



Course details

Course title

Archaeology: The Archaeology of Grimsby

Course code

Q00019167

Course date

Start: 08/02/25

End: 08/02/25

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Sat 8th Feb, 14:00 to 16:30

Tutor

Simon Tomson

Fee range

Free to £15.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Grimsby Minster (Grimsby)

St. James Square

Grimsby

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

Underneath the streets of Great Grimsby there lie three destroyed churches, several thousand medieval corpses, the remains of two cloisters, and a buried medieval port, complete with wharves, 'mud docks', crane bases, back-filled cellars and warehouse foundations. Could St Marys church, closed in 1586, have been founded in the Anglo- Scandinavian period and perhaps give some indication of 10th century settlement at around the time of the legendary Grim? The course will look at the development of human settlement around salty inlets and muddy creeks and on the higher and drier promontory where the town developed.

Course description

What do we know and what lies waiting to be discovered?

We know from late Prehistoric artefact distribution that there was significant Iron-Age and Roman activity around the promontory upon which historic Grimsby subsequently developed.

Given that much of the historic town's area has not been subjected to archaeological survey or excavation it is possible to make some informed predictions of what may lie below the surface.

Evidence for the Augustinian and Franciscan friaries, the Medieval church of St Marys and its churchyard probably does remain. Within the former area of the medieval port we might expect to find evidence of the 'mud docks' in which the trading Cogs were built, as well as dock-wharves, dock- side crane bases, back-filled cellars and warehouse foundations. Deeper layers will undoubtedly be waterlogged, helping to preserve wooden structures and organic artefacts. There could well be the remains of abandoned medieval ships' hulls lingering in the now backfilled creeks below the present streets.

This day-school at the Minster with Archaeologist Simon Tomson will present a synopsis of what we know of Grimsby's Prehistoric and Historic Archaeology, while attempting to suggest what may still be preserved below ground within the town.

What financial support is available?

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