



## Neolithic Studies Group Spring Outing to North and East Yorkshire

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

This year's Spring Meeting will take place in the North and East Yorkshire, starting on the evening of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and concluding mid-afternoon on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be based in Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire. This year's organiser is Emma Watson.

This is a very exciting opportunity to 'legally' visit all three Thornborough henges, as well as other amazing Neolithic Yorkshire sites, with expert commentary and discussion.

*Sorry for the delay in sending this out but prices have rocketed in the whole area...after 4 recces to different nearby towns, I have chosen Boroughbridge as the cheapest, so huge apologies for the cost!*

On Friday evening at 7pm, the **Conference Room in The Crown Hotel, Boroughbridge** will play host to our introductory talks by Jan Harding, Alex Gibson, Tony Hunt and Emma Watson (<https://www.crownhotelboroughbridge.co.uk/>).

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, we plan to set off at 9:30am. We will be visiting standing stones and henges along the Swale-Ure corridor, with commentary by Tony Hunt and Emma Watson, culminating in a 'first opportunity to see' the THREE Thornborough henges, united under one owner for the first time in over 1000 years! Jan Harding has kindly offered to take us around the site 😊.

As the distance is minimal, we plan to travel together by pooling available cars. To this end, it would be really useful if you could provide an indication of your travel arrangements on the attached booking form so we can establish that we have enough cars to accommodate everyone.

On Saturday evening at 7:30pm, a meal has been organised in **The Crown Hotel** at £36.00 per person for a 3-course meal, with the option of tea/coffee afterwards.

On Sunday morning, at 10am, we will travel (again, by pooling available cars where needed) to Duggleby Howe Neolithic round mound, Ryedale. Alex Gibson will share his expertise at the site. This will be followed by a journey to Rudston monolith, East Riding, the tallest standing stone in the United Kingdom and at the centre of at least four cursuses.

Most of the sites we will visit are easily accessible on foot though a small number will involve walking along rough tracks and across agricultural land, so a reasonable level of fitness will be required. Don't forget walking boots, gloves and waterproofs as well as sun block and sunglasses. Four seasons in a day is quite common in 'the north' 😊!

The NSG cost will be £30. This cost covers the room hire for the talks on Friday evening; packed lunches with snacks and drinks on Saturday and Sunday; and an ice cream in West Tanfield on Saturday afternoon.

**WARNING: Please book your stay quickly. There are currently enough rooms at The Crown (QUOTE: NSG) & a few available at The Grantham Arms (not reserved). There are also a few holiday cottages to rent. However, beyond that, you would need to travel to Ripon (3 miles away) or further afield.**

Organiser – Dr Emma Watson, 07748 652084, [e.e.watson@durham.ac.uk](mailto:e.e.watson@durham.ac.uk) or [emma@dbra.co.uk](mailto:emma@dbra.co.uk).

Please use the booking form attached and make sure you return it by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

*Provisional programme*

**FRIDAY 10th MAY 2024**

Group arrives in Boroughbridge (The Crown Hotel check-in from 3pm) – use of leisure facilities

7-9pm            Introductory talks on the Neolithic archaeology of the area

***The Crown Hotel***, Horsefair, Boroughbridge, York YO51 9LB

Tel: 01423 322328 Email: [crown.boroughbridge@innmail.co.uk](mailto:crown.boroughbridge@innmail.co.uk)

**SATURDAY 11th MAY 2024**

9:30am Depart Boroughbridge, from the car park of The Crown Hotel

- Devil's Arrows stone row
- Cana Barn and Tenlands 'lost' henges
- Hutton Moor extant henge

1:00pm            Packed Lunch stop/toilets in Ripon (chance to visit the magnificent Ripon Cathedral)

2:00pm            Set back off ...

- Nunwick 'lost' henge
- ICE CREAM break

3:00pm            **Thornborough 3 henges' walking tour**

5-5:30pm        Return to the hotel to freshen up/swim/gym/bar 😊

7.00pm            Meet for pre-dinner drinks (not included)

7:30pm            Dinner in The Crown at £36.00 per person for a 3-course meal. Tea/coffee £3 extra.

