

Bartlow Hills – 2007 excavation season

In September 2007 we followed up on the results of the 2006 geophysical survey and excavated for 3 weeks within Bartlow Park.

The excavation focused on the linear earthwork thought to enclose the mounds, and on possible settlement evidence in this area.

Initial results suggest that the earthwork is Roman in date, and that the bank was originally much higher than it now appears. We had less success in locating a villa partially excavated in the 19th century by Richard Neville; our excavation has revealed evidence for large-scale landscaping in this area of Bartlow Park, explaining why it was difficult to locate the villa in the geophysical survey. A full interim report on the results of the excavation will be published in early 2008.

