

COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 11:00 – 12:00

Online

Minutes

Present:

Frank Giecco -FG

Perry Gardner – PG

Jessica Lowther - JL (Chair)

Nina O'Hare- NO (Secretary)

Cara Burton – CB - (ClfA)

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1.	Apologies Sarah-Jane Farr – SJF Emily Johnston – EJ Richard McConnell – RM	
2.	Innovation Festival session update - Session with Emily, Chair of Finds Group - Examples of smaller, cheaper or evaluation only projects requested to showcase a range of projects, not just large. Case studies or engagement projects with a post-ex focus send to JL. Could hold discussion or breakouts. - Can this invite be sent to engagement officers in departments?	ALL
3.	Unique engagement discussion - JL - As a sector, we need to be better at planning & adding engagement in to make the project more impactful, also ticks the social value box - FG - shared 'virtual museum' and focus on connecting the people to the project by them sharing about finding the object. Also discussed creative mediums (poems, art, writing etc) to bring the human element back to finds. Hosting an upcoming poetry writing workshop, poems to be published & poems to be read at upcoming Carlisle Digging the Frontier conference. FG to circulate feedback post-session - JL - As a sector, we need to be better at planning & adding engagement in to make the project more impactful, also ticks the social value box	FG
4.	Future tea break session topics? - Bottom up led research, using Durham Dales Network as case study? - Giving back to landowners who support projects? We're reliant on external people in toolkit & OASIS work, tea breaks would be a good opportunity as a group to work on something	
5.	HERs and inaccessible databases Quality & consistency issues. Different HERs publish in different ways; some are not accessible. This is a national problem which needs local fixes. How can we get this on the agenda? Rob Lennox?	
6.	Date of next committee meeting TBC	