**SUNDAY 12th MAY 2024**

10:15am        Depart The Crown Hotel, Boroughbridge

11:30am        Duggleby Howe round barrow and on-site talk by Alex Gibson

12:30pm        Packed Lunch on site

1-1:30pm        Group disperses/ travels on to Rudston monolith, East Yorkshire (20-30 mins drive)

1:30pm            Talks at the monolith/ discussion of the multiple cursuses and 'lost' nearby barrows

2:30-3pm        Group returns to Boroughbridge / heads off home

*NB All site visits are subject to change and are dependent on timing constraints and the weather.*

## TRAVEL TO BOROUGHBIDGE

Please refer to [www.boroughbridge.org.uk/Public\\_Transport\\_43439.aspx](http://www.boroughbridge.org.uk/Public_Transport_43439.aspx) for extra advice

### BY AIR

Leeds-Bradford airport (LBA) is 19 miles away.

### BY BUS

You can take a bus from LBA to Boroughbridge via Harrogate.

Alternatively, you can get a bus to Boroughbridge from York or Knaresborough.

### BY CAR

Boroughbridge is just off the A1M between the M62 and Scotch Corner and so easily accessible by car: The Crown Hotel, Horsefair, Boroughbridge, York YO51 9LB.

### BY RAIL

Boroughbridge can be accessed via a train to York or Leeds, followed by a bus journey.

If you have any issues with your travel, I might be able to help – so, please ask 😊

## ACCOMMODATION

Please check [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) first by searching 10-12 May 1 (or 2) persons, Boroughbridge, UK.

**The Crown Hotel**, Horsefair, Boroughbridge, York YO51 9LB. Tel: 01423 322328

Single, twin and double rooms (**single occupancy**) are £232.50 and £249.50 for the 2 nights, B & B, respectively. **Double occupancy** is £269.50. There are also Superior rooms and Suites.

Email: [crown.boroughbridge@innmail.co.uk](mailto:crown.boroughbridge@innmail.co.uk)

### **Other accommodation**

**The Grantham Arms** – they quoted me a ridiculous price for their 8 available rooms (£340-370 per room for 2 nights) – but there are currently much cheaper options on [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

Also on [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), you can hire single room or multi-room cottages in Boroughbridge, or there are out of town hotels and B&Bs, which can be driven to/from.

However, the accommodation in Boroughbridge is limited – and when it's gone, it's gone – so please book quickly 😊



## Neolithic Studies Group Spring Meeting to North and East Yorkshire

10th - 12th MAY 2024

### Booking Form

Name: .....

Email address: .....

Mobile number: .....

(email will be the main means of contact)

If booking more than one place, please give additional names, email addresses, mobile numbers

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Proposed Accommodation: Crown ☐ Grantham ☐ Other ☐ None ☐

Proposed Travel Arrangements: Car/No car?.....

Saturday night dinner: YES / NO

Icecream on Saturday afternoon: YES/NO - if NO, is there something else you'd like (e.g. yoghurt)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (no promises 😊)

Payment Method: Cheque (enclosed) ☐ Bank Credit Transfer ☐

Cost: £30. Cheques should be made payable to **Neolithic Studies Group**. Bank credit transfers should be paid to Sort code: **09-01-52**, Account number: **72613800**, quoting your **surname** followed by **S24** as the reference.

**Please send completed forms and any cheque payments of £30 to:**

**Dr Emma Watson, 12 Blackfriars, Yarm, TS15 9HG.**

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**How we will use your data:** Information in this form will only be used to allow us to plan the fieldtrip and communicate with you about the fieldtrip, and to document your attendance at this event in the NSG mailing database. This is in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR legislation. Please sign to indicate consent for us to use your data as described here.

Signed .....

**Completed forms must be received by Friday 5th April 2024**