

Who can take part?

Dig Greater Manchester is for everybody, it doesn't matter whether you've ever tried archaeology before or not!

There are all sorts of activities to try so even if digging isn't your thing we can help find something that is! There will be chances to try out geophysical and buildings surveying, working with finds, historical research and much more!

If you prefer something less physical there'll be workshops and lectures on the history and archaeology of the area.



How do I get involved?


If Dig Greater Manchester sounds like your kind of thing, come down and have a go!


Whether its workshops, lectures or the dig itself there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

To find out more or book a place on the dig, workshops or lectures just give us a call or email;
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Your chance to get hands on with your local Heritage!

Come and have a go at archaeology on your doorstep!

What is Dig Greater Manchester?

Dig Greater Manchester (DGM) is a five year project designed to widen participation in heritage in the Greater Manchester Area.



It gives communities access to their own heritage, and will provide a forum for increasing skills, building a sense of ownership and understanding of the local areas.



There will also be a programme of educational activities for schools and youth groups to take part in. Like the adults they'll have the chance to try out all kinds of archaeological tasks, both on the site and in the classroom.



There will be a dig in each borough of Greater Manchester and Blackburn with Darwen. These will give anyone who is interested a chance to come and join in.

In addition there will be a range of lectures and workshops on all sorts of archaeological techniques and historical subjects which will also be open to all.



In 2006 a small excavation was carried out on the site and found that parts of the buildings still remain below the ground. So now it's your turn to come and help us find the rest!

Etherstone Hall, Leigh

Etherstone Hall is located by the new Leigh Sports Village in Wigan. The dig will take place between 5th and 17th March 2012.

The site started life as a medieval hall in the 15th century but over the following two centuries it was the home of several families of local landlords. It was given over to tenants in the 18th century reducing its high status and was even described as simply a 'farmhouse' in 1825!

Soon after, the land was bought by Thomas Jones, a wealthy cotton broker, who built a new mansion alongside the old hall for his family to live in. It continued to be a grand residence until the 1880s when it was abandoned only to be demolished in 1908. The old hall however continued as a farmhouse and remained standing right up until the late 1970s.

