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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MSRG AGM 2023 and Events

The Winter Seminar and AGM will take place on 9 December 2023. This year's theme will be 'Settlement at the Margins: Living on the Edge', for which we will return to the University of Leicester. The latest information regarding the Winter Seminar, including details of how to register, will be found on our website: <https://medieval-settlement.com/events>. Additional information will also be issued with the journal, so please do read all of the additional paperwork carefully.

Research Grants

The MSRG can make grants for the support of research by members of the Group within its field of interest. A maximum of £5,000 is available annually until 2026, and applications for sums *up to* this amount or smaller requests are invited. Grants can cover fieldwork and associated analysis, documentary research, and other appropriate forms of assistance towards eventual publication. A summary report will be required upon completion of the work and, subject to editorial consideration, may be published in *Medieval Settlement Research*. The deadline for applications each year is 31 January. Prospective applicants can find more information and download an application form from <https://medieval-settlement.com/grants-awards/research-grants>.

MEMORIAL PRIZES AND BURSARIES

John Hurst Memorial Prize

The Medieval Settlement Research Group is dedicated to enhancing our understanding of the rural landscape and its settlement in the period *c.* AD 400–1600. The late John Hurst was a major figure in the development of the Group and in his honour, and to encourage new and young scholars, an annual prize of £200 is offered for the best student paper concerning medieval rural settlement and landscape exploitation in Britain and Ireland. The winning applicant may also be invited to submit their paper for publication in *Medieval Settlement Research*. Full details, including an application form, can be found at <https://medieval-settlement.com/grants-awards/dissertation-award>.

Maurice Beresford Memorial Bursaries

In accordance with its aims and in memory of Maurice Beresford, pioneer in medieval settlement studies and a founder member, the Group awards as many as four student bursaries annually up to the value of £100 to help to defray the expenses of attending a conference within the Group's field of interests. Applicants must be registered as full-time or part-time students. Applications, including full details of the venue, topic and costs of the conference and its relevance to the applicant's interests, together with the name of a referee, should be submitted in writing to the MSRG Secretary. There is no deadline for accessing this fund. A panel appointed by the Committee of the Group will decide on the awards. Successful applicants should note that cheques will be sent only after attendance at the conference and after verification of the costs involved.

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Next year's journal will once again include refereed research articles and reports on fieldwork, excavation and other recent work. Submissions should be focused on topics relevant to the core interests of the MSRG, which are primarily medieval rural settlement and landscape in Britain and Ireland from the fifth to sixteenth centuries AD. Articles and reports focusing on landscapes and settlements from other parts of Europe are also welcomed, especially where they can be demonstrated to be of relevance to British and Irish research in terms of methodology and/or subject matter.

Please submit all copy to the Editor by **1 April 2024**. Please note:

- **Research Articles** should be 4,000–10,000 words in length, with as many illustrations as are deemed necessary to support the argument. As the journal is printed in full colour, there is no limit on the amount of colour illustrations. All submissions to this section are fully peer-reviewed by *at least* two reviewers.
- Short **Reports** summarising fieldwork or projects should be kept concise, in the range of 1,500–4,000 words plus one or two illustrations (unless the work is of a scale that necessitates a longer article – for example, reports on major projects). Shorter items, such as project announcements or reports under 1,500 words, can be included in the MSRG digital newsletter.
- Submissions should adhere to the **journal's guidelines**, which can be downloaded from <https://medieval-settlement.com/publications/journal/>.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the Editor at an early stage for advice on your potential submission: medieval.settlement.research@gmail.com