

# **The Sixteenth Hadrian's Wall Archaeology Forum. Saturday October 17, 2026.**

**Chairman: Dr David Mason**

## **Programme:**

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| 9.00 - 9.45   | Delegates arrive.                                                                                                                                       |
| 9.50 – 10.00  | <b>Introduction and welcome</b><br>David Mason,                                                                                                         |
| 10.00 – 10.35 | <b>Vindolanda excavations 2026: Third season of the Castrum Project.</b><br>Andrew Birley, The Vindolanda Trust.                                        |
| 10.35 – 11.10 | <b>Excavations at Magna: Season 4.</b><br>Rachel Frame, Senior Archaeologist, Magna Project.                                                            |
| 11.10 – 11.30 | Refreshments                                                                                                                                            |
| 11.35 – 12.05 | <b>Renewed excavations in the annexes at High Rochester fort.</b><br>Richard Carlton, The Archaeological Practice.                                      |
| 12.05 - 12.40 | <b>Update on excavations at the Carlisle Cricket Club Monumental complex.</b><br>Frank Giecco, SLR Consulting.                                          |
| 12.40 – 2.00  | Lunch.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2.00 – 2.40   | <b>New investigations at Drumburgh Roman fort,</b><br>Don O'Meara, NE Region Science Adviser, Historic England                                          |
| 2.40 – 3.20   | <b>Beads on the Frontier: Patterns of use, identity and trade along and around Hadrian's Wall.</b><br>Grace Wood, Breeze & Dobson Award recipient 2026. |
| 3.20 – 4.00   | <b>A new investigation at Whitley Castle Roman fort,</b><br>Richard Carlton, The Archaeological Practice                                                |
| 4.00 – 4.10   | <b>Chairman's concluding remarks and close of meeting.</b>                                                                                              |