

# 2022

WATERLOO  
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## IMPACT REPORT



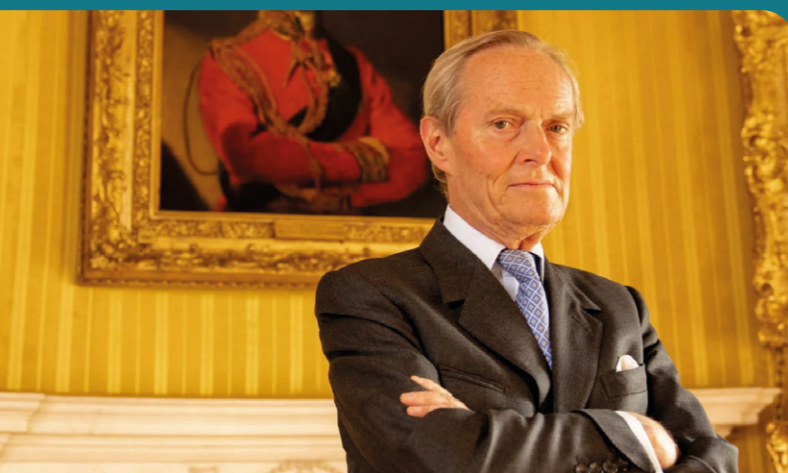
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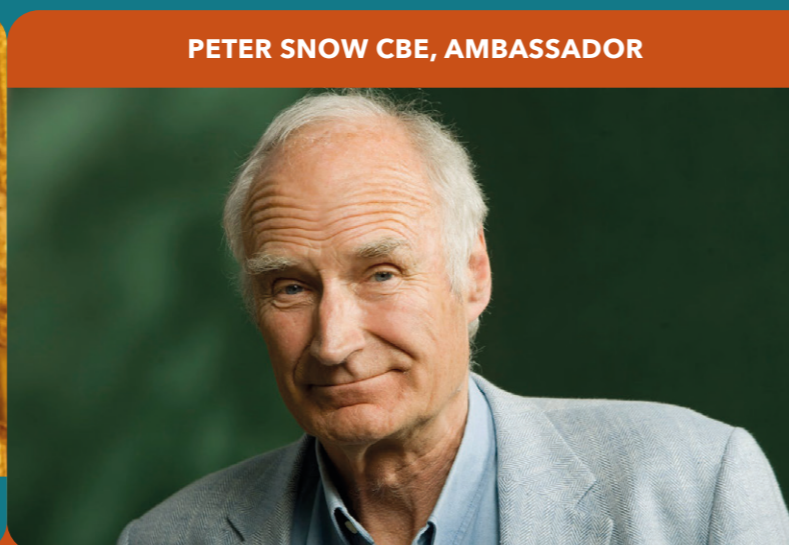
“ I am very proud to be patron of Waterloo Uncovered, and I have seen the Charity’s annual excavation of the Battlefield change the lives of modern-day veterans and service people, year after year, since 2015.

The continuing generosity of their supporters has allowed the Charity to help hundreds of veterans achieve recovery through discovery, and I hope that their work will continue for many years to come.

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DUKE OF WELLINGTON GE, OBE, DL, PATRON



PETER SNOW CBE, AMBASSADOR

“ I can think of no better use of Battlefield archaeology and military history than sharing them with those who have suffered physical and mental injuries in the service of their country.

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# FOREWORD

Waterloo Uncovered has been supporting Veterans and Serving Military Personnel (VSMP) since 2015. Each year we continue to grow and expand our scope of work, all the while using archaeology as our primary tool to improve the wellbeing, education and recovery of our beneficiaries, many of whom have experienced mental or physical impacts from their service.

After the success of our 2019 excavation, which saw the Charity take our biggest team yet to Belgium and make headlines across the world with the discovery of amputated human limbs at the Mont-Saint-Jean field hospital, we were unfortunately forced to take an almost three year break from excavating the Battlefield due to the Covid pandemic.

In 2022, we were finally able to return to the Battlefield with a new group of international veterans and serving military personnel, where we made some of our most exciting and poignant discoveries to

date. In addition to our annual excavation, we ran six online support programmes, including our first supporting military spouses, hosted an incredible evening at the National Gallery, made international news, and much, much more!

