Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project
John Hensby Bursary Application

The John Hensby Memorial Bursary was established in 2012. John also known as 'Miner John' to many of his friends was a former coal miner from Lancashire. Like many at SHARP he trained up through the BERT course before coming a member of the supervision team. John is warmly remembered for his commitment to education and his wish to make archaeology accessible to everyone, and therefore this Bursary was created to fulfil this aim.

The John Hensby Bursary usually provides one or potentially two full course places annually and is aimed towards people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to excavate for financial reasons. When we have a large number of applicants we may offer more part bursaries. The amount spent relates to the amount of gift aid received for the previous year.

The deadline for applicants is the 15th of March, but if you want to reserve your space please send the application asap. Please send completed form to bookings@SHARP.org.uk. Applicants will be informed of the decision asap afterwards depending on when the committee meets in April, but usually before the end of April. The early bird discount will still apply for any applicants even after this decision is made.

We know that times are tough for everyone as inflation hits the country. SHARP is no exception for us food costs, wages and hire costs for the showers have risen drastically in the last few years since we last put up our prices. So, for the 2027 season we have been forced to raise the price. We do however know that this rise may have made it trickier for those of you who may have just been able to pay last year to be attend this year. We are therefore offering a limited number of bursaries of up to £40 to cover the cost of the price rise.

To help save costs for bursary holders they will be eligible to hire one of our hire tents (while ones are available) during their stay if they are staying onsite and camping with us. This hire provides a tent, camp bed, crockery and a spare blanket, so the only think you need to bring is a sleeping bag.

We may ask for bursary holders to write us a short piece about their experience at SHARP that season for our newsletter.

Just for information payment of anything not covered by the bursary will need to be done via bank transfer or cheque as we don't offer discounted payments via our website.

When filling out the form please let us know a little about yourself (what got you interested in archaeology/history, what interested you about SHARP etc), indicate why you need the financial support from SHARP and also how you think the experience will help you. This information is only seen by the committee while making the decision, with only a summary kept for our records.

Name				
Email address				
Postcode				
Week		**Which Activity (i.e. BERT, volunteering etc)**		
Offsite or Onsite		**Tent Hire**	**Yes/No**	
Would you be able/likely to attend if given a partial bursary?			**Yes/No**	
Would you like to apply for the top-up bursary			**Yes/No**	
Tell us a little about yourself				
Why do you need the financial help from SHARP				
What impact will attending have on you				