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Can you dig it?

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Discover and explore the past this summer with the Festival of British Archaeology at the Dean Heritage Centre (DHC). Can You Dig It? will give visitors the opportunity to experience archaeology first hand as they uncover, identify and catalogue ancient finds.

The Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service will be at the DHC between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 24th July. They will bring a constructed dig with genuine archaeological finds buried within it. Upon finding the items, participants will be taught the processes used by archaeologists.

It is the fourth year that the Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service has visited the DHC for the popular family day out. Nathalie Hall, Centre Manager of the DHC said: 'Last year we had a couch group turn up unexpectedly and we had a fantastic mix of people taking part.'

"Given the excitement surrounding the human skeleton discovered at the Edward Jenner Museum in Berkeley last month we're pleased to be able to offer an activity where people can learn more about pre-history.'

Anna Morris, the Outreach Assistant at the Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service said: 'This is a great event for raising the profile of archaeology in the county and to increase people's enjoyment of it. We are extending our offering this year to include a table top dig more suitable for adults so there will be something for everyone.'

The activity is included in museum admission.

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Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to the 'Museum of the Forest'. It tells the story of the Forest of Dean and its' people spanning 10,000 years of history, from the ice age to present day.
- It is open 363 days a year and offers a full diary of events, activities and exhibitions.
- The Museum is a centre of education and offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call Sarah Fuller on 01594 822170.
- The Centre has been awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- The Dean Heritage Museum Trust (DHMT) is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity.
- In March 2007 the Centre was awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- The CBA Festival of British Archaeology is coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology (CBA), an educational charity.
- The CBA is an educational charity that aims to give everyone the opportunity to learn about their local heritage, to see archaeology in action, and to get involved.
- Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service maintains the County Historic Environment Record (HER), provides advice on planning issues to developers and landowners, and supplies information to students and other members of the public. They also carry out building and landscape surveys, archaeological desk-based assessments, watching briefs and excavations, offer advice on planning issues and provide an outreach education service.