

Volunteer Project Outline

Avian Skeletons – marking and integration with reference collection

Responsible to	Volunteer Manager Samuel Fieldhouse Project Owner Lorraine Higbee	Subject Matter Expert Lorraine Higbee
Why Wessex Archaeology needs this project completed	Wessex Archaeology aims to enhance the public’s knowledge of science, history the arts and heritage through archaeology. We maintain a reference collection of animal bone to aid our identification of bones when they arrive from site. This project will enhance our reference collection of bird bone, allowing our finds and post excavation teams to more quickly identify small bones found during excavations.	
Expected time commitment	Once a week, days and times can be flexible, over a 4 month period, starting as soon as possible.	
Team	Research	
Project Description	We have at least 22 bird skeletons that need integrating into our main reference collection. You will mark the primary long bones, split them into right and left sides then integrate their skeletons into our reference collection.	
Project specific requirements	A steady hand and experience of Microsoft Excel are essential as is attention to detail and a steady methodological way of working. This project can be carried out standing up, or seated at a desk, but will involve some movement of small boxes.	
Training and Support	Following a full induction covering safety, health and environment, safeguarding and a building tour, you will be trained in object marking and bone identification. Assistance will always be on hand.	
What you will gain from this project	This project will give a volunteer the opportunity to work under the expert guidance of one of our research specialists. The project is very hands on and will offer the opportunity to learn and master object marking with Indian ink.	
Health and Safety Responsibilities	To be responsible for your own health and safety and that of others with whom you volunteer, by reporting all potential and actual health and safety matters including accidents using the correct procedures.	
Safeguarding	Wessex Archaeology is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and comply with the Wessex Archaeology Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to ensure safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. You will receive full face to face safeguarding awareness training from the Community and Education Manager.	