

Unearthing the East Midlands: Daryl Garton's Legacy in Professional and Community Archaeology



A Free Commemorative Conference hosted by Ice Age Insights on Saturday 17 October 2026:

Newtown Linford Village Hall, Main St, Newtown Linford, Leicester LE6 0AE

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No registration required

This conference celebrates Daryl's life and work; her contributions to professional and community archaeology shaped understanding of the Late Upper Palaeolithic in the East Midlands. Her leadership in volunteer training, lithic analysis and public engagement continues to influence archaeological practice today.

Daryl Garton photographed at Bradgate Park in 2019.

Time	Activity	Speaker
10.30 for 11.00 start	Guided Walk in Bradgate Park; meet Newtown Linford car park LE6 0HB. Parking: £6.00 all day	Walk Leaders: Lynden Cooper on Archaeology of the Park & Colin Baker on Geology of Little Matlock Gorge
11.00	Village Hall opens for attendees	Free on-road parking for the Village Hall is on either Main Street or Grey Crescent
13.00 to 13.45	Lunch: bring your own or visit the pub next door or Bradgate Coffee Co.	Tea & Coffee provided in the Hall
13.45	Introduction to Daryl's work and the Late Upper Palaeolithic	Nick Barton, Emeritus Professor of Palaeolithic Archaeology at Oxford University
14.00	Community archaeology with Daryl at Farndon Fields & Belton Park	Ian Ross, Chair of Ice Age Insights (IAI)
14.20	Bradgate Park Flint Finds	Lynden Cooper, Lithics Specialist at Pre-Construct Archaeology
14.40	Non-flint artefacts at Farndon & Bradgate Park	David Budge, Post-Roman Ceramics Specialist Archaeologist at Mercian Archaeological Services CIC
15.00	Refreshments	Provided in Village Hall
15.30	Resistivity at Bradgate	Ian Ross on behalf of Michael Miller of Leicestershire Fieldworkers
15.50	Flint Geochemistry	Simon Chenery, Senior Analytical Geochemist at British Geological Survey
16.10	Daryl Garton's Inspiration	Sue Cotton, Treasurer of IAI
16.20	Round-up	Nick Barton & Ian Ross
17.00	Village Hall Closes	