

ANNUAL REPORT Year ending 30th April 2017

West Lothian Archaeological Trust

www.WLATrust.org.uk/

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Financial Report

West Lothian Archaeological Trust Scottish Charity SC043118

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT: 30 April 2016 to 30 April 2017

Approved by the West Lothian Archaeological Trustees on 5th January 2018.

Opening balance £306

Total receipts	£0 (interest less than £1)
Total payments	£0
Balance carried forward	£306

Objectives and Membership

1. The registered name of the charity is West Lothian Archaeological Trust, also known as WLAT.
 2. The registered number of the charity is SC043118.
 3. The name and address of the charity Trustee who is the principal OSCR contact is Dr John Wells, 22 Mallace Avenue, Armadale, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 2QE.
 4. The names of the charity Trustees at the date hereof are Dr John Wells, Mr James Knowles and Dr Cade Wells. These Trustees served throughout the financial year 2016/17.
 5. The West Lothian Archaeological Trust was formed on the 19th April 2012 and registered as Scottish Charity No. SC043118 on the 26th April 2012. The Trust was established to support the activities of the West Lothian Archaeology Group which was formed in 2010, having been known since 2007 as West Lothian Aerial Archaeology, which in turn was closely associated with the History of Armadale Association.
 6. The object of the Trust is to advance heritage and science by:
 - (a) Investigating (with emphasis on non-invasive techniques), recording and publicising (by publication and presentation) the archaeological/heritage sites of West Lothian, and elsewhere.
 - (b) Promoting the use of kite aerial photography as a low-cost, inclusive, environmentally friendly technique for archaeological/heritage photography and promoting the use of any other techniques which may be deemed appropriate by the Trustees.
 - (c) Running and maintaining an archaeological website (www.westlothianarchaeology.org.uk/) as part of an associated community and heritage website (www.Armadale.org.uk).
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During the year, all activities of the Trust were funded personally by the Trustees excluding Jim Knowles' trip to Germany.

There is no deficit.

No services or equipment were donated to the Trust during the year.

Main Activities

Conference

In 2017, Trustees presented talks at the Rathcroghan Conference, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon in Ireland 'Archaeology Above and Below':

Archaeological Kite Aerial Thermography

John Wells

West Lothian Archaeology, Above and Below, A Different Perspective

Jim Knowles

Facebook

Facebook pages continued to be managed by John Wells:

Kite Aerial Remote Sensing

West Lothian Aerial Archaeology

Stroud Aerial Archaeology

Glauberg

'A [Celtic oppidum](#) in [Hesse, Germany](#) consisting of a fortified settlement and several burial mounds, "a princely seat^[1] of the late [Hallstatt](#) and early [La Tène](#) periods." [Archaeological](#) discoveries in the 1990s place the site among the most important early Celtic centres in [Europe](#). It provides unprecedented evidence on Celtic burial, sculpture and monumental architecture.' - Wikipedia

The Trust was invited to send a representative to take aerial photographs at the 'World of the Celts' in Glauberg. Twenty years earlier, Jim had been involved with the excavation of the site, so he was the appropriate candidate:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/47204338@N03/30097091936/>



Glauberg: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glauberg> photo by Jim Knowles

Wikipedia

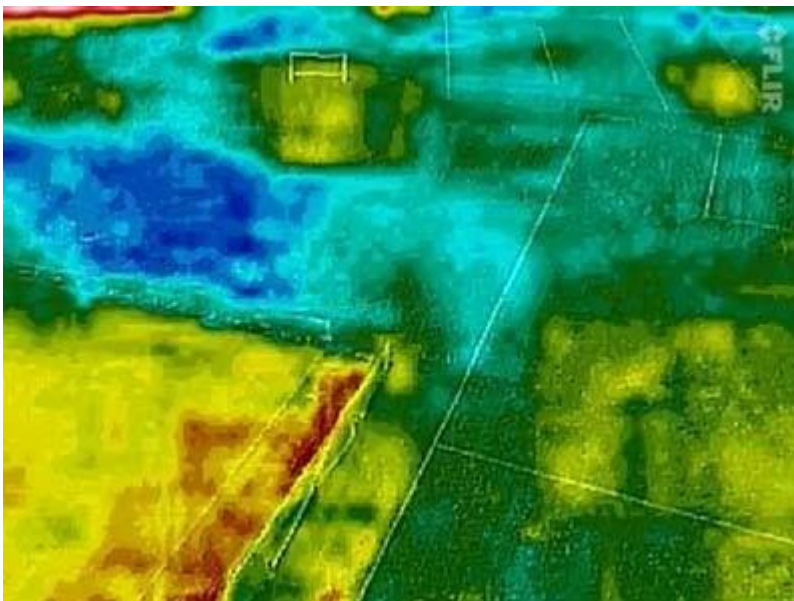
We were informed by Wikimedia UK that, in August alone, our photos had been viewed 169,000 times and used to illustrate Wikipedia articles in 17 different languages.

