

## Brief for Pendle Hill Landscape Community Archaeologist

### Proposal for a Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Community Archaeologist (freelance)

#### 1. Introduction

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is the lead partner of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership (LP), a National Lottery Heritage Funded project running from 2018 to 2022. This exciting programme of activity looks to re-connect people with their landscape and their past, to safeguard the area's wildlife and heritage and to improve people's access to this popular countryside area. We do this by providing opportunities for training and volunteering; by supporting research and devising digital interpretation to inspire a new generation about our heritage; by restoring important landscape features, and by working with communities to re-tell the stories of radical Pendle people. This programme will increase pride in this special place and raise aspirations amongst communities, and it will bring in new investment to support the environment and the economy.

The scheme has three themes:

- To improve the environment
- To build the local economy
- To provide opportunity for everyone to get involved

These themes incorporate 14 projects, and you can read more about these and the area and its heritage here [www.pendlehillproject.com](http://www.pendlehillproject.com). The themes are gathered together with a series of creative and digital threads, bringing the two sides of the hill together and inspiring and involving people in this special place.

#### 2. Community Archaeology

This project, now in its fourth year of delivery, runs a series of archaeology training courses to help improve the skills of volunteers to enable them to survey and interpret local archaeological sites. We also provide on-site interpretation, discovery days and participatory events which enable the local community to gain a greater appreciation of the development of the historical landscape of the LP area, including field systems, ancient and prehistoric settlement, and resource extraction.

This project currently has a contract with Northern Archaeological Associates to deliver 5 days a year of training, and 20 days a year with a Community Archaeology Co-ordinator. This will now continue to run to October 2022 when the LP scheme ends.

However, as the project has developed the volunteers now require more support and guidance and as we near the end of the scheme our plan is to enable them to become more independent. We are therefore looking for an additional freelance community archaeologist to help steer and support the project into its final 12 months.

Aims of NAA support:

1. To provide a series of training courses and participation opportunities which will empower and provide skills to volunteers to enable them to survey and interpret local archaeological sites
2. To enable volunteers and the local community to gain a greater appreciation of the development of the historical landscape of the LP area, including prehistoric sites, field systems, ancient settlements, and resource extraction
3. To ensure that this increase in skills, knowledge and appreciation will lead to better recording and understanding of archaeology in the Pendle Hill area, and a sustainable volunteer body investigating archaeology for the future.

## 4. Brief for Community Archaeologist

We are looking for a community archaeologist with knowledge of the local Pendle Hill area to assist with the remainder of the delivery of this Community Archaeology project on a part time basis. This work will be carried out face to face, but also some online/remotely. We estimate the contract to be the equivalent of 1 day a week over the next 6 months initially (with the potential to continue to October 2022). Our proposed budget is for £5000 for the first period (6 months).

The following are some key areas of work that we would like to focus on:

### Exploring new archaeology themes and pieces of research

There are still many more archaeological themes and features that can be explored within and around the LP area. We are looking for some of these to be researched into more detail, and small volunteer projects or opportunities to be developed/supported as volunteers identify areas of research.

### Supervising and offering advice to volunteers

Local archaeology volunteers already have some specific projects or pieces in mind, and we would like to offer support and supervision to these volunteers where needed. We hope to inspire volunteers to continue their research and archaeological discovery locally, where we can assist through guiding them to the correct procedures, methods and resources.

### Contribution to Annual Community Archaeology Forum

This is an event held annually, in which we share information of archaeology projects and research to a wider audience. A forum is scheduled for March/April 2022.

### Assistance with the delivery of wider archaeology information to the local community via newsletters and press releases

The Community Engagement Officer is aiming to replace the current mailing list with a monthly Mailchimp newsletter which will offer archaeological information, volunteer opportunities and training events.

### 3.1 Outputs

Supervise a series of volunteer days/sessions to increase number of volunteer hours for this project.  
Input to annual Community Archaeology Forum and Discovery Days

### 3.2 Timetable

To start at the beginning of October 2021 for the next 6 months to beginning of April 2022 (with potential opportunity for contract to be extended to the end of the LP (a further 6 months)

### 3.3 Management

This role will be overseen by Jayne Ashe, Community Engagement Officer for the Pendle Hill landscape.

- There may be opportunity to work with NAA, and their Community Archaeology Co-Ordinator Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons.
- An initial meeting to discuss the work will be held online, followed by an on-site meeting soon after where we can familiarise you with projects and scheme

## 5. Contact Details

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