



# Voluntary and Community Special Interest Group

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**W**elcome to the first newsletter of the recently formed Voluntary and Community Special Interest Group (VCSIG). The aim of the newsletter is to keep you as up to date as possible with the sector by providing a focus on policy, events, projects, conferences, features, and reviews.

## Aims of the group

- The purpose of the Voluntary and Community Group is:
- To provide a recognised voice for furthering the interests of voluntary and community archaeology within the IfA.
- To promote the adoption and implementation of IfA Standards by voluntary and community archaeologists (and the organisations to which they belong).

- To advise Council and its committees on issues relating to Voluntary and Community archaeology, both within the context of the IfA and within the discipline of archaeology as a whole.

- To provide guidance and assistance to ensure that voluntary and community archaeologists (and the organisations to which they belong), have the necessary and recognised competence to carry out archaeological research to the highest possible Standards.

- To promote discussion between voluntary and community archaeologists and other archaeologists in order to foster a greater understanding and improvement of relations, to further the overall pursuance of archaeological knowledge and research.

## How to join & join in!

Membership is free for IfA members, while non-members need to pay an annual £10 fee. If you wish to join this group, please email [groups@archaeologists.net](mailto:groups@archaeologists.net)

There are currently nearly 300 members in the VCSIG, and we would love to hear from you! Let us know what your interests are, where you are based, and what your roles or interests cover. Also, do contact us with any items you would like to be included in the next newsletter, such as reports on recent projects, events you are running, or issues you would like us to raise. For further information or to send copy please contact VCSIG Newsletter editor Abby Guinness on [abbyguinness@hotmail.com](mailto:abbyguinness@hotmail.com).

## Keep up to date & get involved

As well as the IfA home pages, VCSIG now has a presence on both Twitter and Facebook. Join the debate at [@volcomsig](https://twitter.com/volcomsig) and [www.facebook.com/pages/Voluntary-Community-Special-Interest-Group/171660869609185](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Voluntary-Community-Special-Interest-Group/171660869609185)

## Meet the Committee

The committee is made up of 8 members who are all currently active in archaeology involving the public either in a professional or voluntary capacity. The members have a range of experience and are working across the country. On the 2011/12 committee:



**Craig Spence, MfA**

*Chair based in Lincoln*

*CV in Brief: Professional experience*

Field work with MoLAS. Editor of the 'Museum of London Site Manual'. Historian at the University of London's Institute of Historical Research, Goldsmiths' College

and the National Maritime Museum. Currently Senior Lecturer in Heritage Studies at Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln, and director of the

Lincoln Archaeological Field School for students and volunteers.



**Suzie Thomas, MfA**

*Honorary Secretary based in York*

*CV in Brief: Professional & Voluntary experience*

Community Archaeology Support Officer for the Council for British Archaeology (CBA). Authored research report for the CBA about community archaeology in the UK ([www.britarch.ac.uk/research/community](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/research/community)) in 2010.

Prior to my work with the CBA, I carried out doctoral research at Newcastle University into the relationships between archaeologists and metal-detector users in England and Wales, and have also worked at several museums and heritage sites in various education, outreach and volunteer management roles.



**Rachael Hall, MfA**

*Honorary Treasure based in Worksop, Nottinghamshire*

*CV in Brief: Professional experience*

Field work with Archaeological Project Services (contracting arm of the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire from 1999) followed by current role as National Trust Regional Archaeologist in 2008.



**Margaret Broomfield, AlfA**

*Ordinary Committee Member based in Shepperton, Middlesex*

*CV in Brief: Voluntary experience*

Coordinator Archaeological Archives and Research Group (AARG), Surrey Archaeological Society (SyAS) January 2002 – 2011 – carries out all on-site and post-excavation finds processing.

