

Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: Henry Chapman & Ben Gearey (part 1)

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Background

Henry Chapman is an archaeologist specialising in the computer modelling of prehistoric landscapes. He worked with the Humber Wetlands Project at Hull University and was the site manager on the excavation of the Neolithic trackway on Hatfield Moor in 2004. He currently works within the Hewlett Packard Visualisation & Special Technology Centre in the Archaeology Department at Birmingham University.

Ben Gearey is an environmental archaeologist who specialises in analysing pollen remains in order to investigate prehistoric landscapes, their changes over time and the role of humans within those landscapes. He works at Birmingham University and was part of the team (which also includes Nicky Whitehouse) excavating and interpreting the Neolithic trackway on Hatfield Moor.

Summary

Henry Chapman

Background in prehistory & landscape archaeology. Expertise in computer modelling.

Current work at Birmingham University

Previous work with Humber Wetlands Project at Hull University

Ben Gearey

Background & expertise as Environmental Archaeologist particularly working on pollen remains

How information is obtained from pollen remains

Details of Humber Wetlands Project

Thorne & Hatfield Moors' place within Humber Wetlands

Description of the pre-peat landscape through time. Development of forest

Arrival of humans circ 10,000 BC. (Mesolithic period)

Evidence of human activity in Humberhead Levels