

**WATERLOO
UNCOVERED**

2026-7 Programme Prospectus

**Uncover
Discover
Recover**

INTRODUCTION

Waterloo Uncovered is the ground-breaking charity that combines world-class archaeology with Veteran and Serving Military Personnel (VSMP) wellbeing and recovery through discovery of the Battle of Waterloo

ABOUT US

Waterloo Uncovered was founded in 2015, on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. During our excavations on the battlefield, VSMP beneficiaries work alongside our archaeological experts, leading to some exceptional discoveries.

Today we have a wide ranging programme offer, enabling our VSMP community to engage across the full cycle of archaeology, from excavation to exhibition. With access to our extensive archaeological collection and cutting-edge research from the Waterloo battlefield as well as wider conflicts.

We use the archaeology of the Battle of Waterloo to improve the wellbeing of our beneficiaries, and share our learning with others in the military and heritage communities.

PROGRAMMES

Our programmes enable beneficiaries to engage in meaningful archaeological activity and engage with heritage. Our beneficiary support is changing lives, improving veteran wellbeing, whilst developing transferable skills in a community.

Our archaeology is changing modern understanding of conflict, providing physical evidence for those who fought and died at Waterloo. Our education activities are a forum to share our knowledge and research, linking conflicts past to conflicts present.



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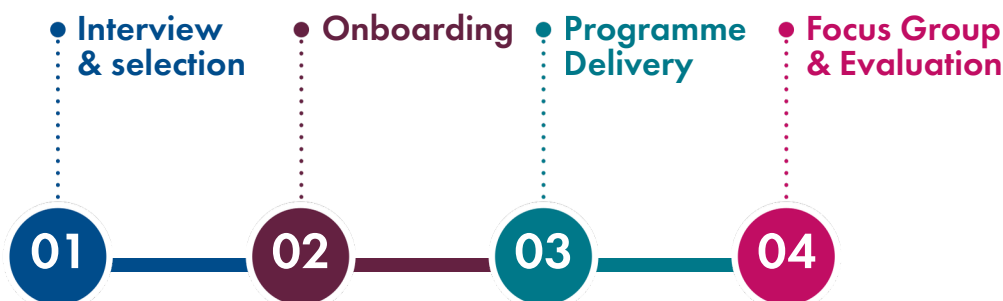
Many VSMP we support have experienced service-related wounds and injuries and suffer from a range of physical and mental health conditions, or need wellbeing support, including in their transition to civilian life.

Our approach, centred around the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing, enables our beneficiaries to connect with others in a community, learn new skills, be active and present in the moment, and give back as they share their learning and experiences.

Taking part in a Waterloo Uncovered support programme can help improve wellbeing, rebuild confidence and offers a supportive environment to mix with a variety of people with shared backgrounds and experiences.

Please note: Spaces on our programmes are limited, and applications may close early if spaces are filled. For more information, please contact Info@waterloouncovered.com

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE & THE CYCLE OF ARCHAEOLOGY



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FINDS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Finds in the Community Programme brings the archaeology of Waterloo to veterans in their local community of Nottingham and the Midlands.

At six workshops, veterans learn key skills from archaeologists whilst handling archaeological objects. They also connect with local heritage, gaining techniques shown to improve wellbeing.

The programme ends with a local outreach day, during which beneficiaries showcase their work and the value of their interpretation of the objects.

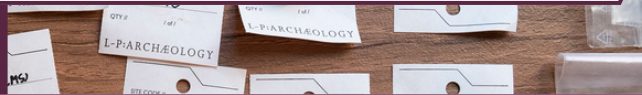
- January - February 2027
- 6 weekly in-person workshops (10 am - 1 pm)
- Outreach Day & focus group after programme completion.
- Phone/video interviews, with regular check-ins to track progress

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NOV-DEC
2026

APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW & ONBOARDING

Expression of Interest forms to be submitted from September, 2026. Interviews will be held in autumn /winter 2026.



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JAN
2027

OBJECT WORKSHOPS

6 in-person object workshops at a local museum. Beneficiaries learn key post-ex skills - From research to exhibition display



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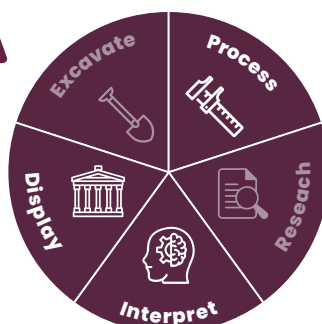
FEB
2027

OUTREACH HERITAGE DAY

Beneficiaries showcase their knowledge, build confidence, and engage with the local community



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FINDS IN DEVELOPMENT

On Finds in Development (FID), service personnel with a wellbeing need, can step into the world of archaeology.

FID is a professional development programme designed to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of serving personnel using battlefield archaeology as a tool for recovery.

During this 5-day residential programme, beneficiaries will help process the Waterloo archaeological collection with support from our expert archaeologists.

