

DIGGERS' FORUM COMMITTEE

23 October 2024, 18:00 – 19:00

Teams

AGM Minutes

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| 1. | Welcome & Apologies | Action |
| | Calum Hall and Luke Bateson send their apologies | |
| 2. | Chair's Report | Action |
| | <p>Martyn's last AGM as Chair of the Digger's Forum and on the Committee. He thanks everybody for all the work in this committee and previous ones.</p> <p>Chair's round-up: We are behind on achieving some goals set by the Committee but progress has been made, especially with recruiting and bringing the committee together. The next step is to bring back the DF as a force for good, for the field archaeologists.</p> <p>With recruiting new members, the Digger's Forum aim will always be speaking up for field archaeologists, looking into the future. Things have improved, with the creation of a continuity plan and a centralised work space. We have received more support from CIfA is very valuable.</p> <p>There is a need to recruit people currently active in the field but we understand that time comes from having a more office-based job. It is also harder to negotiate free time with our employers on the field. Moreover, the growing diversity during field archaeology should be represented.</p> <p>Rebranding was a big discussion point. We wanted to stay away from the terminology "digger" but most of the community wanted to keep it.</p> <p>Now, there is a need to regrow the group.</p> <p>Martyn was proud of being Chair of the DF and hoped he had a positive impact. He will always be around if we need advice.</p> | |
| 3. | Secretary's Report | Action |
| | What our community is: | |



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| | MCIfA | ACIfA | PCIfA | Affiliate | Student | Non-Members | Total | | |
| | 247 | 199 | 218 | 71 | 20 | 2 | 757 | | |
| | We need to focus on getting ourselves known in the early careers in archaeology, when the archaeologists are still working in the field. | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Treasurer's Report | | | | | | | | Action |
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| 5. | Plans for the Future | | | | | | | | Action |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relaunch new social media (and keep the logins and password safe on the SharePoint) filling roles in the committee promote the Digger's Forum to PCIfA and archaeologists in the field work on pay and conditions inform field archaeologists what the role of CIfA is and why it is beneficial for them | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Election of Committee Members | | | | | | | | Action |
| | Election of new committee members: Heloise Meziani is elected as Secretary, and Ellen Durbin as Ordinary Committee Member (unofficially Social Media Coordinator). We are missing a Treasure and Chair. Cara Burton will support to recruit new members on social media. | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | AOB | | | | | | | | Action |
| | None raised | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Date of Next AGM | | | | | | | | Action |
| | Date of the next AGM to be determined. | | | | | | | | |