In this report, you will get an idea of what our small team has managed to achieve this year, achievements that I am incredibly proud of. I am also keenly aware that we would not have been able to continue our work at all throughout Covid and beyond without our dedicated and generous network of volunteers, partners, archaeologists, supporters and donors.

Plans for the next five years of Waterloo Uncovered's work are coming together, and I look forward to seeing what the future has in store for us and the veterans we support - I hope you will stick with us for the journey.



MARK EVANS, CEO

Mark is one of the co-founders of the Charity, and serves as our CEO. After studying a BA in Archaeology and an MA in Museum Studies at UCL, he joined the Army, serving for six years in the Coldstream Guards. Upon leaving the Army, Mark was diagnosed with PTSD, and was inspired to create Waterloo Uncovered to support other veterans as they recovered from the traumas of war.

# 2022: OVERVIEW

108

BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED

7

PROGRAMMES RUN

73

UK VETERANS SUPPORTED

8

UK SERVING PERSONNEL SUPPORTED

8

MILITARY SPOUSES SUPPORTED

19

INTERNATIONAL VSMP SUPPORTED

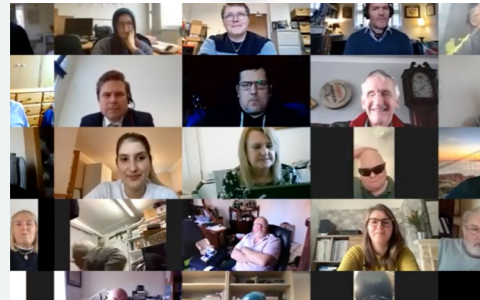
6,300+

FINDS EXCAVATED TO DATE

100+

HECTARES OF THE WATERLOO BATTLEFIELD SURVEYED

# 2022: HIGHLIGHTS



## PROGRAMMES REUNION

The veteran participants of all our 2021 programmes came together for a virtual reunion and showcase of the artwork and finds collections they produced last year!



## FALKLANDS WAR MAPPING PROJECT

Archaeologists, wellbeing professionals and Falklands War veterans travelled to the Falklands to explore the archaeology of the Battlefield 40 years on.



## LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE

In July, 25 cyclists led by the TAM Asset Management team travelled from London to Paris, raising nearly £40,000 for our work.



## INVICTUS GAMES

We were proud to have a stand at the Invictus Games in The Hague, where we met some amazing athletes and the wider military community!



## WATERLOO SKELETON DISCOVERED

We made the incredibly rare discovery of an intact skeleton at Mont-Saint-Jean farm - only the second discovered by archaeologists on the Battlefield!



## HIDDEN HISTORIES PROGRAMME

We launched the pilot of our new Heritage Lottery Funded programme, Hidden Histories: Women of Waterloo, which supports military spouses.



## GIBRALTAR ROCK RELAY RUN

A team of veterans, serving personnel and civilians took on a 12-hour relay run of the Rock of Gibraltar to raise nearly £5,000 for our programmes!



## AN EVENING AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Our annual fundraiser, hosted by Gyles Brandreth and Peter Snow at the National Gallery, raised an incredible £60,000 for veterans and serving personnel.





# PROGRAMMES

In 2022, Waterloo Uncovered ran the largest number of programmes in the Charity's history, supporting over 100 veterans, serving personnel, and for the first time, military spouses.

The programmes delivered this year - consisting of Creative Arts, Finds, Battlefields Uncovered, Virtual, Excavation, Follow On, and the brand-new Hidden Histories: Women of Waterloo Programme - have given us the pleasure of working with an amazing group of beneficiaries, all of whom have gained something unique from being with us over the past year.

Beneficiaries were supported by our expert Wellbeing and Support Team who helped encourage them along the road to recovery. All those who enrolled with us worked towards their own set of personal goals and had the chance to immerse themselves within an important part of history, with a

like-minded group of people.

It has been truly inspiring to work with such a wonderful group of individuals. New friendships have been made, amazing experiences have been shared and our programmes have had a positive impact on those who took part. Returning to the Waterloo Battlefield with a group of veterans for the first time in three years was a particular high point for all involved, with many veterans walking away visibly changed by the experience and support they received.

We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved in 2022, and are excited to support a new, diverse group of beneficiaries in 2023 as we continue our work in Waterloo and beyond.



