

# THE PREHISTORY WORKSHOP VISIT

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2024 - 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
WHETSTONE PASTURES FARM. LE8 6NB

**Present:** Neil Bevan (Experimental Archaeologist), Stephanie Horak (Experimental Archaeologist), Catherine Pincott-Allen, Richard Pincott and Steve Wells

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To explore the possibility for future collaboration and joint working



Today proved to be one of those most amazing experiences. We met two wonderful people who share a passion, enthusiasm and a relentless energy to learn everything they can about our pre historic past. What makes Steph and Neil so special is that they want to share their learning with as many people as possible, and today, we were introduced to their absolutely incredible, 'learning vehicle'.

<https://theprehistoricworkshop.co.uk> - [The Prehistoric Workshop - The home of ancient crafts in Leicestershire](#)

Welcome to the website of The Prehistoric Workshop. We are a Community Interest Company (CIC) founded in 2020 and our mission is to promote prehistoric archaeology, a

greater understanding of our local history, access to nature and traditional crafts. We experiment with prehistoric methods of building, farming, and crafting, informed by the archaeological evidence found within the East Midlands. We use a combination of experimental archaeology, real agriculture, field-walking and test-pit digs to shine a light on Leicestershire's prehistoric past. As of October 2023, The Prehistoric Workshop has been based on a dedicated 2.5 acre site at Whetstone Pastures Farm where we are creating Whetstone Ancient Farm. For more information and to get involved, please email: [theprehistoricworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:theprehistoricworkshop@gmail.com)

Neil has very kindly offered to try some experimental archaeology on our two stone age axes, and Steph is going to experiment with our Owthorpe Stone Spindle Whorl. We are looking forward to seeing what they learn.

We are honoured and indeed, privileged to be working alongside two phenomenally talented people with an Ancient Farm Experimental Archaeology Centre vision that only requires a landowner to adopt and support it.

The current lease here at Whetstone Pastures Farm is due to expire later in the year.

Steph and Neil have learned so much about the viability, development and sustainability of an Ancient Farm learning vehicle, over these last six months, that they are now in a position to present their project plan to a prospective new landowner who is prepared to get excited about the possibilities an amazing centre like this can achieve.

We are excited about those possibilities, and after today, The Field Detectives will be working with Steph and Neil for a very long time - What a **FABULOUS** day!

