

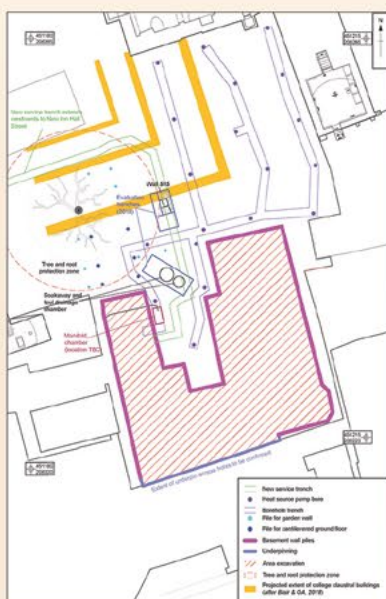
# WHAT ARE THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS DOING AT FREWIN HALL?

The team from Oxford Archaeology are here to record and recover the remains of human activity that have survived on the site. This work is taking place during the initial stages of the construction of the basement of a new student accommodation building for Brasenose College by Beard Construction Ltd. The archaeological work is funded by Brasenose College and is a requirement of the Planning Permission that was granted by Oxford City Council.

## EXCAVATION

The main area of excavation is where the future basement will be located. In this area the concrete piled basement walls have already been installed and this allows us to safely excavate to the required depth.

Excavation is our one-time chance to recover information before building work starts in earnest. Our ability to understand the site depends on accurate surveying, photographs and detailed descriptions and drawings of the archaeological remains, such as walls, pits and wells, ditches and occupation deposits.



us to understand what was going on in each area of the site (or in particular buildings) at different times - this is the site chronology.

## ANIMAL BONE SPECIALISTS

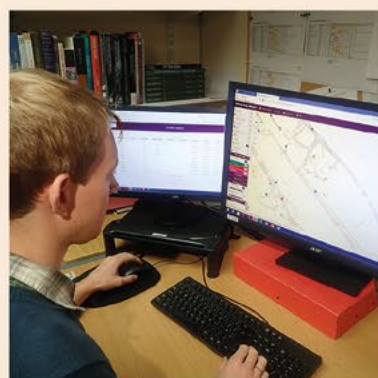
Animal bones help us understand what and how much meat people were eating. In addition, certain industries, such as, leather tanning and horn working can be identified.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS/PLANT REMAINS

Soil samples taken from pits, ditches, hearths and wells etc can tell many things about the local environmental conditions at the time, what plants people were eating, and using for fuel and sometimes (through Radiocarbon dating of burnt material) how old the material is.

## OTHER FINDS SPECIALISTS

Worked Stone, Metal Objects, Coins, Glass, Metalworking remains, Wood, Building Material, Fired Clay etc are each analysed by a specialist and can provide additional information on dating, industrial processes, trade and even fashion.



Artefacts and soil samples are collected by hand and numbered according to where they are found.

A computer drawing of all the archaeology is linked to a database that contains information about each archaeological feature and layer this makes analysis more effective and efficient.



## FINAL ANALYSIS

All of the site information is combined with the specialists work and used to build up a picture of what happened at the site over time. We will also study historic records and maps and look at other excavation results. All this evidence will increase our understanding of not just this site, but of Oxford's and its' residents past over the last 1100 years.

Eventually, after all the work is completed the results will be published so that everybody can read about what we have found.

## ANALYSIS - SPECIALISTS

All of the artefacts and samples collected are passed on to our specialists who each write a report.

## POTTERY SPECIALISTS

On this site we expect most of the pottery to be Medieval or Post-medieval. The specialists provide us with the date that the pottery was made, where it was made, how it was made and what it was used for. This will help