**KATIE BUCKLEY, COO**

Katie comes from an archaeology background, and had a varied career in marketing and journalism prior to joining the Charity.

She has worked for Waterloo Uncovered since 2019, and became our Chief Operating Officer at the end of 2021.

# FINDS

The Finds Programme supported a group of UK veterans as they assembled a finds handling collection, based on areas and artefacts they chose to research. The programme's beneficiaries will then have the opportunity to use their collection as an outreach tool to educate other veterans and members of the public.

A combination of virtual and in-person sessions teach core finds handling skills to veterans, whilst bringing them together to increase wellbeing and reduce loneliness.

\*ACROSS PROGRAMME CONTENT DELIVERY



STEVE, ACC & RLC VETERAN

Steve spent 11 years in the Army as a chef. While stationed in Bosnia, Steve dealt with issues that he struggled to cope with, which he can now identify as complex PTSD.

After a difficult period in his life, Steve has come out the other side; learning to ask for help and being open about his mental health in an effort to help others seek help. Taking part in the Finds Programme has further aided his recovery; giving him a new hobby in a challenging year.

# CREATIVE ARTS



The Arts Programme gave beneficiaries an opportunity to re-engage with the military community and to explore the historical context of the Battle of Waterloo through a creative lens.

Each beneficiary has worked on their own piece of creative output, from creating replica clay pipes to a digital fly-through of Hougoumont farm! Veterans have also enjoyed poetry and creative writing. We hope to display a collection of artwork produced by beneficiaries at a reunion in 2023.

George spent 39 years in the Army as an administrator, and loved his time there, serving with the Adjutant General's Corps in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. He left in 2021 as a Major due to ill health.

George lives with cancer and Pulmonary Fibrosis, which limits his ability to attend in-person activities for veterans. The Arts Programme, held entirely online, has provided the perfect solution, as well as a sense of routine.



GEORGE, AGC VETERAN

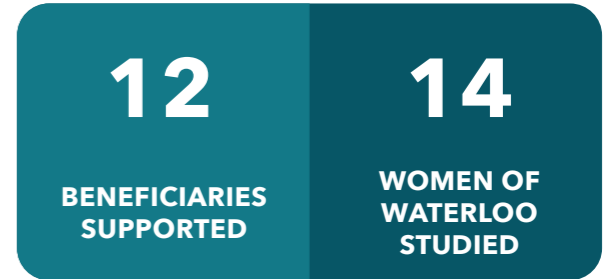




# HIDDEN HISTORIES

Hidden Histories: Women of Waterloo was an innovative virtual heritage and arts programme taught by experts in history, educational wargaming and creative writing. It was the first Waterloo Uncovered online programme for and about military spouses, several of whom were veterans themselves. Extending our work to spouses and partners allowed us to support those who would normally be in a supporting role themselves.

The pilot of this exciting new



programme was funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and explored the untold stories of women during the Battle of Waterloo while supporting the military spouses of today through a series of informative lectures and group discussion sessions.

# FOLLOW ON



The Follow On Programme offers beneficiaries who have participated in any of our programmes the opportunity for continued contact with Waterloo Uncovered through one of our experienced coaches and Wellbeing Support Team.

Once a beneficiary's initial programme has ended, we maintain contact for a further 12 months. By doing this we are able to better monitor beneficiaries' wellbeing, offer information and guidance, and ensure nobody misses out on further opportunities such as museum visits, online lectures or other events.

Participation is entirely optional and usually takes the form of a catch-up telephone call or video call with our dedicated coach at least once per quarter.

# VIRTUAL

Now in its third year, the Virtual Programme has supported those who are harder to reach and naturally more isolated due to its online nature.

Educational content is focussed on the Battle of Waterloo, mindfulness, basic archaeological techniques, and virtual museum trips, and was paired with laid back, social group discussions to help tackle loneliness and increase wellbeing.

\*ACROSS PROGRAMME CONTENT DELIVERY

<b>6</b> VETERANS AND SERVING PERSONNEL SUPPORTED	<b>8.9%</b> AVERAGE INCREASE IN WELLBEING SCORE*
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“ As a person who recently become sight impaired this was a godsend. For me it was about getting my confidence back. After losing my sight, I became isolated - during the course, I made new friends who I keep in touch with. ”



At the age of 17, Chris went to join the Royal Navy but by chance encountered an Army recruiting officer, and signed up within the day. He underwent training at Deepcut Barracks and then joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, qualifying as an Ammunitions Storesman and later working as a Staff Clerk. His final posting was with the Royal Military Police before he was discharged as a Lance Corporal due to ill health in 1995. Chris went on to take part in our Battlefields Uncovered course after participating in our Virtual Programme.