Archives advisor, Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust (SHAHT) – 2002 – 2004 and 2010

– ongoing. Guiding and supporting group to publish sites and advising on processing, storage and care of collections



### Abby Guinness, AlfA

*Ordinary Committee Member based in Canterbury, Kent*

*CV in Brief: Professional & Voluntary experience*

Field & Records work with Canterbury Archaeological Trust (2001 to 2006). Education Officer followed by current Community Archaeologist post for Heritage Enterprise (Surrey County Archaeological Unit), Surrey County Council.

Branch Leader for Canterbury Young Archaeologists' Club (since November 2003)

### Phil Richardson, AlfA

*Ordinary Committee Member based Eskmills, Musselburgh*

*CV in Brief: Professional & Voluntary experience*



Field Officer at CFA Archaeology Ltd followed by Adopt-a-Monument Officer for Archaeology Scotland's Adopt-a-Monument

Scheme since 2009.

### David Rudling, MIfA

*Ordinary Committee Member based in Brighton, West Sussex*

*CV in Brief: Professional & Voluntary experience*



Field work with UCL Field Archaeology Unit/Archaeology South-East (1979 to 2003 (1993-2003 as its Director)).

University of Sussex (since 2004) currently Senior Lecturer in Archaeology in the Centre for Community Engagement.

12th year as a Trustee of the Sussex Archaeological Society, Chairman of CBA South-East and President of the Upper Nene Archaeological Society

(Northamptonshire).



### Adam Thompson, MIfA

*Ordinary Committee Member based in Manchester*

*CV in Brief: Professional experience*

Field work in East Midlands followed by University of Manchester Archaeological Unit undertaking commercial and community projects in Greater Manchester and throughout the North West. Currently Principal Archaeologist at University of Salford, and manage the Dig Greater Manchester Archaeological Project.

## IfA Conference Papers & AGM

The next IfA conference will be held in Oxford 18-20th April 2012. The VCSIG is hosting a session called Engaging communities on Wednesday 18th April at 2pm. Committee members Craig Spence and Margaret Broomfield will chair the session, and the following papers will be presented:

### **Engaged or Endangered? The role of the volunteer in underwater archaeology**

*Mark Beattie-Edwards, Nautical Archaeology Society*

### **Playing to our strengths – teaching Young Archaeologists**

*Tara-Jane Sutcliffe, YAC Branch Leader – York*

### **Sea of Troubles: Recording Scotland's eroding heritage**

*Tom Dawson, University of St Andrews/The SCAPE Trust*

### **'It's about the people not the pots': a look at archaeology with non-traditional audiences**

*Lachlan McKeggie, Archaeology Scotland*

### **'Friends with Benefits': how partnership working in community archaeology can benefit communities, organisations and individuals**

*Phil Pollard, Council for British Archaeology*

## Archaeology as Rehabilitation – Operation Nightingale

Richard Osgood & Diarmaid Walshe, Ministry of Defence

Following the session, the VCSIG will hold its AGM. All welcome!

Don't forget to visit the VCSIG stand during the conference.

# Policy

The Council for British Archaeology received a grant from English Heritage to develop a set of guidance material, fitting closely alongside the IfA Standards and Guidance, aimed at the voluntary sector in archaeology. The Introduction to Standards and Guidance in Archaeological Practice (ISGAP) has been developed, in consultation with a vast range of paid archaeologists and representatives of voluntary groups, in order to provide thorough guidance on good practice and also legal obligations for archaeological work across all parts of the UK and UK Crown Dependencies. The finished text is currently with a consultant to be developed into a stand-alone website, but ownership of the final site will pass to the VC SIG, so that changes can be made as circumstances and legislation changes. Watch out on the CBA and IfA websites for news of when ISGAP goes live!

# News

## Save archaeology at the University of Sussex

Since 1991 the Centre for Community Engagement (CCE) at the University of Sussex has offered throughout the county a range of part-time archaeology courses at weekends and in the evenings. Only a

couple of years ago we had on offer a good progression route comprising: accredited and unaccredited short courses; a Certificate in Practical Archaeology; a Diploma in Archaeology; a BA in Archaeology and Landscape; an MA in Field Archaeology, and DPhil research degrees in archaeology. Today, partly as a result of New Labour's much hated ELQ policy, but more importantly the desire of Senior Management at Sussex University to reallocate CCE's award-bearing student numbers to other (full-time) subject areas where they can now be used to charge fees of £9,000 per annum from October, all that remain are some day schools and unaccredited courses.



