

Who does all this?

The Steering Group already has lots of volunteers but **more are needed**.

We are not looking for experts but those who are interested and can afford a few hours to do a variety of tasks such as:

- looking through old books, documents and maps.
- making notes on various sources.
- teaching and leading groups.
- field walking, surveying and geophysical survey.

Volunteers should contact one of the Steering Group below.

Is there funding?

Historical research needs travel costs, expensive photocopying in many specialist libraries and archives and office expenses.

There are the costs of consulting experts, in archaeology, geophysics and survey.

The Steering Group and the volunteers are not paid but their expenses are.

We have money from the Lottery Local Heritage Initiative fund and the three Societies also have to contribute.

History is exciting. Why not come and take part.

Putting Bondington on the Map Steering Group

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Bondington

What is Bondington?

It was a village. When the English/Scottish wars began around 1300, its people moved into Berwick.

Where is Bondington?

Nobody knows! As far as we can tell, it was in the area which is now Castle Terrace.

What is the Project?

We are looking for written evidence of the history of Bondington.

We are looking at evidence for it on and in the ground.

We are working with the people who live in the area.

We are working with schools.

Who is running it?

The Castlegate Area Residents Association

The Berwick upon Tweed History Society

The Border Archaeological Society

The Berwick Borough Archives

*read on to
find out more . . .*



on the map

What have we done?

Did you go to the Grand Launch?

About 200 people, mostly from the part of Berwick between Castle Terrace and North Road, met in the Maltings in February.

We heard all about what history and archaeology is known so far.

We looked at maps made over the centuries.

We saw some pictures of the remains of the church and the cemetery which were found in Castle Terrace.

We saw a plan from an aerial photograph showing another church, thought to be a Nunnery, by the A1.

We saw carved stone grave slabs from the 12th century found in the area.

We talked to lots of people who are interested in joining in with the research.

We started to make plans for the research.

Have you seen us snooping?

With our consulting archaeologist we have had a thorough look at the Castle Terrace area.

There are fields with interesting *lumps and bumps*.

We identified places where there might be the *remains of buildings* under ground.

We found several bits of *pottery* from the 12th century.

We found *stone blocks* from old buildings.



Were you one of the historians?

Volunteers have started working with the team to look at historical records.

Our leading historians are looking at records in libraries and in other places.

Were you another volunteer?

The CARA Committee is helping to find more volunteers.

One volunteer is putting this Newsletter together!

What are we planning to do?

Historians and volunteers have a lot of research to do yet — in recent centuries and in medieval times, in the Archives, local libraries and outside sources.

Archaeologists and volunteers have started work by recognising areas that may give important information:

- survey of these areas to carefully define the lumps and bumps.
- field walking to look for signs of previous settlement.
- geophysical survey to see what might be under the ground surface.

Teachers have started to plan educational resources which will be one of the outcomes of the Project and some schools will be looking at the history of the area.



dates for your diary

21 August 2002

Bondington Progress Display
CARA Coffee Morning
Guildhall 10 am - 12.30 pm

16 September 2002

The Nunnery at Bondington
talk by Francis Cowe
The Maltings 7.30 pm

29 September 2002

Open Walk
led by Malcolm Aylett and Alan Williams from Newcastle University.

Meet in (marked) field, take first left up Castle Terrace. Teas. Event subject to field being harvested and favourable weather conditions.

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