



Up-date, March 2017
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July 2014- Feb 2016

Stage One: Research and Survey

Mar 2016 – Aug 2016

Stage Two: Investigations

Sept 2016 - June 2017

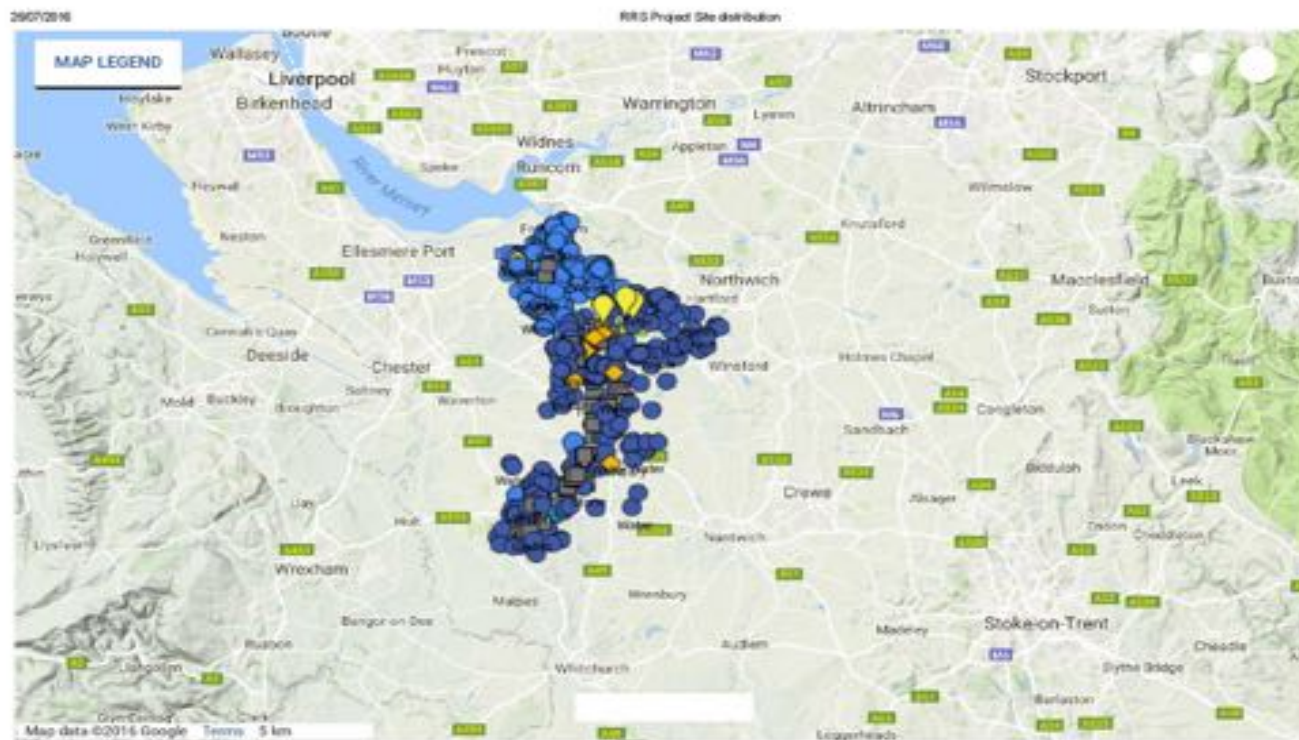
Stage Three: Outcomes

Spin-offs and new projects

Stage One: Research and Survey

- **717 SITES RECORDED BY
VOLUNTEERS ACROSS 48
PARISHES USING AN ONLINE
REPORTING FORM**
- **OVER 2.5 GB OF DATA UPLOADED
BY VOLUNTEERS TO DROP BOX
STORAGE FOR IMAGES AND
PHOTOS**

Interactive map



<https://www.google.com/maps/@53.421677,-3.012214,15z/data=!3m1!1e3!3m1!1s0x49421677:0x49421677>

- Embedded in the Sandstone Ridge Trust website
- Linked to the Historic Environment Record.
- Available via QR code

Stage Two: Investigations

- VOLUNTEERS IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL SITES FOR FURTHER RESEARCH ACROSS THE PROJECT AREA
- 3 SITES IDENTIFIED FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION:
 - Urchin's Kitchen
 - Symmond's Hill Quarry
 - Bloody Bones Cave
- 9 COUNTRY WALKS DEVISED AND MAPPED BY VOLUNTEERS

The walks

1. Frodsham Rock
2. Frodsham Quarries
3. Helsby Quarries
4. Manley and Delamere Forest
5. The Old Pale
6. Primrosehill Wood
7. Bulkeley Hill Woods
8. Harthill and Rawhead
9. Bickerton Hill

Urchins Kitchen

March 2016

Courtesy The Forestry Commission

- Trench One: against inside of rock shelter
- Trench Two: to find limit of rock shelter and examine geology
- Graffiti Survey and recording
- Examine and record suspected 'celtic head' carving





Finds: medieval pottery & clay pipe fragments



Symmond's Hill Quarry, Manley

July 2016

Courtesy the Timpson Family

- Trench One: seeking remains of building below quarried rock face
- Trench Two: potential unmapped well



Excavating below rock-face



‘Well’ or shaft with finds



Bloody Bones Cave

August 2016

Courtesy The Bolesworth Estate



Sand extractor's shovel



Rock carvings



Mystery find



Stage Three: Outcomes

- Reports by Gary Ball March 2017
- The book - launch due May 21st
- Walks - from May 21st
- Road-shows - from May 21st
- On-line: reports, book & walks pdfs, data and interactive map



This book is the result of the work of volunteers across the mid-Cheshire Sandstone Ridge aiming to understand how the distinctive physical features of the Ridge in sandstone and water have shaped the heritage of the area. In addition to exploring the quarries, wells and carvings of the Ridge, we have also included a series of short country walks which can assist you in visiting some of the sites mentioned in these pages

The Ridge: Rocks and Springs - a sandstone legacy

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The Sandstone Ridge
Trust



The book contents

- Preface by Gary Ball
- Introduction to the Ridge
- Quarrying the Ridge - stone
- Shaping the Ridge - water
- Leaving a mark - rock art and graffiti
 - Walks

Final volunteer help requested

- Book distribution
- Weeding the photo dropbox for archive
- Checking interactive data on web-site
- Creating Display Board for road shows
 - Offers to give talks
- Offers to lead walks
- Evaluation materials: letters, photographs, questionnaire

Spin-offs and new projects

Unfunded

- Articles for website and journals expanding on topics in the book
- Data-base of boundary stones, stiles and other stone features – desk research and field walks
- Further graffiti hunts and associated genealogical and historical research

James Hoose and others' graffiti panel at Frodsham



Funded

- Caves project

(this will require substantial funding but can be preceded by unfunded desk-research and field walks)

- Symmond's Hill Quarry

- Merrick's Hill 'well' and copper mining on the Ridge

- Whistlebitch Well and other healing wells on the Ridge

Possible cave project

- Nine interesting cave sites have been identified during the *Ridge: Rocks and Springs* project from Frodsham to Bickerton. There may be many more.
- There is potential for both pre-historic and recent historical archaeology as well as ecological study

We will need...

- Health and safety expertise
- Participation of landowners
- Ecological expertise and volunteers
- 3-d Mapping and photographic expertise and volunteers
- Archaeological expertise and volunteers
- Volunteers to undertake library and public records research
- Academic and popular writing skills
- And Funding!!!

Please volunteer!!!

- We need volunteers to *lead* as well as to *join* these projects.
- If you would like to *initiate* other projects please let us know.