



Stanbury Hill Project

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Dear Colleague

1. A second training session on the use of Geoplot has been held with Chris Gaffney at Bradford University. Geoplot software is designed to take the raw data from geophysics and basically play with it until something clearer and more intelligible emerges. A third and final (?) session is planned before July.
2. To keep skills fresh and encourage further volunteers to familiarise themselves with surveying and magnetometry, work has continued at St. Ives and elsewhere by Bingley and District Local History Society.
3. Keith Boughey, Stanbury Hill Project Director, has given three talks on the work of the Project: to the Symposium of the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) in York in February, to the Bingley and District Local History Society on 12th March and the Baildon Local History Society the following week. All were very well received and shows that there is continued and growing support for the Project and its work.
4. To date, 22 volunteers have signed the revised risk assessment forms, which now include an important paragraph on the ordnance discovered on the hill. If you haven't already done so, do please send your replies (even if they are to decline) to Dave Spencer: idle.moor@googlegmail.com
5. As part of a complete appraisal of the site, the first part of a botanical survey of the hill was carried out around Easter time by the Bradford Botany Group: they plan to complete their survey in the summer.
6. We have also invited the Bradford Urban Wildlife Group to carry out a survey of the fauna (particularly the animal and insect life) on Stanbury Hill.

7. We have also been offered the chance of developing links with local schools we have been contacted by what is known as the Bingley Extended Schools Cluster, a group which acts on behalf of **all** the schools in Bingley. The hope is that members of the Project will be invited into local schools to talk to the pupils and teachers about the Project and also to demonstrate some of the techniques used - especially geophysics. If anybody out there would especially like to get involved in this aspect of our work, do let us know.
8. The travelling exhibition is now on display at Shipley Library until 8/9th May. Do lookout for it on any of the following dates:

Baildon	11 th - 22 nd /23 rd May
Menston	25 th May - 5 th /6 th June
Burley-in-Wharfedale	8 th - 19 th /20 th June
Ilkley	22 nd June - 3 rd /4 th July
Local Studies Section, Central Library Bradford	6 th - 17 th /18 th July
Keighley	20 th - 30 th /31 st July

The exhibition will be updated as appropriate from time to time.

Look out, too, for posters on display at Addingham Library, Silsden Library, Cliffe Castle Museum (Keighley), the Manor House Museum (Ilkley) and the Brackenhall Countryside Centre (Baildon: Shipley Glen).

Special thanks to John Norris and to Brigid Kelsey who are responsible for the exhibition and poster design.

9. The Project still welcomes volunteers, both old and new, into any of its activities at any time, whatever your level of expertise. All you have to be is keen to have a go and get stuck in. We look forward to hearing from you: just contact Dave Spencer at idle.moor@googlegmail.com

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