

Finds Special Interest Group

20 October 2025 10am
Teams online meeting

Minutes

Present: Emily Johnson (EJ, chair); Bekky Hillman (BH, secretary) & site dog; Anna Tyake (AT); Ruth Beveridge (RB); Gulfareen Kamran (GK); Laura Ratcliffe-Warren (LRW); Imogen Wood (IW); Philip Pollard (PP)

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1.	Apologies Rachel Cubbit (RC)	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Approved no changes	
3.	Matters Arising AT Future PAS finds meetings details shared with Cara Burton (CB) GK posted flyer for ICON event	CB to be share with the finds group membership tomorrow
4.	AGM Committee had discussion with regards format and timescale of AGM. Decided to push back previous 24 November AGM option and do an online only AGM, plus a find festival in 2026 as our in person event. All agreed so going forward proposed online AGM on 1 st December at 1.00pm-2.00pm over lunch for people to attend Then in person 'Finds Fest/Finds Fest February/ Finds Fest Friday' event in week commencing 2nd February 2026 comprising: Morning: - Talks Afternoon: - Meet the specialist/AMP mentors	EJ to contact CB regarding AGM legalities AT happy to contact Kate at M Shed to see availability for first week in Feb – both for the room seating 40 and the larger room

	• Specialists/AMP mentors with Finds tables • Posters set up by mentorees/students • Identification of objects by specialist • Finds handling • Ask a conservator GK can make short videos during afternoon of specialists in their booths to post online IM said we should contact specialists/AMP mentors to see who available and willing to attend & participate and then book venue PP Historic England support possible if AMP mentors attend and suggested Birmingham BMI as alternative venue at £465 for larger room PP showed list of AMP mentors and their specialisms – to be contacted – noted the list of specialisms missing was CBM, small finds, glass, flint, coins and organics EJ hold off on social media posts until have asked specialists	EJ to draft a pitch to send round to committee before contacting specialists to see who available IM to contact pottery groups PP to seek out HE support and pitch to AMP mentors EJ to create pool of specialists interested and match with available days – fill on to spreadsheet to put on KHub GK to do a social media post to assess level of interest in in-person event and what people would be interested in participating in GK to prepare social media posts regarding Finds Fest event for when can send round
5.	Diggers Forum transferable skills form EJ screen shared survey distributed from Diggers Forum: as a committee we answered the survey together	EJ to submit survey via Finds Group email EJ to send copy of answers to all committee and upload onto KHub
6.	AOB LRW reported on success of ICON AGM and launch of FAFF GK reported have 149 followers on Instagram but only 17 posts – need more content IM and AT attended Historic Environment Expo. IM and mentee presented	All committee to send her photos with captions for GK to upload
7.	Date of next committee meeting and future events Doodle poll to follow for next meeting	