

## Gloucester Festival of Archaeology shining a light on what lies beneath!

**In its fourth year, the Gloucester Festival of Archaeology, which starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of July and continues until the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, is a city-wide event that encourages visitors and residents to explore the city and gain a greater understanding of what lies beneath.**

Steeped in over 2,000 years of history, Gloucester has plenty to lure budding archaeologists young and old, much of which is hidden underfoot and above the eye-line.

Explore Gloucester's 'hidden' history with lots to see and do, including:

- A series of fantastic talks exploring Gloucester's history from the discovery of Eastgate Chamber to the role of Gloucester in the Saxon chronicles.
- A 3D archaeology trail
- FREE activities at Gloucester Cathedral on Festival Day the 27<sup>th</sup> of July include a Miniature dig and washing station, Photography Treasure hunt and sketching station.
- FREE Activities at The Folk of Gloucester on Festival Day the 27<sup>th</sup> of July include Brass Rubbing, Finding the bones on the skeleton and much more.
- Eastgate Chamber Tours – Eastgate Street

Marc Waters, Event Coordinator at The Folk of Gloucester and Trustee of [Gloucester Civic Trust](#), who is organising the festival, commented: "The festival aims to shine a light on what lies beneath our feet, This year we are fortunate not only to be working with Gloucester Cathedral to expand our exciting activities but also to bring a series of talks from renowned professionals on subjects as diverse as the discovery of Eastgate Chamber to Gloucester's role in the Saxon Chronicles."

Amelie Wiseman, Learning Officer at Gloucester Cathedral commented: "Many of the activities on offer during this year's Festival of Archaeology will allow people of all ages to be able to engage with the past in a hands-on way, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich history of Gloucester. It's so important that we continue to create opportunities like this so that the wonders of archaeology can be enjoyed by all."

Gloucester Archaeology Festival is organised by Gloucester Civic Trust in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral and several organisations in Gloucester. Working together to bring a host of activities that are designed to encourage everyone to explore the city for the day through a range of fun and low-cost activities.

For further information about the festival and what's taking place check [www.gloucesterarchaeologyfestival.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterarchaeologyfestival.co.uk).