# BATTLEFIELDS

<b>35</b> VETERANS AND SERVING PERSONNEL SUPPORTED	<b>15.6%</b> AVERAGE INCREASE IN WELLBEING SCORE*
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“ The Battlefields course is a great way to learn, connect and open your horizons with a group of amazing people and a team who really seem to care running it. I found that it was a great way to open up and help with my anxiety. ”

Battlefields Uncovered brings together a diverse group of veterans, serving personnel and students from all around the world in an online, academically accredited military history course run in collaboration with Utrecht University.

Beneficiaries who finish the programme gain academic credits, and can continue to the next phase of the course, which features opportunities to volunteer in a heritage institution or write an in-depth essay on a subject of interest.

Lauren began her career in the Royal Navy in 2019, training as a Survival Equipment Technician. She is currently stationed at RNAS Culdrose in Cornwall, and plans to transfer to the Writer Logistician Branch in 2023.

Lauren participated in two programmes in 2022; our Excavation Programme, and our online Battlefields Uncovered course, which allowed her to further her knowledge of military history with a group of like-minded veterans and serving personnel.





# FALKLANDS

2022 saw the first outing of the Falklands War Mapping Project (FWMP); a new, exciting, and challenging venture for Waterloo Uncovered supported by the Veterans' Foundation.

The project took two Scots Guards veterans of the Falklands Conflict who fought in the Battle of Mount Tumbledown, Jim and John, back to the Islands to map the in-situ archaeology of the Battlefield. They were accompanied by a small team of archaeologists who led the non-invasive exploration of the Battlefield's archaeology, and wellbeing experts who were on hand to support Jim and John at all times.

Jim and John's time in the Falklands in 1982 had a profoundly debilitating effect on them. Both received life-changing physical and psychological injuries and now suffer from chronic

PTSD, the lasting legacy of their brief but intense battle. In returning to the scene of their trauma, both expressed a desire to "lay demons to rest" and "resolve unfinished business".

Overall, the project successfully delivered tangible changes in their wellbeing. From being anxious, distracted and closed off at the beginning of the project, they were visibly animated and engaged wholeheartedly with the project and wider team by the time we departed.

The Falklands War Mapping Project team grew to be a close family during the trip, and the strength of this was key to our success. I wish to thank everyone who made this incredible project possible.



**ROD ELDRIDGE, WELLBEING SUPPORT**

Rod served in the Army for 27 years, deploying on eight operational tours including Iraq and Afghanistan.

After retiring from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, Rod became a specialist Wellbeing Officer for Waterloo Uncovered, providing help, support and advice to our veteran beneficiaries.

# EXCAVATION

Like all our programmes, beneficiaries on the Excavation Programme are supported year round, starting with application, interview and selection, and progressing to virtual Google Hangouts and in-person museum trips to meet fellow veterans and the Waterloo Uncovered team. The programme culminates in regular post-excavation Hangouts, a cross-programme reunion and continued access to additional vocational and educational opportunities and wellbeing support. The Excavation Programme centres around two weeks of on-site excavation in Waterloo, Belgium each July, alongside a variety of educational and social extra-curricular activities.

In Belgium, beneficiaries are given unique access to the site of the world's most famous land battle, with

world-class archaeologists on hand to teach the basic skills of excavation. Beneficiaries have the opportunity to develop a variety of transferable and specific archaeological skills including drawing, photography, metal detecting, planning and finds processing. Evidence of their progress is measured throughout the excavation using the nationally recognised BAJR Archaeological Skills Passport.

Beneficiaries are also given the opportunity to have their educational journey officially recognised and receive academic credits through Utrecht University. Several beneficiaries of the programme have gone on to pursue archaeology degrees and careers as a result of their time with Waterloo Uncovered.

Throughout the programme, our expert Wellbeing and Support Team are on hand to provide structured support and encouragement, and measure beneficiaries' progress using goal setting and the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS). Goal setting is based on Waterloo Uncovered's five current Wellbeing Pillars, and allows our veterans and serving military personnel to focus on developing their skills in areas such as education, recovery and transition.

