

## **Change in Guardianship at Cholesbury Camp**

Cholesbury Camp is one of the best-preserved Iron Age hillforts in the Chilterns. Part of it is in private hands and part is owned by Bucks County Council (BCC). In their work to reduce costs BCC decided to ask the Chiltern Society (CS) to take a lease on their section of the hillfort, knowing that the CS has a good track record of sensitive maintenance of historically important sites in the county.

The CS signed a 99 year lease on their section of Cholesbury Camp in December 2014. The section of the hillfort owned by BCC is only 0.4 hectares, but contains many of the sites where Day Kimball carried out excavations in 1932; it leads northwards from the church drive in a clockwise direction.

The priority for the CS is to write a management plan for the site and agree it with English Heritage. Once that has been agreed, the CS will work with neighbours and other interested parties to ensure that the site is managed for the benefit of all and that none of its archaeological legacy is damaged. All the work the CS carries out at Cholesbury Camp will be done by volunteers, building on their successful experience of working with the Forestry Commission on the hillfort at Boddington Camp in Wendover Woods.

For my sins I have volunteered to be the CS's Site Coordinator for Cholesbury Camp, which means that I become the single point of contact for anyone with questions or suggestions. If you have any interest in volunteering to help maintain this important site or have any questions or comments on it, please contact me in the first instance, preferably by e-mail. I am a member of both the CS and BAS. My contact details are given below.

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