



Silchester 2019 Reading University excavations

Free summer visit and guided tour
(Donations to the digging team welcome)

Late June/early July, date tbc



Following Professor Mike Fulford's extensive excavations at Silchester's Insula IX over the last fifteen years, the University has turned its archaeological attention to other areas of the town.

First dug by Edwardian archaeologists in 1903-04, the bath house is located near a natural spring in the southeast of the town and is thought to be one of the earliest post-conquest masonry buildings in *Calleva Atrebatum*. Built askew to the later city street grid, the baths lie at the edge of the town's early inner earthwork – using the spring as a source of water and the large defensive ditch for drainage.

2018 discoveries far exceeded expectations with three trenches exposing the various rooms of the bath house and its hypocaust systems, and include previously unexcavated parts of the town.

To register your interest for this free tour and be further informed of the date and time, please email chris.sellen@ntlworld.com, or return the slip below to:

Chris Sellen, Hon. Secretary, HFC Archaeology Section, c/o 40 Merrieleas Drive, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 2FN

Numbers will be limited due to the site, so please send a stamped self-addressed envelope *or* provide your email so that we can send you confirmation details of the visit when it is confirmed. Please let Chris know if later you are unable to attend so that others can attend in your place.



Please reserve _____ place(s) for me on the HFC Archaeology Section visit to the Reading University excavation in June/July 2019. I enclose a SAE or my email address for confirmation.

Name _____
Address or Email _____
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