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Chester Archaeological Society

Dr Wendy Whitby

Chester Archaeological Society members will be saddened to hear of the recent and unexpected death of Dr Wendy Whitby. Wendy had belonged to the Society for a number of years, recently becoming a Council members.

After twenty years working at Unilever Research, Wendy read Archaeology as a mature student at Liverpool University where she also obtained an MSc, her dissertation subject being lead poisoning in Romano-Britain. In 2012 she gained a PhD from the University of Central Lancashire. Her research area was the Chumash cache caves in the hinterland of Santa Barbara, this leading to the publication of a book chapter and various conference papers and articles.

In addition to her research, Wendy had also worked as a technician at Liverpool University and more recently, in semi-retirement, as a temporary lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire. She participated in a number of local excavations, and from 2017 was closely involved in the Clwydian Range Archaeology Group's investigations at Moel Arthur.

Those who worked with Wendy will have a keen appreciation of her competence, and professionalism: however, everyone who knew her also valued her for her personal qualities. She will be remembered by many with deep affection and the highest regard.