



Health & Safety Policy

Appendix 6: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

7 February 2022 revision replacing that of 3 March 2021

This revised appendix to the Health & Safety Policy of Ingleborough Archaeology Group (IAG) outlines the additional health and safety arrangements for the transition period between 27 January 2022 and any revised arrangements which may be introduced following a further review of IAG working arrangements which will take place before 31 March 2022.

The health, safety, and welfare of IAG Members continues to be of paramount importance, especially given the age demographic of the Group. IAG will continue to act with caution until the pandemic is over.

Meetings. The February and March 2022 meetings will be 'hybrid' meetings which members can either attend in person or by video conference using 'ZOOM'.

All 'in-person' meetings of IAG members and those of the IAG Committee will be held in venues that are both well-ventilated and are large enough to allow seats to be spaced well apart. Hand sanitiser will be available on entry to the meeting room.

At the February and March meetings, refreshments will not be provided, nor will a raffle be held. Members paying subscriptions by cash will be asked to place the correct amount of money in a sealed envelope with their name and the amount of money enclosed written on the outside and hand it to the Treasurer or other member of the Committee.

A register will be maintained of those present at meetings.

Members should not attend any meeting or activity if they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in recent contact with someone who they know has tested positive. Members should not attend any meeting or activity if they are feeling unwell, or if they have a high temperature, cough, cold, sore throat or if they have any other symptoms that might indicate they have COVID-19. They should stay away until they are feeling well and have had two clear tests taken on successive days.

Face covering at meetings. Since 27 January 2022, the legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies in England. However, the government suggests that "You continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come in to contact with people you do not normally meet".

Although IAG meetings will never be crowded, members respectfully are requested to wear a face covering (unless they are unable to) out of consideration for, and to protect, other members. A face covering will be available at IAG meetings to those who have forgotten to bring one with them.

Fieldwork and Excavation. A further revision to this appendix will be in place before excavation activities commence in April 2022 and will contain specific advice - for instance on the use of shared equipment and close-proximity working.

During late February and throughout March, some fieldwork surveying will take place. This work will be in the open air where distancing can be maintained in most circumstances. However, participating members should carry, and be prepared to use, a face covering should close-proximity working be unavoidable. Gloves should be worn when equipment, for instance a surveyor's tape, is being used by two people.