Just before Christmas the Senior Management Group at Sussex announced that it proposes from the end of July to cut CCE's remaining short courses (and thus also CCE), which in the absence of any government finances are now running at a loss. If implemented such action will become another nail in the coffin of part-time Continuing Education in Higher Education. In addition, the Senior Management at Sussex are not allowing CCE to receive any cross-subsidies from elsewhere in the university, such as from the massively in surplus Business, Management and Economics School in which it is located.

If you are concerned with the Sussex proposals or the fate generally of Continuing Education and part-time study in Higher Education please see the UCU petition and sign it and add comments if you wish. Thank you. Thanks too to all who have already signed the petition or written letters - over 2000 people have signed so far).

[www.ipetitions.com/petition/community-engagement-at-sussex](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/community-engagement-at-sussex)

## Onward the Brave YAC Soldiers!



On 1st February eight intrepid staff and volunteers from Young Archaeologists' Club and the Council for British Archaeology donned Roman tunics, helmets, spears, shields and swords and set off with our Roman standard and replica trumpet to conquer six laps (15 miles) of York's City Walls in aid of the Dig Deep for YAC campaign [www.yac-uk.org/yaccampaign/](http://www.yac-uk.org/yaccampaign/)



Setting off at first light on a chilly but clear morning, we entered York's City Walls at Bootham Bar without any resistance from the locals. We had a long way to go to cover the distance a Roman soldier walked in a day but we were up for the challenge. With a rallying call on our trumpet we marched our first lap and soon realised just how fit Roman soldiers were. Our helmets, shields and spears grew heavier on each lap and our trumpet calls became less impressive as the day wore on. We wearily completed our sixth lap at 5pm. In the process we were filmed, photographed, and continued to raise much needed funds to save YAC's Branches. YAC Branches give young people a wide range of opportunities to get

involved with archaeology. Visit [www.justgiving.com/teams/YAC](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/YAC) to make a donation. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure.



To see more photos and a video clip of our walk please visit [www.yac-uk.org/yaccampaign/events/romans](http://www.yac-uk.org/yaccampaign/events/romans).

# Events

## Voluntary Sector Training Events

New Training Workshops for Voluntary Groups are being run in conjunction with our Community Archaeology Training Placements. English Heritage funding is allowing us to run these workshops at considerably reduced rates. Flint knapping and pottery identification are two of the workshops coming soon, with more planned in the coming months. Further details including how to book your place can be found on our website: [www.britarch.ac.uk/community/training](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/community/training).

## Heritage Crime

*Saturday 25th February 2012, 9.30am to 3.30pm, York*

A FREE day of talks on Heritage Crime and how it affects us all. Speakers include: Mark Harrison (Chief Inspector: EH Heritage Policing and Crime Advisor); Adam Daubney and Phil Baker (Lincolnshire Police); Jane Mowat (Director, Safer York Partnership City

Council); Dr Pete Wilson (English Heritage); John Oxley (York City Council Principal Archaeologist).

Lunch included, booking essential. Further details contact Hannah Baxter at York Archaeological Trust, tel 01904 663020, email hbaxter@yorkat.co.uk

## CBA Winter General Meeting

*Monday 27th February, Society of Antiquaries of London*

Issues relating to publication, digitisation, dissemination and access to knowledge in archaeology, will be the subject of a day seminar, held in conjunction with the bi-annual business meeting of the CBA.

Tickets £10 (CBA members), £15 non-members

Further details and booking form:

[www.britarch.ac.uk/news/120127-CBA%20WGM](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/news/120127-CBA%20WGM)

## Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society Summer Excavation 2012

*Saturdays & Wednesday, starting 7th April through to October*

The Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society will be digging this year, investigating an Iron Age ditched enclosure found in 2011. The upper sections of the ditches were used as a rubbish dump in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. We will be excavating more of the ditches, and an adjacent track way, as well as looking for round houses associated with the settlement.

