

The Knowe of Swandro is being destroyed by coastal erosion. This site includes a Neolithic chambered tomb and a large multi-period settlement, consisting of Iron Age roundhouses and Pictish buildings together with Viking remains. The immediate priority is the rescue excavation of the Neolithic chambered tomb, where the main burial chamber, currently intact, is likely to hold human remains. Experienced volunteers are preferred for this dig.

Swartigill Iron Age Project Yarrows Heritage Trust

Swartigill, Thrumster, Caithness

19 August-6 September

Free

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Swartigill lies within the famous Yarrows landscape in Caithness in the far north of Scotland. The site was at first thought to be a mill, serving two post-medieval farmsteads occupying the banks on each side of the floodplain. Yarrows Trust members cleaned back the areas damaged by the burn, and began to find large quantities of Early Iron Age pottery. The Swartigill site has grown and grown, and the team hopes it will grow some more during the dig this year. Volunteers are welcome, with or without experience.

WALES

Meillionydd Dig 2019

Bangor University

Meillionydd, Rhiw, Llŷn

3 June-26 July

Free for British volunteers who do not need accommodation, food, and transport; otherwise prices are available on request

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Meillionydd is a Late Bronze Age/Iron Age double ringwork hilltop enclosure near Rhiw, on the Llŷn peninsula in north-west Wales. The site was partially excavated between 2010 and 2017. In 2019, Bangor University will continue its research in the northern half of the enclosure. Excavations will continue west of the 2017 trench, focusing particularly on the inner and outer boundaries. As most building activity took place next to the banks of the enclosure, this area is likely to contain complex stratigraphy, which the team hopes their research will shed further light on.

Roman Samian Pottery Workshops National Museum of Wales

National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon

Tuesday mornings during the autumn

Free

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The National Museum of Wales holds pottery workshops in Caerleon and Cardiff during the year. These take the form of a half-day meeting each week across some six weeks. This autumn, at Caerleon, students will be working on Roman Samian ware from the legionary fortress. The first meeting will include an introduction to Samian and the project, after which students will learn to handle the pottery directly. Participants will need to register as museum volunteers before getting involved.

NORTH EAST

Bamburgh Castle Excavation 2019

Bamburgh Research Project

Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland

16 June-27 July

£280 per week, including transport

to and from site from the campsite

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Bamburgh Research Project has been excavating at Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland since 1996. The castle has an extensive archaeological legacy, and these investigations are set within the castle walls in the West Ward. Excavations are currently at c.7th- to 8th-century levels, a time often called the 'golden age' of the kingdom of Northumbria. The project has recently identified an extensive cobble surface that may have been involved in metalworking and the production of arms and armour for the royal court. Research this summer hopes to shed further light on this important site.

Lindisfarne DigVentures

Lindisfarne, Northumberland

3-15 September

From £135

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