

## Muskham Vale *Heritage* Group

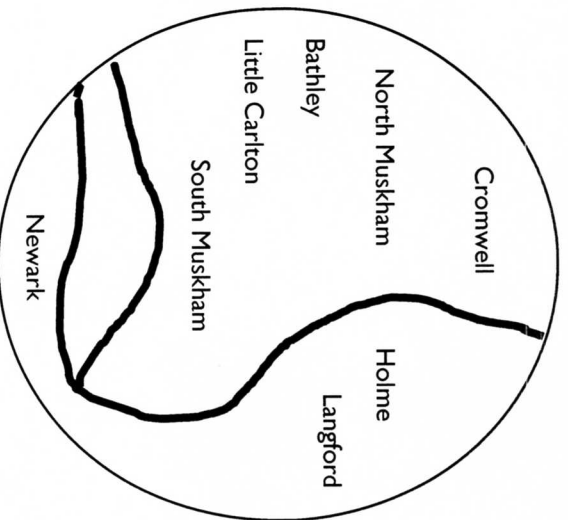
### Active Group

Membership is open to anyone over 18 who is interested in the history of the vale. There are monthly meetings with speakers, training, or project work and activities and visits in between.

We aim to be an active group, undertaking small projects, such as field-walking, surveying, archive research, archaeological surveys, and possibly some excavations & restoration.

### The Muskham Vale

This term is aimed at covering the area just after the River Trent turns north. This area has been a major river crossing point since man began to move across the valley after the last ice age. The area is known to have everything from Iron Age on through every stage of human development.



## Programme 2009/10

1 Oct 2009	Castles of Nottinghamshire James Wright
11 Nov 2009*	Romano-British Excavations in the Trent Valley Laurence Platt
3 Dec 2009	Fieldwalking the cropmarked landscape of Nottinghamshire Daryl Garton
7 Jan 2010	Map, Archive, Resistivity & Magnetometry Results: Little Carlton Aerial Mapping of the Trent Valley
4 Feb 2010	
4 Mar 2010	Late Bronze Age & Iron Age Landscape of the Trent Valley Dr David Knight
1 Apr 2010	TBA
6 May 2010	Saxon & Viking River Traffic
3 Jun 2010	"The Minster before St Hugh" (The Early Cathedral at Lincoln) Dr Philip Dixon
1 Jul 2010	Evening Visit
5 Aug 2010	Evening Visit
2 Sept 2010	AGM

Membership £25 pa (pro rata) includes all meetings, newsgroup link, etc. Non-members welcome (£3 per meeting)  
\* Not first Thursday (Bonfire Night)

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# MUSKHAM VALE HERITAGE GROUP

Programme October 2009  
to September 2010

*Join us and help  
discover more of the  
Heritage of the Vale*

### MEETINGS

Monthly: First Thursday\*  
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm  
North Muskham Village Hall  
Nelson Lane,  
North Muskham  
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## *Background*

Research surrounding a campaign to regain access to ancient routes on the west bank of the River Trent, brought into focus a wealth of information about the history of "the vale". That history is not limited to any one village but on the River Trent, the changing crossing points, and the surrounding landscape.

The "Trespasser" (River Trent) has changed course many times over the millennia, from the foot of the Bathley Hills, in the west, to beyond Langford in the east (see map diagram). As the river turned north at Newark, the vale provided the most significant river crossing in the whole of Eastern England. As the river moved, peoples changed.

Iron Age: (barrow, field systems, and the "Newark Torc"); Roman: (camps, roads, and artifact); Viking & Saxon (names, boundaries). Medieval: (plague, deserted medieval villages [DMVs], torrential floods). More recently came the enclosure of common land, the Trent Navigation, and the various landed estates.

Apart from the odd powerful reminder, the River Trent is now managed within its banks. Modern lives have allowed us to lose contact with our landscape and heritage. The Muskham Vale *Heritage* Group plans to help restore that link and help ensure the knowledge for the future.

As the campaign for securing the riverbank

## *Aims & Objectives*

The principal aims of the Muskham Vale *Heritage* Group will be to help the vale communities learn about their history, regain lost access, and co-ordinate an archive for the future. Whilst the detail will be agreed by the membership, key issues are:

- **River Movements over time, Crossing Points, Usage and Lives.**
- **Roman, Viking & Saxon Times**
- **Muskham Vale & the Civil War**
- **Trent Navigation, Turnpikes and Railway communications.**
- **Field walking for a range of evidence**
- **Retain and restore access along ancient tracks and byways, including information and way-markers.**
- **Assist the existing Local History Groups with projects, archives, and encourage members' interests.**
- **Survey & Research cropmarks and the Deserted or Shrunken Medieval Villages (Little Carlton & Langford).**

## *Assistance*

Within this there are many talents of many kinds. A major aim is for people of the area to get involved with their heritage.

The Muskham Vale *Heritage* Group want to retain close and co-operative links with other local groups within the vale and the wider area. In Addition, contacts have been made with Trent & Peak Archaeology, part of Nottingham University, one of the team involved in a major study of the "Trent Valley Landscape".

Grant assistance and support could be forthcoming from various sources such as, the National Lottery, the Aggregate Industry Levy, English Heritage, NCC, N&SDC, and the Trent Vale Partnership.

- *History*
- *Archaeology*
- *Landscape*
- *Byways*
- *Heritage*