The Field Detectives Visual Diary Samworth Farms - Langar Block of Fields Historic Landscape Study Friday 27th & Sunday 29th September 2024

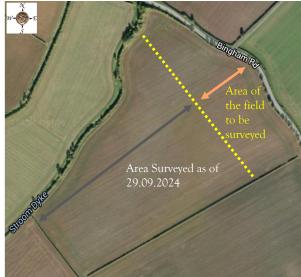
Stroom Dyke SK 719 354

Richard, Sophie (Lando), Steve, Tim, Jenson, Brian & Liam

Sunday 29th September 2024 brought our second season on the Stroom Dyke field to a close. The image featured right shows where we are regarding survey progress, and as you can see, we are on the final phase of the survey, which hopefully, we will be able to complete in 2025. Once that has been done, we can write up our Langar Block of Fields Historic Landscape Study findings.

The study will help to inform our understanding of the landscape relating to the nearby Romano-British villa and the hypothetical trackway from Goadby Marwood to Margidunum.

The nearby pilgrimage site of St Ethelburga has been plundered of many of its artefacts over the years and so therefore, they can only tell part of the story at best. The Langar block of fields is relatively untouched in that regard, so we have an opportunity to tell a much more complete picture of the broader landscape (northern approach to the site) during the years of the St Ethelburga pilgrimages.



The artefacts recovered during the field surveys will be collated into the Samworth Farms Langar Block of Fields Historic Landscape Collection. The collection along with related field survey reports and accompanying information resources, are created to inform, engage, educate, and to preserve the heritage of the local landscape.

Perhaps the most surprising outcome of the surveys was the discovery of a previously forgotten branch of firearms development, which became known as the Langar Lead Bullet. Now, there's a story worth learning more about!



Sophie (pictured left) took the crotal bell home last week to see if she could get it to ring again.

The mission was successful and you can hear it ringing again for the first time in over 150 years on our website.



Every survey leaves behind a number of untold stories and the Stroom Dyke survey has been no different in that regard.

The three artefacts pictured left still have a story to tell, but at the moment, we don't know what they are.

Looks like we are going to have plenty of time over the winter months to identify them.

FINDS FROM THE FIELD



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