

Conference Information

The published literature on Roman Britain, when it comes to consideration of types of sites, seems dominated by books and articles on Roman forts, villas and towns. This is not surprising since excavation has, to an extent, concentrated on these categories. In addition, forts, towns and villas are the sorts of locations that we most associate with the Roman provincial authorities and those people of indigenous ancestry who aspired (or were coerced) to adopt new colonial lifestyles. Correspondingly books on rural roadside settlements are scarce. This is a great pity since roadside settlements have the potential for fascinating insights into local adaptations to Roman colonial occupation. How did roadside settlements, or *vici*, develop? Did they need official authorisation for their existence? Who lived in them? What was their range of functions? Why were some defended? Were roadside settlements the product of colonial persuasion, or were they a locally-motivated response to a variety of new opportunities and possibilities? And if a combination of these motives, can we tease out some of the most influential strands in the mix?

This conference seeks answers to some of these questions, and is, in part, prompted by the current investigations (both excavation and geophysical survey) into the important Sussex roadside settlements at Bridge Farm, north of Lewes and at Alfoldean on Stane Street. We want to set Bridge Farm and Alfoldean into some sort of regional context, but first we have to understand the nature of that context. To that end a prestigious set of speakers, from Britain and the near Continent, has been selected to explore different aspects of these sites and to debate whether there are many or any commonalities between them. Indeed we also need to ponder whether 'roadside settlement' is a useful bit of archaeological categorising, or whether the term itself is just a catch-all description for sites of fundamentally different characteristics.

Booking information

Advance booking is strongly recommended as we cannot guarantee there will be places available on the door. Registration on the day opens at 9.30am when you can sign in and collect your copy of the delegate handbook. The ticket price includes a light lunch and coffee and tea on arrival and in the breaks. If you have special dietary requirements or particular access needs, these can be accommodated with advance notice. There will be a bookstall on site.

Venue: Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes BN7 2BY.

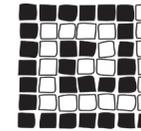
Getting there: there is no parking on site. There is on-street parking around the building, but is not free. Lewes station with its large car park is just under 1 mile away and buses stop at the start of Brooks Road. Further details, including directions, will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Non-members are welcome

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Roadside Settlements in Roman Britain and Beyond

Saturday 9 April 2016
King's Church, Lewes



A conjectural reconstruction of a building at the Roman roadside settlement at Westhawk Farm, Ashford, Kent. This particular building was used as a smithy, with a row of iron-smelting furnaces outside its south-west end.

Reconstruction by Peter Lorimer, and by courtesy of Paul Booth, Oxford Archaeology.

Conference Booking Form

The conference fee is £40 per person (students £25) to include a delegate booklet, refreshments and lunch.

Book online at
<http://sussexpast.co.uk/event/roman>
by phone (01273 405737) or complete the form below.

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Confirmation and registration details will be sent by email.

If you prefer confirmation by post, please include an s.a.e. with your booking form.

Please book ticket(s) @ £40 and/or ticket(s) @ £25 (student rate*)
Cheques should be payable to Sussex Past.

**To qualify for the discounted student rate you must be on an award-bearing course at the time of the conference and supply the name of the course and the college below:*

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Please advise dietary needs or special access requirements:

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Conference Programme

Saturday 9 April 2016

- 10.00am **Welcome and introduction**
Dr John Manley, Trustee of Sussex Archaeological Society and joint Conference Chair
- 10.10am **From Kent to the Upper Thames Valley - some characteristics of roadside settlements in Roman Britain**
Paul Booth, Oxford Archaeology
- 10.45am **Old fields, new markets: the role and development of nucleated settlement in Roman Britain**
Dr Martyn Allen, University of Reading
- 11.20am *Questions, followed by tea/coffee*
- 11.45am **Augustus' legacy: the vicus of Coriovallum and neighbouring vici between the Meuse and the Rhine**
Dr Karen Jeneson, Roman Baths Museum, Heerlen, Netherlands
- 12.20pm **Roman roadside settlements in Eastern England: patterns and variations**
Dr Steve Willis, University of Kent
- 12.55pm *Questions followed by lunch*
- 2.00pm **Welcome back**
David Rudling, Trustee of Sussex Archaeological Society and joint Conference Chair
- 2.05pm **Roadside settlements and their defences north of the Thames**
Ernest Black, independent researcher
- 2.40pm **The nature of Roman roadside settlements in Surrey and Sussex**
Dr David Bird, Surrey Archaeological Society and Roman Research Trust
- 3.15pm *Questions followed by tea/coffee*
- 3.40pm **Flexford, Surrey - a rural periodic market?**
David Calow, Surrey Archaeological Society
- 4.15pm **Road and riverside settlement at Bridge Farm, Sussex: from defenceless to defended?**
Rob Wallace and David Millum, Culver Archaeological Project
- 4.50pm *Questions and End*