- March 2027
- Residential at Tedworth House, Personnel Recovery Centre
- Professional skills development & wellbeing support
- Further volunteer opportunities

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JAN-FEB
2027

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More details on how to submit an Expression of Interest will be available in winter 2026

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MARCH
2027

OBJECT WORKSHOPS

5 in-person post-excavation workshops at Tedworth House

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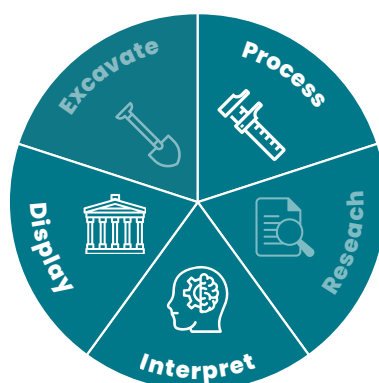
MARCH
2027

FINDS PROCESSING

Beneficiaries will process part of Waterloo Uncovered's 6,950 battlefield archaeology collection



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BATTLEFIELDS UNCOVERED

An online journey across the globe and through the ages, starting with the Battle of Waterloo

Taught by leading archaeologists and education specialists. Discover what conflict can reveal about the past, the present and even ourselves.

Join a diverse and inclusive team in a real university setting.

- 5 onboarding and group building sessions
- 16 weekly interactive & flexible online sessions
- Meet like-minded people across the globe
- Gain 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) university credits

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APPLICATION, INTERVIEW & ONBOARDING

Gradual onboarding and get-to-know-you sessions for everyone to access learning materials and become familiar as a group.

**AUG - OCT
2026**

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VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSIONS

5 weeks group building and 16 weeks of content, including interactive seminars, workshops, hands-on activities and presentations.
(Approx 3hrs per week - 90 mins in the group and 90 mins self study)

**NOV-APRIL
2026-7**

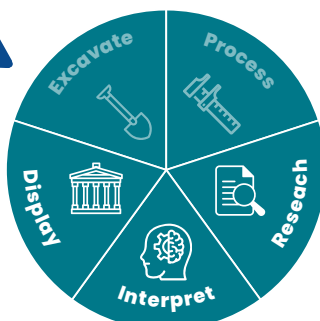
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GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduate with University Accredited Study Points
4 ECTS points at an undergraduate level
(equivalent to half a university course)

**APRIL
2027**

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STEP FORWARD

- Take Archaeology and History a step further
- Support local organisations and projects, or expand your academic skills
- Share your experiences with a familiar group
- A tailored follow on programme for Battlefields Uncovered & Excavation beneficiaries

Volunteer at a local heritage organisation.
or
Research a topic in depth and create an academic poster or short essay.

Join interactive & flexible online sessions

Meet like-minded people

Gain 3.5 ECTS university credits

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**APRIL/MAY
2027**

ONBOARDING

In discussion with the Waterloo Uncovered Team you will choose what you will focus on during the programme and be connected with a heritage or academic partner.

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**MAY-JULY
2027**

VOLUNTEER/ RESEARCH TIME AND ONLINE SESSIONS

Over about 30 hours you will either research your project or volunteer with a heritage partner.

Each week the group will meet online to share experiences

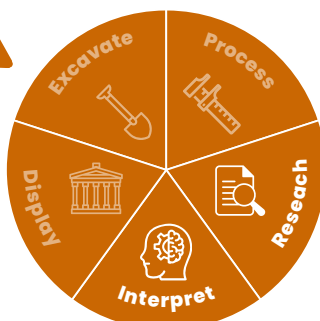
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**JULY
2027**

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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WATERLOO UNCOVERED EXCAVATION

Work alongside a team of archaeologists, historians, volunteers, and students in a supportive environment, whilst making remarkable discoveries that have radically changed our understanding of the battle.

Discover more about the battle and help shape our understanding of the events of that day.

The programme prioritises mental health and wellbeing as beneficiaries build connections across our community, both national and international.

- Series of introductory sessions in spring 2027
- 2 week archaeological dig in September 2027 at the site of the Battle of Waterloo
- Learn archaeological skills whilst participating in meaningful heritage activity.
- Be part of a community of practice on this iconic heritage site.

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JAN - MAR
2027

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Expression of Interest forms to be submitted in Dec 26 – Jan 27. Interviews will be held during Feb and March 2027.

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APRIL- JULY
2027

PREPARATION FOR EXCAVATION

A series of virtual preparatory sessions to learn more about excavation, meet the support team and understand the battle

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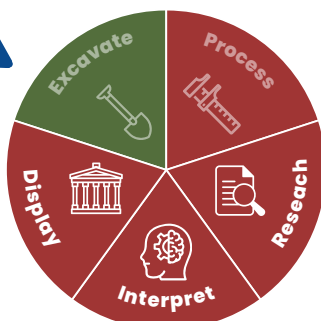
SEPTEMBER
2027

EXCAVATION

Experience an archaeological dig on the battlefield of Waterloo, alongside our expert archaeological team



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