

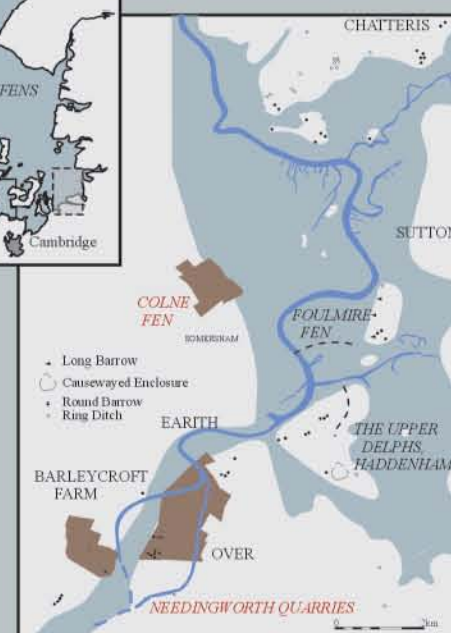
UNEARTHING THE PAST

BRINGING THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Quarries have effectively been Laboratories of Time, where the great antiquity of the planet and humanity were first established. It is appropriate therefore that Hanson Aggregates has launched a programme designed to make the results of recent archaeological fieldwork in their many quarries more widely available both to the general public and schools (funded by DEFRA's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund Grant Scheme).

Beginning with their fenland quarries in Cambridgeshire, this involves a number of different initiatives. Foremost amongst these is a Web-site (www.unearthingthepast.net/) concerned with such themes as later prehistoric environmental change, settlement structures, ritual, and Roman trade and communication networks.

There is also the Over Monument Group at Hanson's Needingworth Quarry at which visitors are welcome. In addition to the restoration of the largest man-made wetland bird reserve in Europe, a 'monument park' has been established in order to ensure the preservation of an important group of upstanding Bronze Age barrow mounds. The circle of a great settlement enclosure of the period has also been restored. Together, these form one of the most impressive prehistoric monument settings in Southeast England.



SCHOOLS BOXES

Designed to support Curriculum Key Stage 2, the schools boxes focus on the Roman period but also offer opportunities relating to other areas of study, including Maths, Science and Technology, Literacy, Citizenship, English and Geography. Each includes over 100 Roman potsherds and replicas of the period. A full set of Teacher's Notes with suggested activities will also be supplied. The schools boxes can be applied for by contacting arch-cau-past@lists.cam.ac.uk or by telephoning 01223-327802.

