



ST ANNE'S PARK COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMME 2022

Summary

The St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Project is an action of the Dublin City Heritage Plan and is a joint initiative of the Heritage and Archaeology Sections of Planning and Property Development in partnership with the Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services Division. The programme commenced with a pilot phase in 2021 and the production of a feasibility study to guide the growth and development of the initiative. In 2022, the programme includes events to coincide with the Rose Festival in June and an autumn programme described below.

The St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Programme has received grant support from the Heritage Council's County Heritage Plan grant scheme and the Creative Ireland Programme.

The programme is coordinated on behalf of Dublin City Council by Archaeology & Built Heritage Ltd.

For further information please contact us on Facebook or Twitter:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesParkCommunityArchaeology/>

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Programme aims

- To create a campus for practical archaeology and training in St Anne's Park;
- To promote St Anne's Park as an historic designed landscape with significant historic, architectural and natural features;
- To encourage communities to connect with the park and actively engage in the promotion and protection of its unique heritage;
- To provide communities with the skills to actively and independently participate in archaeology in St Anne's Park and beyond;
- To contribute to community well-being;
- To generate and disseminate knowledge about archaeology in St Anne's Park and the surrounding area;
- To improve accessibility to the heritage of St Anne's Park through a range of media.

Autumn 2022 Programme

The Autumn 2022 St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Programme comprises:

- a week-long schools programme for primary and post-primary schools
- a 5-day community archaeology dig
- an experimental archaeology day
- and a demonstration of geophysical surveying

St Anne's Park Community Archaeology



**Autumn Programme
19-28 September 2022**

Discover the archaeology of Dublin and the history and heritage
of St Anne's Park with our autumn programme of events.



Schools Programme

Experimental
Archaeology Day

Community Excavation
and Geophysics Display

All welcome
Check our St Anne's Park
Community Archaeology
Facebook page
for further information

Schools Programme

Dates: 19th – 23rd September

Synopsis: Following their popularity in the 2021 programme and at the Rose Festival 2022, Dublin City Council has organised a week of free archaeological demonstrations and workshops for primary and post-primary schools with Claoímh Living History and the Big Dig.

The Mobile Museum by Claoímh Living History

Each day from Monday to Friday Claoímh are providing free outdoor demonstrations of their Mobile Museum of museum-quality replica artefacts for secondary schools explained and exhibited by Claoímh's founding director Dave Swift. Across the week Claoímh are presenting workshops on three different periods: Viking Age Ireland, World War I, and the Irish Civil War.



The Big Dig (by the School of Irish Archaeology)

The Big Dig is aimed at primary school level. These educational workshops involve pupils learning about and handling Viking Age replica artefacts and undertaking a demonstration archaeological excavation of a replica Viking Age house. As they dig through the site, participants will unearth Viking treasures and artefacts dating back 1000 years and learn about our Viking ancestors by qualified archaeologists.



What lies beneath? A community excavation of St Anne's house

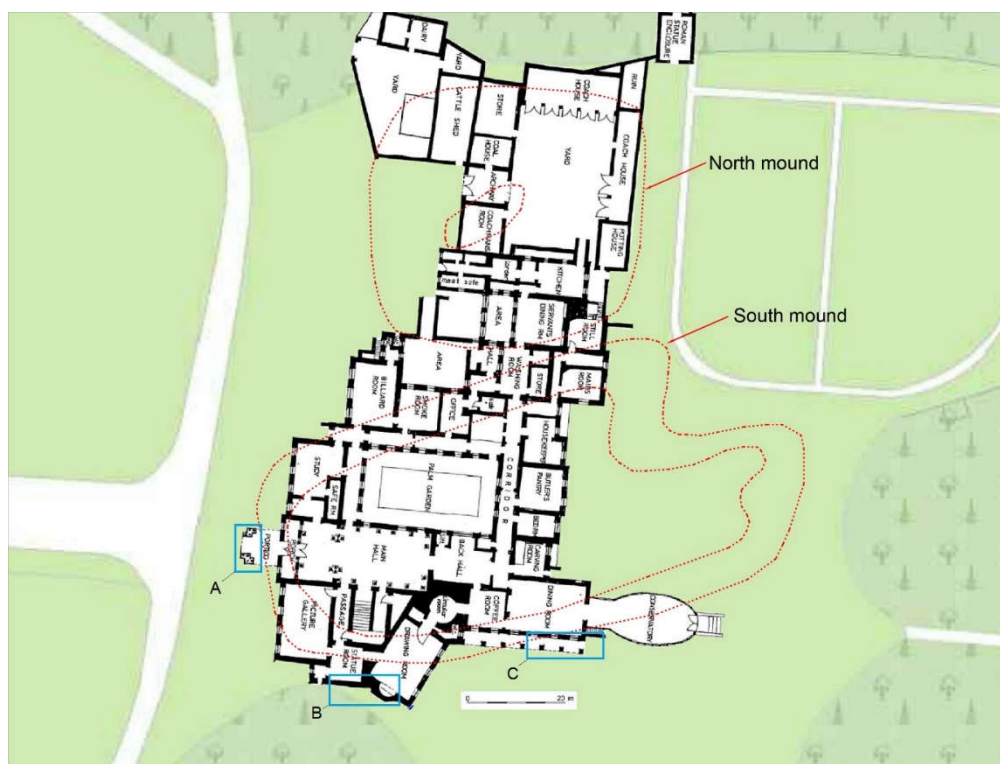
Dates: 24th September to 28th September (five days)

