

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OFFA'S DYKE IN THE TIDENHAM & CHEPSTOW AREA?  
TAKE PART IN A TIDENHAM HISTORICAL GROUP INITIATIVE TO RESEARCH, EXPLORE, CONSERVE AND  
ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN THIS INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT MONUMENT



### PROGRAMME

**09.30 Doors open.** Coffee/tea.

**10.00 Welcome and introductions**

**10.05 Offa's Dyke: A forgotten gem in Tidenham** by Dr Keith Ray, co-author of "Offa's Dyke: Landscape & Hegemony in Eighth-Century Britain". The Offa's Dyke Collaborative and initiatives in other locations along the Dyke; the placing of the Dyke along the Mercian/British frontier, and in particular at Tidenham, facing the early Chepstow township, and at Sedbury facing Wessex; the significance of the Dyke's intersection with the Roman road leading to Striguil Bridge at Tutshill.

**10.45 The Dyke in Gloucestershire** by Jon Hoyle, Senior Archaeological Project Officer for Gloucestershire. Focusing on recent exploration of the Dyke elsewhere in the county, and discussing the findings of the LiDAR Survey.

11.15 Break

**11.30 Guardianship and Conservation issues** by Mel Barge, England Heritage.

**11.45 How the AONB can support the project** by Andrew Blake, Wye Valley AONB Manager.

**12.00 Open Session (bring a packed lunch, drinks provided)** Discussion on the formation of a steering group to lead the initiative to explore, research, conserve and engage the community in Offa's Dyke in the Tidenham area. Practical issues such as funding. Plans for Field Walks at nearby significant sections of the Dyke are in hand (Devil's Pulpit in late Autumn: Tutshill in early Spring).

**1.00 Optional short guided walk to explore the Sedbury/Buttington Tump parts of the Dyke**

**Admission £5 on the door to include tea/coffee and biscuits**

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