

SERF Community Programme 2016

Millhaugh Visitors Information: Open Day



SERF - Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot Project

Dunning has been the focus of activity from prehistory to present. Modern investigations by the University of Glasgow SERF project have identified fragments of evidence for this activity through time.

Since 2006 archaeologists from the University of Glasgow, with the help of local volunteers, have been exploring Forteviot and the neighbouring parishes of Dunning and Forgandenny. The last few years has seen the project focus on researching, surveying and excavating sites in and around Dunning, including: Neolithic farming at Wellhill; early prehistoric ritual sites at Leadketty; prehistoric barrow at Millhaugh; Roman temporary camp at Kincladie and Pitcairns; early medieval evidence at St Serfs, Dunning; and multiple seasons on an Iron Age hillfort at the Dun Knock, Dunning. This has been complemented by investigations characterising the wider landscape using fieldwalking, walkover survey and geophysics at sites throughout Strathearn.

We have always been very lucky to enjoy the support of the local community every summer, with locals getting involved in our survey and excavation work, digging up gardens, visiting sites and turning out for walks and talks. This year we are running a series of events as part of the Dunning Community Programme, focussed around the origins of the village of Dunning. We are also running excavations at Millhaugh investigating a series of possible prehistoric cropmark sites.

More information on the SERF project results from the past ten years can be found here: SERF project website:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/archaeologyresearch/projects/serf/>

Information on our events can be found at: www.dunningheritage.com

Follow the SERF Project on Twitter for up to the minute developments: <https://twitter.com/serfproject> @serfproject

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Visitor Information

If you are planning on visiting the site at Millhaugh on the open day (Saturday 2nd July 11am-3pm), please follow these instructions for parking and access. The main Heritage Hub will be based in the Church Hall in Dunning, Perth Road (Figure 1). Parking can be found in the village. The hall will have teas and coffees, exhibitions on past years at SERF and an update on what we are doing this year. A minibus will then run regularly between the church hall and the excavation site at Millhaugh where site tours will be provided and kids (and adults!) can get involved in Potty Prehistory.

The site is located in farmland at Millhaugh about a 1km walk from Dunning on the B8062 (the field where toilets are marked on Figure 2, below). We have very limited parking on site so visitors will need to park in Dunning Village and take the open day minibus to the site. Please do not park on the road by the site or on the farm itself, the landowner only has space for the university vehicles which are used to transport tools and soil samples. The permitted access route (walking) is marked on the map (Figure 2) below and has been agreed upon with the landowner to minimise disturbance to crops.

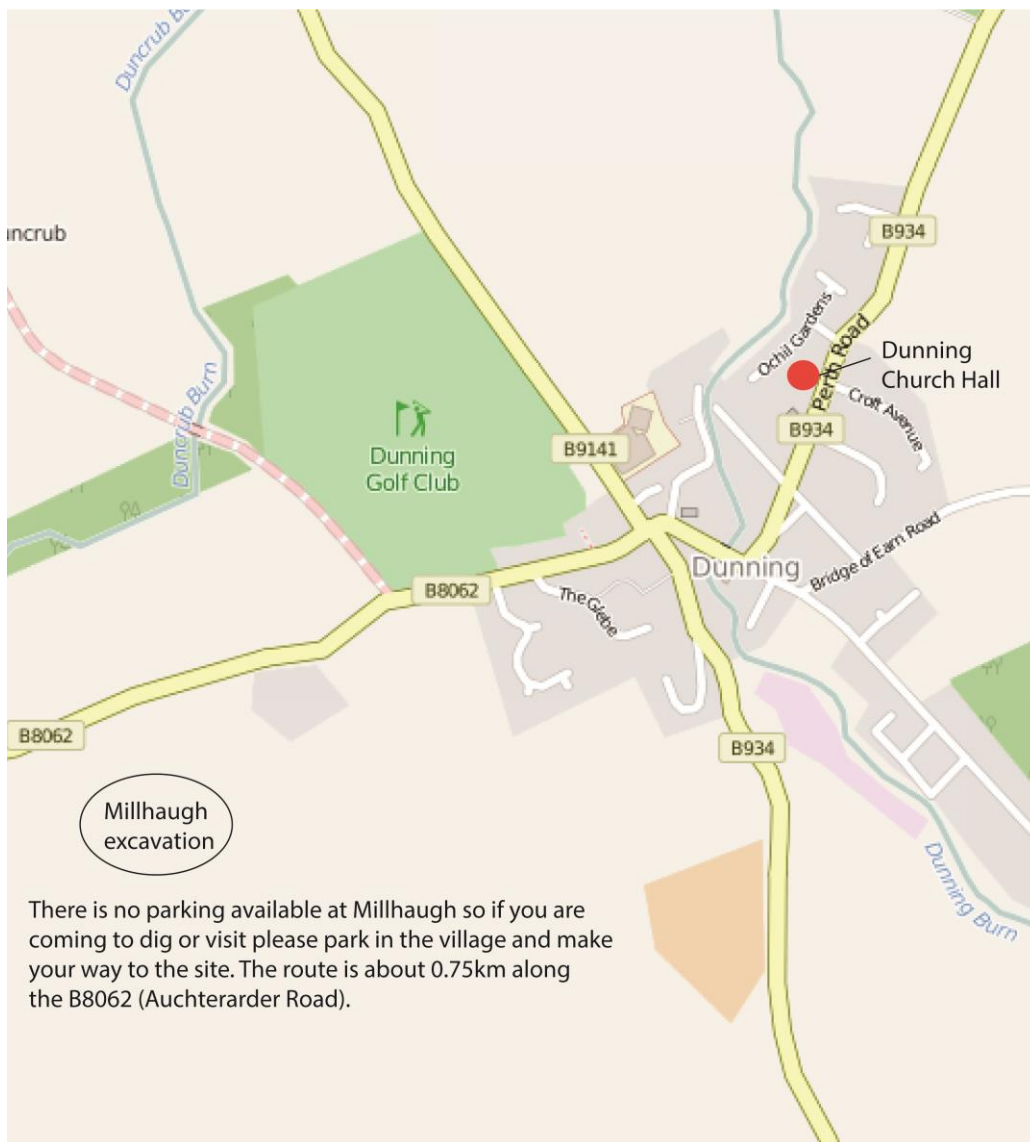


Figure 1: Map of Millhaugh excavation site in relation to Dunning (park in village)

Please only access the Millhaugh excavation on foot along the route marked below. Don't walk through the field with the trench in it other than by the marked route from the toilets to the trench. This is to avoid crop damage. Thank you.



Figure 2: Map of access route from B8062 to the trench (follow white arrows)

Safety: On the open day we would prefer all visitors come to the site on our minibus which will be running regularly between site and the Heritage Hub at the Church hall on Perth Road. If for some reason you were walking to the site please be careful. The walk to and from site is along the road from Dunning which is narrow, people drive fast on this road and there are a number of corners and no pavement for the last short section. You undertake this walk at your own risk, please stay to the side of the road, facing oncoming traffic and observe the Highway Code. Once you are off the main road please continue to take care – you will be travelling to site through a working farm. As you are crossing farmland please observe the country side code, leave gates and properties as you find them. Protect plants, crops and animals and take litter home.