

Wirksworth Archaeological Society

Update March 2026

In a normal year we would be sending a March progress report by now, but the dig day scheduled for March was rained off. The weather, despite a few sunny days, continues to be execrable: cold, wet and windy. Consequently we haven't started on site yet as we normally would have done.

On the other hand, our recent talk on Roman Wirksworth was wonderfully well attended at a packed Wellspring Church on Wood Street in Wirksworth: a delight to our Society, the Civic Society and Wirksworth Historians, who organised the evening, with 120 people in the room. I kindly welcome those who have joined the WAS as a result of attending the event.



We intend to start on site in April, as soon as the weather clears and have been planning what needs to be done in the coming dig season.

I am pleased to welcome Tom Hough, a professional archaeologist, to the post of Site Archaeologist and Phil Searle to the post of Field Officer (Finds) in order to strengthen our approach to the work and essential recording we are doing at the Ian Avenue examination site.