**INVITATION**

**Unearth the New Forest’s past**

**A special two-day event**

**What?**

Celebrate the archaeological and historical research being carried out in and around the New Forest at the 2017 New Forest Knowledge Conference.

Find out what is taking place around the National Park and by whom, and hear the results of recent work to discover more about the history of the Forest. You can also learn about new techniques and approaches being used, and how you can get involved in the future.

Local community groups, experts and academics will be presenting a fascinating mix of papers across the two days, with informative displays from local community groups and students, including the New Forest History and Archaeology Group.

The Saturday conference will be the official launch of New Forest Knowledge, an online community portal created by the Heritage Lottery Fund Our Past, Our Future landscape partnership scheme. The gateway will allow individuals and groups of all abilities and interests to add their own research, articles and photographs to expand the existing catalogue of information about the New Forest’s past. Find out more at [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/newforestknowledge](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/newforestknowledge).

You don’t need to be an expert in archaeology or the National Park to attend either day of the conference and it’s a great opportunity to support local groups and the work they do. After the presentations there will be time for you to enjoy informal chats with other individuals and representatives from local community groups and organisations.

**When?**

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October, 9.30am until 5pm.

**Where?**

Lyndhurst Community Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NY.

**Confirmed speakers**

Friday 27 October:

* Professor Mike Fulford, University of Reading: Roman pottery – 100th anniversary of Heywood Sumner’s discovery of Ashley Rails
* Stephen Fisher: Equipping the Armada: The Archaeology of Lepe Country Park
* John Cockram: The New Forest and the Great War 1917
* Katherine Blayney, University of Oxford: Conquest and Land Clearance: the Domesday Account of the New Forest.

Saturday 28 October:

* Josie Hagen, Bournemouth University: Will Buckland Rings reveal its secrets?
* Jack Powell, Aerial Imagery Analyst at Air Photo Services: Using aerial imagery for desk-based research
* Iris Kramer, University of Southampton: Automated detection of archaeology in the New Forest using deep learning with remote sensor data
* Mike Gill, Avon Valley Archaeology Society: Avon Valley geophysics and the Locate project.

For the full programme visit [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/newforestknowledgeconference](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/newforestknowledgeconference).

Lunch and refreshments are provided and there will be tea and coffee breaks throughout both days.

Day tickets to the conference cost £20, but we hope you will be able to join us for both days at a discounted price of £30. Tickets are available online at [www.newforestknowledgeconference.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.newforestknowledgeconference.eventbrite.co.uk).

For any enquiries, please email archaeology@newforesnpa.gov.uk or call 01590 646695.

We look forward to seeing you there.