\*ACROSS PROGRAMME CONTENT DELIVERY

20

VETERANS AND SERVING PERSONNEL SUPPORTED

18.2%

AVERAGE INCREASE IN WELLBEING SCORE\*

“ We get history and archaeology, but there's a huge wellbeing and support environment as well. It has boosted my self-confidence. I feel accepted, I don't feel disabled, I feel enabled. ”



Lisa is a GP and veteran whose 11 years of service in the Royal Navy Medical Branch as a Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander included training and deployment in the USA, Hong-Kong and Antarctica. Lisa now resides on Hayling Island and works in Portsmouth as a GP for military patients.

She took part in Waterloo Uncovered's Battlefields Uncovered Programme in 2021 before furthering her archaeological knowledge on our 2022 Excavation.



LISA, NAVY VETERAN

# WELLBEING

All of Waterloo Uncovered's programmes include year-round, wrap-around wellbeing support, delivered by a team of wellbeing specialists, many of whom are veterans themselves. The team support our beneficiaries and record their progress using a variety of tools.

## WEMWBS

Each programme utilises the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS). Measurements are taken before, during and after each programme, to measure the positive impact of the programme on our beneficiaries.

## Tackling Loneliness

Our Battlefields Uncovered and Hidden Histories Programmes utilise the ONS (Office for National Statistics) guidance for measuring loneliness. This is used to determine the course's effectiveness at tackling loneliness in veterans.

## Goal Setting

Before each programme begins, beneficiaries are asked to determine a number of goals they wish to achieve while taking part in the programme, with support from the Wellbeing Team, who measure their progress towards meeting these goals.



CONNECT



LEARN



BE ACTIVE



TAKE NOTICE



GIVE

In 2023, the Wellbeing Team will trial a new model, the **Five Steps to Mental Wellbeing** (above), following in the footsteps of a variety of major wellbeing and mental health bodies. The Five Steps are an evidenced based approach which suggests we can all take steps to improve our wellbeing. By choosing to build these steps into your life and daily routine, you can potentially feel happier and more positive.

Waterloo Uncovered will adopt the Five Ways to Mental Wellbeing as the framework for all our programmes going forward. They further underpin our engagement with those the Charity seeks to support, not only for the duration of specific programmes but as a model for life. All five steps will be woven throughout Waterloo Uncovered programmes and will form the basis for developing mutually negotiated goals for beneficiaries.





# ARCHAEOLOGY

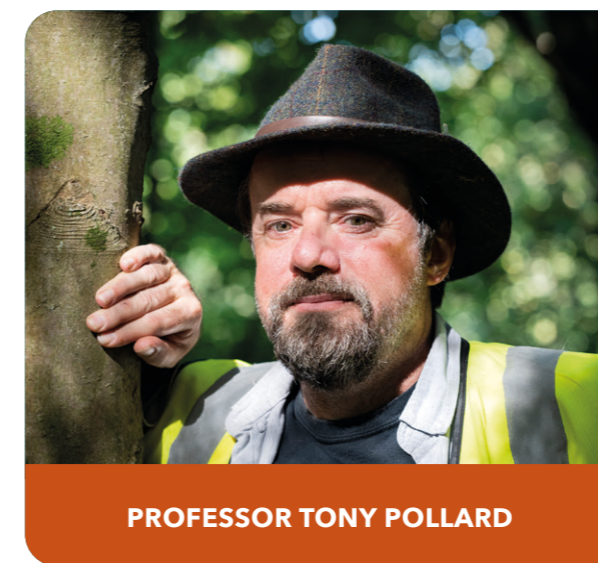
In 2019, we made global headlines with the rare discovery of amputated human limbs at Mont-Saint-Jean, which served as Wellington's field hospital during the Battle of Waterloo. The three legs found by Waterloo Uncovered over two hundred years after the battle suggest that once the fighting was over the remains of amputated limbs were swept into a roadside ditch (now known to be a deliberately dug trench) like farmyard waste. It seemed likely that more remains related to the battle, and of the men who fought it, remain in the trench. Not surprisingly, the team were keen to return to this location and continue work on this feature and its emotive contents.