No experience is required as training will be given. Membership of the BHAS is a requirement. £12 (£6 student).

Further details contact John Funnell on [john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk) or call 01273 607127 (evenings) [www.brightonarch.org.uk](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk).

## Council for British Archaeology South Midlands Spring Conference

*Saturday 21st April 2012, 10am to 4pm, Bicester*

The theme of the Spring conference is Community Archaeology. Speakers include:

David Knight: From Nene Valley to Lower Trent: developing a Research Agenda and Strategy for the historic environment of the East Midlands

Ian Clarke: Brightwell Park – a manor house lost and regained

Helen Parslow: Bedford's Saturday Archaeology Workshops

Anni Byard: The Portable Antiquities Scheme in Oxfordshire

Jane Harrison: Archaeology, Community and University: the East Oxford Project

Tim Upson-Smith: Midland Purple: a community archaeology project and its responses

Tickets £8 (CBA South Midlands), £12 non-members

Further details and booking form:

[www.cba-southmidlands.org.uk/events](http://www.cba-southmidlands.org.uk/events)

## Shared pasts

*Saturday 12th May 2012, Sheffield*

The contributors and delegates at the conference will celebrate the tradition of 'community heritage' to which the Society continues to contribute.

For more information contact Ruth Morgan at Hon Secretary, Royd Farm, Carr Road, Deepcar, Sheffield S36 2NR, tel 0114 288 2640, email [r.a.morgan@shu.ac.uk](mailto:r.a.morgan@shu.ac.uk), web [www.sheffield.ac.uk/archaeology/hunter](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/archaeology/hunter).

## Sustainability and heritage

*Tuesday 29th to Wednesday 30th May 2012,  
Orkney College, Kirkwall*

Bringing together academics and practitioners to discuss and critically analyse: How can the past contribute to a sustainable future? For more information contact Anne Billing, email [anne.billing@orkney.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:anne.billing@orkney.uhi.ac.uk), web [www.uhi.ac.uk/sustainabilityconference](http://www.uhi.ac.uk/sustainabilityconference).

## Heritage Impact 2012

*Thursday 21st June to Friday 22nd June 2012,  
University of Brighton*

The sixth international symposium on socio-economic impact and strategies for change in cultural heritage to be organised by the CUBIST Research Group, part of the University of Brighton Business School.

For more information contact Chris Matthews at Brighton Business School, email [c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk), web [www.umg.org.uk/2011/12/15/call-for-papers-heritage-impact-2012-impact-measurement-impact-drivers-and-business-strategies-for-heritage/](http://www.umg.org.uk/2011/12/15/call-for-papers-heritage-impact-2012-impact-measurement-impact-drivers-and-business-strategies-for-heritage/)

## Barcombe, East Sussex

*Monday 25th June to Friday 10th August*

Following four seasons of excavations, the Barcombe Roman Project will continue this year in Church Field, Barcombe, and complete the excavation of the remains of a large multi-phase Roman bath house (2nd-early 4th centuries).

As in previous years, the project in 2012 will be a mixture of research excavations and training courses. Students and others may volunteer to dig on Saturdays or for up to 5 weekdays (depending on experience) as members of the Mid Sussex Field Archaeological Team.

## Barcombe Roman Villa Open afternoon

*Sunday 15th July 2012, 1-5pm*

For further information please contact: The Centre for Community Engagement, University of Sussex: T 01273 678300; email [cce@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:cce@sussex.ac.uk); [www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/barcombe](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/barcombe)

## Day of Archaeology 2012

*Friday 29th June 2012*

The Day of Archaeology Project team are looking for people working, studying or volunteering in the archaeological world to participate in a "Day of Archaeology" on Friday 29th June 2012.

To take part participants need to be able to document their day and send it to them to publish on the Day of Archaeology website. This can be done any medium, such as it writing about, filming, drawing, recording or photographing your day.

