



# NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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## June 2026

### NAS site visit to Chester House Estate

Thursday, 2 July 2026, 2.00-4.00pm

**Chester House Estate (Irchester Roman Town) excavations  
and a tour of the Archaeological Resource Centre (The ARC)**

We still have places left on the **FREE** NAS tour of the **new excavations**, which are taking place within the Scheduled Area of the walled Roman Town: see Facebook posts and photos below from ULAS

Please confirm attendance with Rob Atkins on 07780 391764; [rob@archaeologicalresearchservices.com](mailto:rob@archaeologicalresearchservices.com)

Meet at the car park near the ARC at 1.50pm

(We will be posting this note to NAS members, CBA South Midlands and The Friends of St Peter's Church, who are all welcome as long as we still have places to fill)

### Archaeological Services, University of Leicester (ULAS)

(Facebook posts, June 12 and June 16)



**The 2026 season of digging at Irchester has now commenced and this year excitingly we're excavating within the historic Roman town itself!**

The trench is packed with archaeology, including Roman town walls, stone buildings, and hints of earlier underlying Iron Age features.



And at the end of July there will be Roman Fest:

**The Chester House Estate: Roman Fest, 25-26 July**  
The Romans return for an action-packed day for the whole family



Roman army displays. - Roman crafts and demonstrations - Stalls with family friendly activities run by museums, local societies and professional archaeologists - Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre Open Day - Tours of our excavation - A pop up Laboratory run by University of Leicester School of Archaeology and Ancient History - Art exhibition inspired by the Roman World by students at Northampton College.

Admission is FREE for the whole family, but please ensure that you prebook your free tickets so that we can manage numbers for this very popular, previously sold-out event.

If you are able to, you can also make a £5 donation when getting your tickets. Your support helps bring local history to life - this donation will help us to continue delivering free heritage events like this in the future.

<https://chesterhouseestate.org/whats-on/roman-fest-2026/>