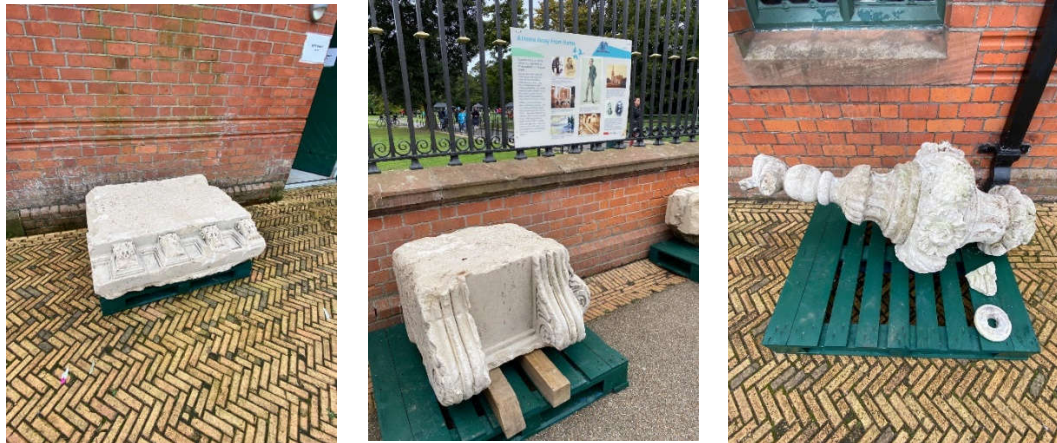
Location: The mount at the end of the avenue from Sybil Hill

Synopsis: The St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Project seeks to provide communities with the skills to actively and independently participate in archaeology in St Anne's Park and beyond. Over the course of five days two teams of five volunteers will work in one of two trenches (marked b and c below). These two locations have been strategically chosen to add to our growing understanding of what survives of St Anne's house arising from other recent archaeological investigations.

Volunteers will be assigned tasks based on their physical ability and interests. We are now over-subscribed with volunteers but we encourage all visitors to St Anne's Park to come along and have a look at the excavation over the five days. Staff will be available to interact with passers-by explaining the process and any discoveries that are uncovered.

The excavation will be carried out under archaeological license and will be directed and supervised by James Kyle, from Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd. A post-excavation processing of finds will be undertaken and an excavation report will be completed on by Archaeology & Built Heritage Ltd. An online talk presenting the findings of the excavation will be organised at a later stage.





Experimental Archaeology Day

Date: Saturday 24th September

Location: On the mound at the end of the avenue in St Anne's Park

Synopsis: To coincide with the first day of the community excavation of St Anne's house Dublin City Council presents an experimental archaeology day in the park. It builds on the hugely popular Saturday open days organised during the 2021 programme. This year there will be three exhibitors: Pallasboy Project, UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture, and Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd.

[Pallasboy Project](#)

Pallasboy Project will present a wood working display and the crafting of a replica Rosberry Iron Age butter keg. They will also demonstrate their 'prehistoric tool kit' and the Ralaghan figure, carved during the Rose Festival 2022, will also be displayed. The Pallasboy Project team will be joined by students from UCD's CEAMC who will craft small anthropomorphic figures. There will be colouring and clay modelling activity for younger children.



UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture

UCD CEAMC returns to St Anne's Park with an experimental archaeology bronze casting display and a demonstration of early medieval stone carving.



Ask an Archaeologist

Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd. will provide public engagement activity throughout the day and will have their display of archaeological artefacts from Dublin excavations.



A public demonstration of Geophysics

Date: Sunday 25th September

Location: Adjacent to the mound at the end of the avenue in St Anne's Park

Synopsis: Heather Gimson from Earthsound will demonstrate the use of a magnetometer which measures the geomagnetic field and allows archaeologists to “see” into the ground.