The Day of Archaeology website will demonstrate and celebrate the wide variety of work our sector undertakes day-to-day across the globe, and help to raise public awareness of the relevance and importance of archaeology to the modern world.

If you are interested in taking part email the team at [dayofarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:dayofarchaeology@gmail.com) and they will be in touch about how to submit your entry. To see 2011 entries, go to [www.dayofarchaeology.com](http://www.dayofarchaeology.com)

## Don't forget...

CBA Festival of British Archaeology: Saturday 14th to Sunday 29th July

[www.festival.britarch.ac.uk](http://www.festival.britarch.ac.uk)

Heritage Open Days 2012 will be Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th September

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

# Projects

## Jigsaw Cambridgeshire project



Jigsaw Cambridgeshire is a new community archaeology project in Cambridgeshire funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and managed by Oxford Archaeology East and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Jigsaw – ‘Piecing together your past’ – seeks to work with local archaeology and history groups, enabling them to carry out their research through the loan of free equipment (for excavation, geophysical survey, GPS etc.), free training courses, training workshops tailored to groups’ needs, and a set of Best Practice Guidance notes written by specialists for community archaeology groups.



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The project also aims to work with enthusiastic individuals to help them set up new archaeology groups, with an emphasis on working in areas where there has been little archaeological research, and with marginalized groups and communities.

In all we do, we are aiming to work with groups in a ‘bottom-up’ manner: enabling them in their research and helping them do it better, rather than running projects for them. Our aim is to enable community

archaeology in Cambridgeshire to flourish, to follow rigorous archaeological procedure, and to build local communities.

**Jo Richards and Jemima Woolverton**  
*Jigsaw Community Archaeologists*

Contact Jigsaw: [info@jigsawcambs.org](mailto:info@jigsawcambs.org)  
Project website: [www.jigsawcambs.org](http://www.jigsawcambs.org)

## Preston Archaeological Project ‘Dig Preston’ 2011 gets positive feedback from public



Last November saw the hunt for Preston’s very own medieval manor house with Dig Preston 2011. The project was organised by the Preston Community Archaeology Project group, Raven Housing Trust and Surrey County Archaeological Unit, and kindly funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



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The team set out to find Preston Hawe, the manor house that stood on the site between the 12th and 15th Centuries, using the results of geophysical surveys and a set of rough plans drawn up by Brian Hope-Taylor, an archaeologist who investigated the site in the 1950s. Unfortunately, since Brian visited the site, the area had been used as a rubbish tip,

which the team had to clear before even reaching the archaeology. In spite of this, the dig was a huge success and turned up some fantastic finds!

The enthusiastic volunteers, working alongside members of Surrey County Archaeological Unit, Surrey Archaeological Society and the Preston Community Archaeology Project, managed to locate and uncover sections of the manor house itself and the chapel that served the wealthy families that lived there. The dig has provided us with important information regarding the location and positioning of these buildings, as well as the construction techniques and materials used. In addition, the team uncovered lots of interesting artefacts, including medieval roof tiles, a variety of glazed and patterned pottery and even the site of a human burial.



Dig Preston has been a brilliant opportunity for members of the local community and over 200 children from local primary and secondary schools to discover archaeology and help to uncover Preston's secret past. The students taking part in the dig were given an historical tour of the site, they learnt excavation techniques and finds identification and processing skills, and even got a chance to work with our team of metal detectors.

An evaluation survey undertaken after the event has demonstrated an overwhelming support for the project. In answer to the question 'What did you most enjoy about Dig Preston' replies were very positive, such as:

'Camaraderie; the challenge to find something!'

'Participating in an event of historical significance literally on my doorstep.'

'Getting involved with the field archaeologists and learning new skills'

'Doing something different and helping out.'

'The whole thing'

'Finding out more about the area and the history'

Following the excavation, the next stage of the project is to produce an information booklet and interpretation board about the site.

