joint presentations

12. Date of Next Meeting: 30.07.2021.