After the success of our 2019 excavation, Waterloo Uncovered was forced to take a three year break from exploring the Waterloo Battlefield due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Being unable to conduct fieldwork during the pandemic was especially frustrating for the international team of archaeologists, historians, students, veterans and serving personnel who make up the excavation team.

In July 2022, we were finally able to safely return to the Battlefield, bringing many veterans and serving personnel with us. Here, we made a poignant and historically significant discovery that gave us more insight into the brutal reality of this bloody battle than ever before, all while helping modern day veterans and serving personnel recover from their own traumatic experiences of war.

We intend to return to Mont-Saint-Jean over the next few years to continue exploring this moving site - treating any human remains we may encounter with the dignity and respect they deserve at all times.



Tony Pollard is the Professor of Conflict History and Archaeology and Director of the Centre for Battlefield Archaeology at the University of Glasgow.

An internationally renowned Battlefield Archaeologist, Tony plans and leads the archaeological aspects of the Charity as one of our Archaeological Directors.

PROFESSOR TONY POLLARD

# ARCHAEOLOGY

In 2022, Waterloo Uncovered's excavations focussed on two key sites: Wellington's former field hospital at Mont-Saint-Jean, where we made some of our most exciting discoveries in 2019, and the village of Plancenoit, which was excavated by the Charity for the first time this year. It is here, in the churchyard and surrounding farms, that a ferocious clash took place when Prussian troops came to Wellington's aid and fought hard to eventually gain control of this vital position from the French; a pivotal turning point in the Battle.

Both sites proved fruitful, with veterans uncovering over 900 finds during the dig, including a variety of Prussian musket balls, horse furniture and a coin at Plancenoit. But it was at Mont-Saint-Jean that the most significant find of the excavation season - and indeed the Charity's history - was discovered: a complete human skeleton!

After the careful excavation of the fragile bones was completed, the skeleton was sent to the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences in Brussels, where it will remain for the next year. Further analysis by specialists has already revealed that the skeleton is of a man who was between 20 and 29 years old when he died, and was roughly 5' 9" tall. In the coming months, researchers hope to conduct isotope analysis, which may be able to determine where this

individual grew up and what the main elements of his diet were.

In addition to a complete skeleton, two legs were uncovered, likely to have been amputated in the field hospital during the battle, in a desperate attempt to save lives. Further up the trench was an amputated human arm, along with the remains of three articulated horses. Elements of at least one more horse have also been found, although it appears that many of this horse's bones have been lost to soil erosion.

The human remains uncovered this summer mark a historically significant discovery. Despite the fact that as many as 20,000 men fell during the battle, the mystery of what happened to their remains has endured for over two centuries. The skeleton uncovered at Mont-Saint-Jean is only the second to ever be discovered by archaeologists - leaving the vast majority unaccounted for.

Historians and archaeologists have put forward several theories as to what may have happened to the missing bodies. Many Waterloo victims are thought to have been burnt on pyres, while others were removed from graves and shipped to the UK as part of a gruesome trade in fertiliser made from human bones. Using dozens of contemporary written accounts in Belgian, German and French archives, three researchers including Waterloo



Uncovered's Archaeological Director Professor Tony Pollard have come to the conclusion that bones were plundered from 1834 onwards, and used in the process of refining sugar in Belgian sugar mills - one of which was built just three miles from the Battlefield.

In addition, many bodies were likely to have been piled into mass graves, yet to be discovered, in order to clear the Battlefield of the thousands of bodies that littered it. Waterloo Uncovered explored this possibility in 2022 with the first ever large-scale geophysical survey of the Waterloo Battlefield. Led by PhD candidate Duncan Williams and run in collaboration with Ghent and Bournemouth Universities, the

survey sought to identify anomalies in the landscape - potentially indicating mass graves, large collections of metal or lost structures - which were then explored by the team.

The process of "ground-truthing" (meaning uncovering what lies beneath the anomalies Duncan has mapped out by conducting small scale excavations at particularly interesting or mysterious sites) was begun during the 2022 excavation, and will be continued in 2023, when the team hope to make even more exciting discoveries.

We would like to thank Anthony Martin and Ferme de Mont-Saint-Jean for making our 2022 excavation possible.

# FINDS



Musket ball, heavily impacted and misshapen from hitting a solid object at high velocity.



Ornamental copper alloy trigger guard fragment, from a musket or pistol.



