



## THE POULTON PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY COURSES

### TRAINING COURSES AT POULTON, CHESHIRE, 2019

The Poulton Project is a multi-period rural excavation 5 miles south of Chester, which has produced extensive evidence for 10,000 years of human activity. The site was discovered during the search for a lost Cistercian Abbey, when excavation unexpectedly revealed the foundations of a medieval Chapel and associated graveyard, with an estimated 2000 burials. Continual research has also uncovered Mesolithic flints and later tools of Neolithic and Bronze Age farmers. Notably, the site contains the largest Iron Age lowland settlement discovered west of the Pennines. An extensive and high status Roman landscape is indicated by structures, industry and field boundaries, which have produced a large assemblage of animal bone, ceramics, metal, and building material. The Poulton Project offers students the opportunity to excavate well-preserved archaeology from a variety of periods. Currently, Iron Age and Roman features and the eastern chapel graveyard are available in our field courses.

**The dates for the 2019 season are 1<sup>st</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**Student fees are as follows:** £400 for a two-week course. Four to six week courses are available

Please note that no accommodation is offered, but there are several camp sites and B&B accommodation available locally. Details and assistance in locating suitable accommodation will be provided. The courses are designed as an introduction to excavation techniques, plan and section drawing, context recording, photography, finds processing and surveying. Deposit required when booking. Minimum two-week booking required.

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The project supplies all tools and equipment, mess tents, toilets and facilities for tea, coffee, etc. Students need to bring suitable digging clothes, footwear and lunch. The Poulton Research Project is a registered charity. Number: **1094552**

