



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **Discover Roman Sandy**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 AOC Archaeology will be holding an open day at the excavation on the site of Sandy Town Council's cemetery extension in Sandy. Members of the public are invited to drop in to the archaeological site between 10:30am and 3:30pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> to speak with archaeologists and find out more about recent Roman discoveries. The open day will provide interested members of the public with the opportunity to meet with archaeologists, tour the second phase of the site and handle some recent finds. The site can be accessed from Stratford Road, Sandy and members of the public should note that there is no onsite parking available. The town's free town centre car park is within walking distance of the site.

For more information please contact Sandy Town Council at [admin@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk).

The archaeological excavation is a planning condition linked to the Town Council's cemetery extension and depot build. Due to previous important archaeological finds in the area and the future use of this site for burial, the Local Planning Authority made the completion of an excavation a condition of Planning Permission. Development of the site without the required excavation would be a breach of planning regulations.

Finds from previous excavations carried out in the town's cemetery between 1988 and 1991 can be seen in the Roman Sandy exhibit located at the Town Council offices and in Bedford Museum, finds from the 19th century are on display in the archaeological gallery. Members of the public are welcome to visit the Roman Sandy exhibition during Town Council opening hours.

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