

# MODEL CITIZAN: ARCHAEOLOGY OUTREACH IN MINIATURE

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Lara Band, CITiZAN Archaeologist for Training, takes a quick break from model building, while the MDF sealant dries and taking this opportunity to write a little bit about what she's been up to on this Day of Archaeology....

I'm an archaeologist for [CITiZAN](#), the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network, one of the two archaeologists for the South East region which stretches from King's Lynn to Pagham Harbour. CITiZAN is an Heritage Lottery Funded community archaeology project with the remit to record and monitor at risk archaeology along England's coastline and estuaries. We run training days for people to develop recording and monitoring skills and encourage people to add to and update our interactive map of coastal and intertidal archaeology via our website and app.

So what's the model for? Well, as well our site based training days we can be found at various events around the region, talking to people and encouraging them to join us. We have a dig box and a planning frame for people to try and this model is to add a bit more hands on fun: if we can't take people to the foreshore then we'll bring the foreshore to the people. In miniature.



*The base of the CITiZAN archaeological model with the sealant drying in the sun.*

The model is going to be a 6' long rendition of a somewhat idealised section of coastline and estuary; people will be able to make their own archaeological feature in plasticine then record it with our app. So far today I've built the base, the frame and, at least in part, the banks behind the foreshore. I love small versions of big things as well as any chance to be creative, and I hope it'll be a good way of introducing people to our app, and the types of archaeology they might find in the intertidal zone.



*Lara starts to build up the landscape of her coastal archaeology model for CITiZAN.*

We're trialing it at Broadstairs Folk Week on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August where thanks to [Thanet District Council's Coastal Communities Fund](#) we'll be sharing a space with the [Trust for Thanet Archaeology](#) and the [Isle of Thanet Archaeological Society](#). We'll be in Balmoral Garden all day both days so come and say hello. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September we'll be taking it to the National Maritime Museum for our part in [their late night event Treasures of the Thames](#). I'm really excited about that!

Well, the sealant will be dry, so it's time to start putting the landscape in the frame, to think about paints and finishes and to carry on wondering whether bits of the slightly manky looking sheepskin coat that's been flytipped at the end of my road might make good saltmarsh, if painted green. Onwards!