French Grenadier regimental demi-domed button with missing shanks, found at Mont-Saint-Jean.



Over one several copper bowl fragments discovered, likely to be part of a soldier's equipment.



Musket ball with fabric impression from threads pressing into the soft lead. Slightly deformed from being fired.



Late 18<sup>th</sup> - early 19<sup>th</sup> century pewter spoon with ornate floral handle and a possible phoenix design.



Copper alloy scabbard end with interior leather lining found at Plancenoit - possibly from a cavalry scabbard.



Copper alloy buckle, likely to be from a French uniform.





# PRESS & MEDIA

WATERLOO UNCOVERED

One of the core aims of Waterloo Uncovered is to share our work far and wide; to show veterans and military personnel a potential new path to recovery, and to shed light on our discoveries on the Waterloo Battlefield. This year we have done this in spades, achieving an increase in newsletter readership, website visitors and YouTube subscribers, as well as a significant increase in social media followers across all our platforms.

Our amazing discoveries this summer drew the attention of the international press, and Waterloo Uncovered was

featured in a variety of news articles, podcasts and videos from across the world.

In addition, we collaborated with the popular *History Hit* network on a variety of podcast episodes and videos, and were the subject of a soon to be released episode of Canadian TV show *Mysteries from Above*.

We are extremely proud of the number of people our work has reached in 2022, and hope to expand our audience even more in 2023 with exciting new content and collaborations.

**355**

ARTICLES WRITTEN ABOUT OUR WORK IN 2022

WRITTEN IN

**26**

LANGUAGES

PUBLISHED IN

**51**

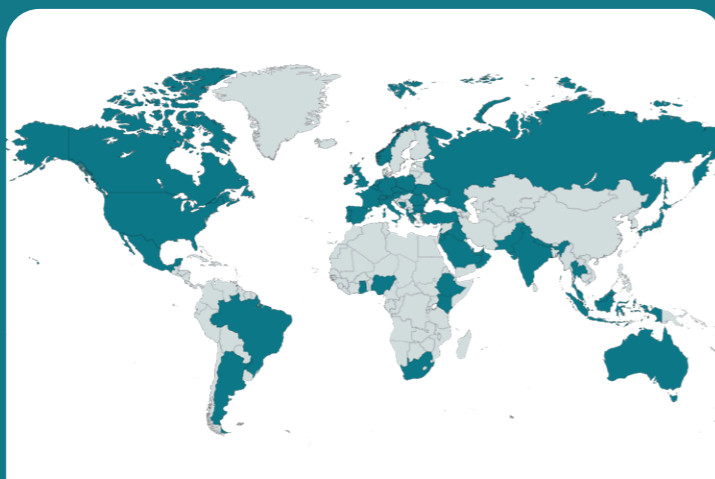
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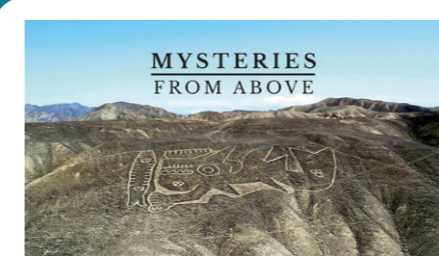
AVG. FOLLOWER INCREASE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



OUR WORK WAS FEATURED IN A VARIETY OF MAJOR PUBLICATIONS



WATERLOO UNCOVERED RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE IN 2022



MYSTERIES FROM ABOVE

This year our geophysical survey of the Battlefield became the subject of an episode of Canadian science show *Mysteries from Above*. Keep an eye out for the episode, which hits TV screens in 2023.

After a highly successful press day during our summer excavation, we made headlines across the world, sharing our archaeological discoveries and veteran support work far and wide.



EXCAVATION PRESS



FALKLANDS ART EXHIBITION

In November, our Falklands War Mapping Project was the subject of an exhibition at St Peter's College, University of Oxford, which featured artwork by project artist Doug Farthing.

This year we forged a partnership with popular video and podcast network History Hit, resulting in some fantastic coverage of our work! Stay tuned for more collaborations with History Hit coming soon.



HISTORY HIT: BONES ON THE BATTLEFIELD



SMITHSONIAN FINDS OF THE YEAR

To round off an amazing year, our discoveries on the Battlefield of Waterloo this summer made it into the Smithsonian's top archaeological finds of 2022!

