



## Course details

### Course title

History: Highlights Of British Archaeology: Viking (800 AD) To High Middle Ages

### Course code

Q00018374

### Course date

Start: 27/01/25

End: 31/03/25

### Number of classes

10 sessions

### Timetable

Mon 27th Jan, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 3rd Feb, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 10th Feb, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 17th Feb, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 24th Feb, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 3rd Mar, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 10th Mar, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 17th Mar, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 24th Mar, 13:45 to 15:45

Mon 31st Mar, 13:45 to 15:45

### Branch

Grimsby

### Tutor

Simon Tomson

### Fee range

Free to £84.00

## 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.

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In venue

## Venue

Grimsby Central Hall & Arts Community Ce  
Duncombe Street  
Grimsby  
DN32 7EG

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

Recent fieldwork allows us to define three distinct phases of Anglo-Scandinavian occupation: raiding, conquest and settlement. Sites at Repton and Torksey provide evidence of Viking Age winter camps from the Conquest Period, whereas spatial analysis of both artefact scatters and place names vividly demonstrate the areas of Norse settlement. We shall be looking at major developments in shipping technology from the Saxon through to the High Middle Ages, without which none of these invasions, including 1066, would have been possible. As part of our Medieval studies we shall examine the eclectic Medieval “Voynich Manuscript”. Using the illustrations we shall try to make some sense of it.

## Course description

They raided, they conquered, they settled: recent fieldwork allows us to define these three distinct phases of Anglo-Scandinavian activity. Sites at Repton (Derbyshire) and Torksey (Lincolnshire) provide evidence of Viking Age winter camps from the Conquest Period, whereas spatial analysis of both artefact scatters and place names vividly demonstrate the areas of Norse settlement.

We shall be looking at major developments in shipping technology from the Saxon through to the High Middle Ages, without which none of these invasions, including 1066, would have been possible. Sites featured will include Sutton Hoo (Suffolk), Graveney (Kent), the Mortar Wreck (Dorset), the Newport Ship (Monmouthshire) and the Grace Dieu (Hampshire).

As part of our Medieval studies we shall examine the eclectic Medieval “Voynich Manuscript”, written in an unfamiliar alphabet which has so far eluded decryption. Currently housed in Yale University Library (Rare Books Collection), it is profusely illuminated with both the mundane and the bizarre. Using the class's expertise and intuition we shall put our heads together to try to make some sense of it by reference to these illustrations.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

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