

# Landscape and Local History Research Group

Invite you to attend the next scheduled Zoom meeting  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm

**Oscar Aldred**  
will present

## *Colonization, cultural drift and establishment: Iron Age and Roman landscape tenure at Northstowe.*

In this short talk, Oscar Aldred will discuss some aspects of a long term excavation of a landscape. Since 2014, the Cambridge Archaeological Unit has mapped, excavated and analyzed the archaeology from 72 hectares of open area excavations within Longstanton and Oakington, across what is called Northstowe. These excavations have been funded by L&Q Estates and Homes England as part of the development of this landscape for a new town. There will be discussion on the background to the development-led excavations, before examining in more depth the archaeology from the Iron Age and Roman periods, though this will inevitably blend into other periods before and after. This is a landscape story of an initial process of colonization with multiple, dispersed settlements and enclosure arrangements, before consolidation takes place, forming two major settlements connected together by a trackway and fields. It is also a story of competing interests within a shared community space, of shrewd decision making, and the allure of materiality. It is also about the material and economic networks that the communities were tied into, and the extension of these influences on the surrounding landscape. It is about community success and failure, settlement aggregation and dispersal, and the inheritance for the living from the dead.

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