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# FUNDRAISING

2022 saw Waterloo Uncovered run our largest number of programmes ever, supporting more veterans and serving personnel than ever before. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the many organisations, individuals and funding bodies that support us. To round off 2022, we were pleased to be able to meet many of our supporters in person at our annual fundraiser, this year held in the iconic National Gallery!



**SUPPORTERS BIDDING IN OUR AUCTION DURING AN EVENING AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY**

**In 2022, we raised nearly £850,000 to fund our charitable operations. This funding came from a variety of sources, including:**

- GRANTS
- DONATIONS
- CORPORATE GIVING
- COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING
- EVENTS



Our donors' genuine enthusiasm for our work and willingness to give up their time is truly incredible, and this year many of our supporters visited us on site in Waterloo! Guests who attended our VIP day included a group from Annington, our corporate sponsor, who toured the Battlefield and met the veterans involved in the excavation. Several of our donors even took our guests on Battlefield tours during the open day.



**THE ANNINGTON GROUP, ALONGSIDE ARCHAEOLOGIST PHIL HARDING AND WATERLOO UNCOVERED CEO MARK EVANS**



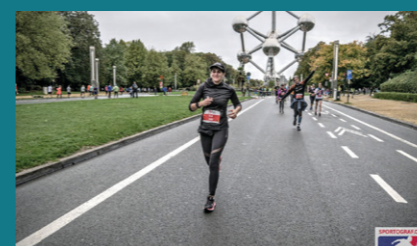
**44TH MARCH FOR VETERANS**

Reenactors from all over the UK took part in our 'Reenact for Veterans' fundraising campaign, including the 44th East Essex reenactment group, who marched 30 miles in full uniform to raise money for our veterans!

As part of the 'Reenact for Veterans' campaign, the Jormungandr Austr Viking reenactment group hosted an incredible family fundraising fun day in Saint Olaves, Norfolk!



**VIKING FUN DAY**



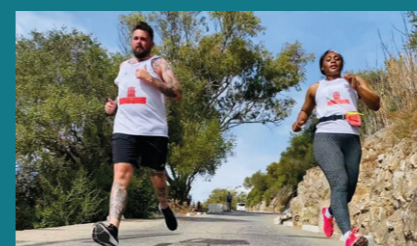
**BRUSSELS & ROYAL PARKS MARATHON**

In October, Events Manager Ros and supporter Anna ran the Royal Parks Half Marathon in London, while across the channel, archaeologist Eva was running the Brussels Marathon to raise money for our beneficiaries.

In July, 25 cyclists braved the hills and cycled from London to Paris, raising nearly £40,000 for WU. It was such a success that there will be a 'Waterloo Station to Waterloo Belgium' ride in July 2023.



**LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE**



**GIBRALTAR ROCK RELAY RUN**

On Trafalgar Day, a team of veterans, serving personnel and civilians took on a 12-hour relay run of the 1,398ft Rock of Gibraltar to raise nearly £5,000 for our programmes!

# LOOKING FORWARD

The last few years have been tough for everyone, from the veterans and serving personnel we support to those who make our work possible to the small team behind Waterloo Uncovered. We cannot thank the individuals, donors and volunteers that support our work enough for getting us through this difficult period with their endless enthusiasm and generosity. We can safely say that despite a number of challenges, Waterloo Uncovered has gone from strength to strength in 2022 - something that we are incredibly proud of.

We are excited to build on this momentum by returning to the Waterloo Battlefield this year, where we will be working with international veterans and beginning the process of ground-truthing the results of our recent geophysical survey, in preparation for a full-scale field season in 2024. We have uncovered some fascinating results so far and are excited to explore them further.

As always, we will be supporting those who need us the most through our programmes, focusing on our Finds, Battlefields Uncovered and Follow On programmes this year. By continuing to work closely with all our partners, our programmes will continue to offer robust and relevant wellbeing support as well as give beneficiaries the chance to explore archaeology in a way that benefits them. Waterloo Uncovered aims to continue supporting those who have been impacted by conflict in a real, tangible and life-changing way, helping veterans take the next step towards recovery and transition.

There will be plenty to look forward to for everyone in 2023 - from community fundraising challenges to exciting events to hopefully groundbreaking discoveries. We hope you will join us for the ride!

**KATIE BUCKLEY, COO**

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