**Abby Guinness and Laura Joyner**  
*Community Archaeology Team, Surrey County Archaeological Unit*

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Project website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/digpreston](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/digpreston)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/diggingsurreypast](http://www.facebook.com/diggingsurreypast)

## Features

### A walk in the Park

At the IfA Conference in Reading in April 2011, I gave a paper in the "Understanding and Protection: the application of significance ..." session on a project, commenced in 2008, which has seen the creation of validated Local Lists of Historic Designed Landscapes (HDLs) in Lancashire. That's parks and gardens, for the uninitiated! Volunteers from Lancashire Gardens Trust (LGT) have very nearly completed that project, in association with Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Manchester Metropolitan University, and a report will be presented later in 2012 to all the County and district councils, and unitary authorities, of the post-1974 county. The process of policy-making and database review and enhancement will then begin.

Now, the first of a series of proposed spin-off projects

has been initiated, and building on the expertise and training accumulated during the HDL project.

In October 2011, the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty unit commissioned Ruth Thurnhill (an LGT colleague) and myself to muster a small team of volunteers, and carry out a documentary and field assessment of two former medieval deer parks near Chipping, in Ribble Valley Borough. Some of the volunteers were found from the existing HDL team, and others from the highly respected Chipping Local History Society.



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*Volunteers studying a z-plan deer-leap at Salter Hill, on the boundary of Leagram Park (Jan. 2012)*

This pilot project, which runs until the end of March 2012, was specifically tasked with exploring the possibility of interpreting the landscape – looking for traces of the historic in the present day view – and considering the potential for guided and self-guided historical landscape walks in and around these deer parks, which lie on either side of the River Hodder. Leagram Park lies in historic (i.e. pre-1974) Lancashire, and Radholme Park in historic Yorkshire, but both are within the bounds of the medieval Chase of Bowland, and in post-1974 Lancashire.

The park at Radholme, which was a Domesday manor within Earl Tostig's Grindleton lordship, was certainly in existence in 1327 – when it was held by Dowager Queen Isabella - but is probably the unnamed park referred to in a complaint made in 1259 by the widow of Edmund de Lacy about trespass. The park was maintained for hunting until around the time of the Civil War, after which enclosed fields were created

in it. Leagram, by far the better documented park, was not created until 1349, when a keeper is first recorded, and it was extended about a century later.



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*Looking West from Salter Hill towards the z-plan deer-leap. The park is on the right hand side of the wall. Traces of a linear boundary (centre, right) may represent a stock-funnel leading to the deer-leap from outside the park (Feb. 2009)*

At both parks, substantial stretches of boundary embankment and ditch survive, as do some internal boundaries, a number of z-plan deer-leaps – the Latin term saltatorium giving rise to salter place-names – and a range of pre- and post-park settlement and industrial archaeology features.

The volunteers have enthusiastically set about cartographic and documentary research in Lancashire Archives, and with digitised records purchased from The National Archives, and have created gazetteers to enhance the Lancashire Historic Environment Record. Field verification in the Forest of Bowland's typically challenging weather conditions has tested the metal of this hardy band.

**Nigel Neil**

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# Reviews

## Becoming an Archaeologist: a guide to professional pathways

by Joe Flatman

Cambridge University Press, Sep 2011  
ISBN 978-0521734691

Joe Flatman manages the impressive combination of being the county archaeologist for Surrey, part of England from which the sight of a flash of light on the sea merits frantic blogging, and a lecturer at the UCL Institute of Archaeology specialising in maritime archaeology. Here it seems is a man who can handle a job interview. In this very readable and comprehensive guide, he passes on his understanding of what being an archaeologist today is about. It will be useful not only to would-be archaeologists, but also to paid up aficionados who might wonder what others in their profession get up to and worry about – mostly pay and conditions, it seems, and being asked about dinosaurs – in the UK, the US and Australia. After essays on what archaeology is and the skills involved, Flatman looks at five sectors (you have great freedom in academia, local government lifestyle might not suit you, etc), and concludes with useful appendices and ten top tips. Number 10: do not give up.

Mike Pitts

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