Research

Research efforts concentrated on the use of aerial thermal imaging using new, low-cost, Flir One imagers which are used in conjunction with a mobile phone. During this year, it became apparent that the best aerial thermograms, on our sites of interest, were produced at night, after partial drying, following a shower of rain.

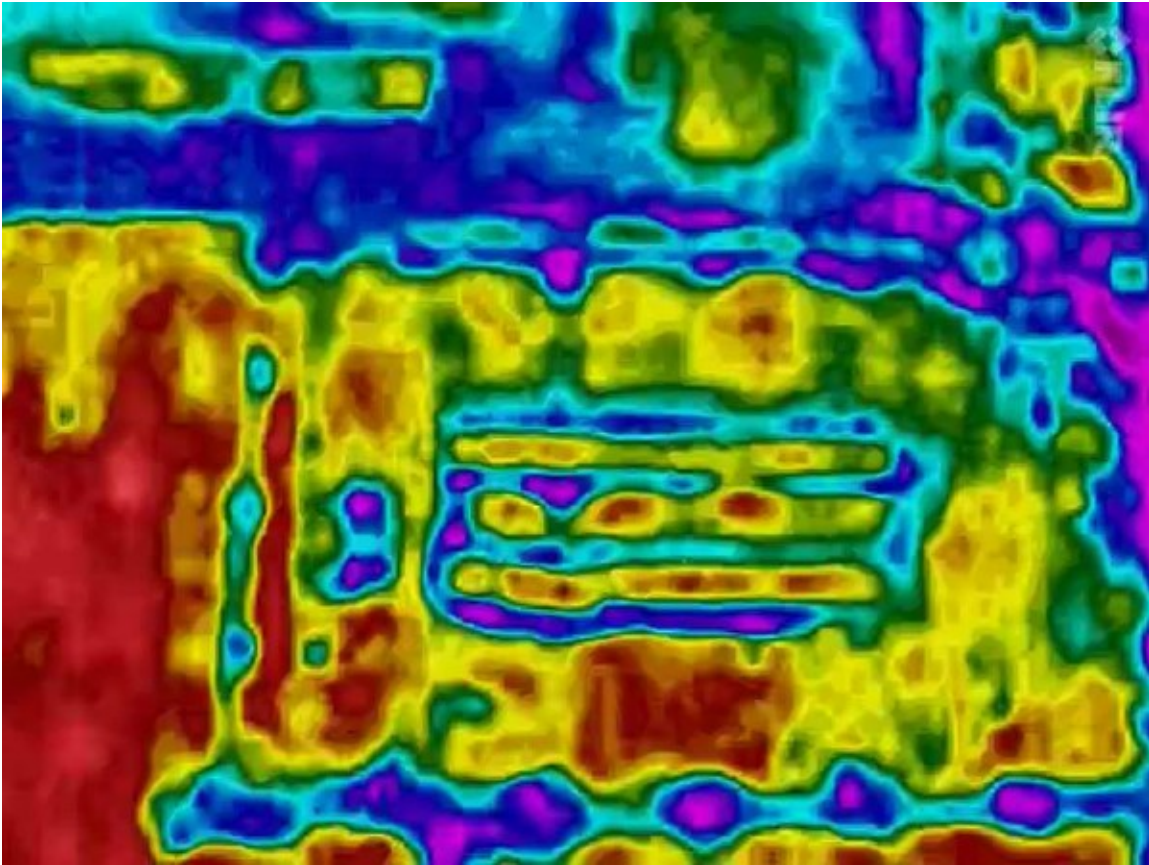


Flir One thermal imager attached to a mobile phone



Kite aerial thermogram by John Wells, showing archaeological and other residues in a playing field in Stroud, Gloucestershire, following an earlier light shower of rain.

<http://armadale.org.uk/stratford.htm>



Thermogram by John and Cade Wells

Part of the demolished Armadale brickworks site, thermally imaged from above at night, following a shower of rain earlier in the day.

<http://www.armadale.org.uk/brickworks.htm>

Signed by Dr John Wells, Chairman:

and Mr James Knowles, Secretary:

as an accurate account of the Trust's activities.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th April 2017

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The accounts provide a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the charity.

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January 2018

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