# Land to the south of Southwick Road

# Who am I and what am I doing?

Cotswold Archaeology

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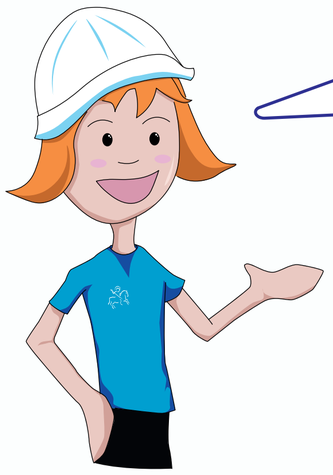


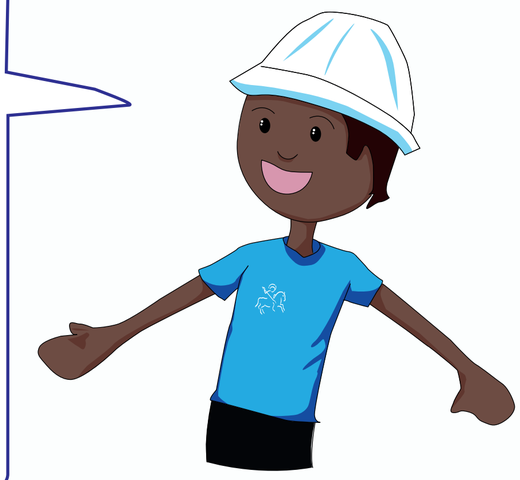
Archaeology is the story of the past and archaeologists are the people that study it.

We are like detectives, finding clues to learn how people lived and what their lives were like.

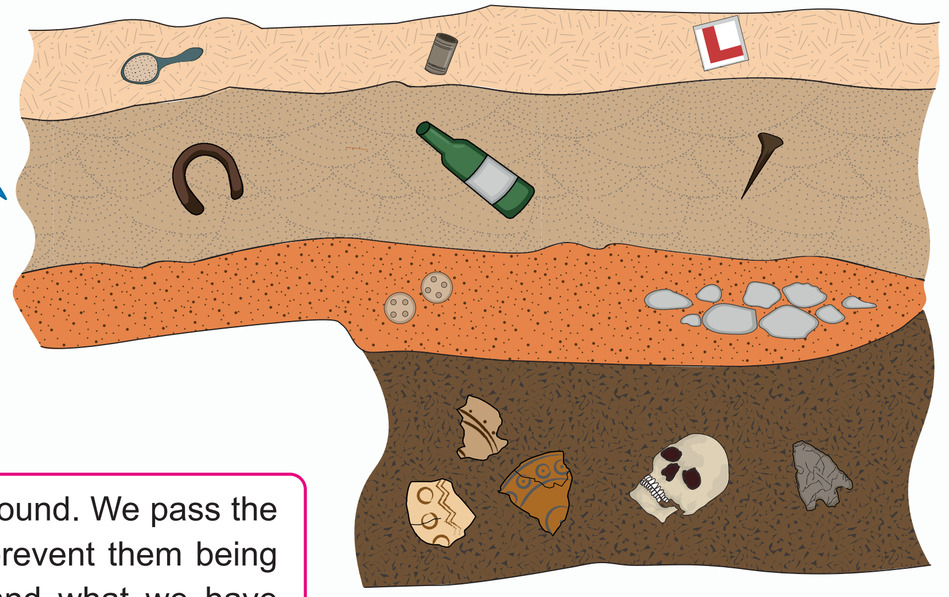
The people you can see on site are archaeologists.

We are digging through the layers of soil to record any changes in the ground.

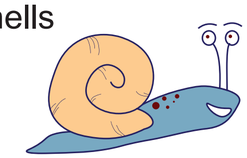
We are trained to know the difference between natural changes and those made by humans.

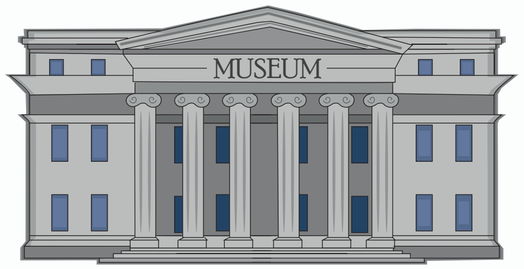


Often the artefacts we find survive in poor condition, as fragments of the original item. That is why we are careful when digging on site and we take notes, photographs and we make drawings to record everything.



Some of the artefacts we discover can be very small, and are often found when the soil is sieved through a fine mesh. This material, such as pollen grains, snail shells and small burnt bones, can tell us about what people ate and the world they lived in.






When we finish on site, we clean and record the artefacts we found. We pass the artefacts to our specialists, who study and care for them to prevent them being damaged. We also write up a report of our investigations and what we have discovered. Once our work is complete, the artefacts go to a local museum where you might see them on display next time you visit.

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