



**SEDFORD HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
PROJECT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10.00 A.M. SATURDAY, 19TH JULY, 2008.
THE MARQUEE, BONEYARD FIELD, SEDGFORD.**

Dear Member,

For the first time in the history of the project there will be an A.G.M. open to all members on 19th July. As many of you will know, what constitutes membership of SHARP was one of the issues on which the interim committee, appointed at the Special General Meeting of 29th March this year, and the previous trustees had a fundamental disagreement.

This arose, in part, due to the vagueness of our constitution document which leaves itself open to misinterpretation. That meeting recognised that a revised constitution was required and a working group was set up to produce a draft constitution for presentation at the A.G.M. Entitlement to membership will be formalised at this meeting.

For the purposes of this notice, a member is any person who has a recent or continuing involvement in the work of the project. This includes volunteers working in any capacity, be it excavation, post-excavation or in an administrative role, and recent course attendees. I have your name as such a person which gives you the right to vote on the issues raised at the A.G.M.

I would ask you to please forward this notice to any other person you feel has a legitimate claim to membership and ask them to contact me at thesecretary@sharp.org.uk to be added to my provisional membership list. Should you feel that you are unlikely to have any further involvement with the project, please contact me and I will remove your details.

In addition to discussions and decisions on the constitution the meeting will be appointing the management committee to take SHARP forward in the coming year. If you are willing to stand on the committee please contact me. The continuation of SHARP as a democratic entity is dependant on the willingness of members to step forward and ensure that it remains so, so please give serious consideration to standing. I would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone willing to take on the role of Chairperson or Treasurer.

The usual procedure for appointment to a management committee is to be proposed and seconded but, if you are willing to stand, members of the interim committee can deal with this formality. Please do not propose another member unless you have their permission to do so. The committee usually meets 2 or 3 times a year in Sedgeford. If you require any further information regarding duties and responsibilities please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is my intention to issue the agenda for the A.G.M. by the end of the month, along with the draft constitution document. If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda please let me know.

Regards,

Lynn Jollans, Secretary SHARP.