



Canterbury Archaeological Trust

Brooches In Britannia

When are the sessions on this topic?

There are sessions on:

- Saturday 4th January 10am-12pm
- Saturday 4th January 1-3pm
- Saturday 1st February 10am-12pm
- Saturday 1st February 1pm-3pm

Where are the sessions held?

All sessions are to be held in the Community Studio at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. The address is Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury Cathedral, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2EH, United Kingdom. The studio is the room directly off the end of the Cathedral gift shop.

There is no parking available at the cathedral but there is plenty of public parking nearby. Please contact us if you have a blue badge parking permit.

The Community Studio is a fully accessible space. Please let us know if you have specific access needs that we may need to be aware of.

Who is the session for?

The workshop is aimed at a non-specialist audience, i.e., anyone who has an interest in learning about archaeological finds but who has little or no prior experience of working with them. We welcome anyone who would like to learn about Roman period brooches: how to handle them, how to identify them, and how to use them to explore the Roman world.

The workshops are not suitable for children, and we ask that participants are aged 16 or over. We may consider older children if they have a genuine interest in the topic being presented and are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

What will you learn?

We will start with a talk and presentation on Roman period brooches, what they were used for and why they are important. Following this, we will introduce you to the terminology that is used to describe a brooch and each of its parts. You will be asked to select and examine a genuine Roman period brooch and to describe it using the terminology.

We will then explore the different types of brooches that existed during the Roman era, and you will find out how to identify the type of brooch that you have chosen, how to date it, and how to find out more about the people who may have worn it.

By the end of the session, you will have a good understanding of the methods that archaeologists use to research Roman period brooches.

Do I need to know anything before I come to the session, and do I need to bring anything with me?

No previous experience is required, though it would be useful to have a general understanding of Roman Britain and an enthusiasm for archaeology or history. You do not need to bring anything with you as we will provide all equipment.

How much do the workshops cost?

There is no cost for the workshops, and they are completely free of charge. Please only book if you know that you plan to attend as there are limited spaces available.

How do I book a space?

Email us at get_involved@canterburytrust.ac.uk to book a place. We will need to know your name, confirmation that you are 16 or older, and the date and time of the session that you would like to attend. We will confirm your booking by email and request any further information if needed.