Craft and Creativity

Online symposium (hosted via Microsoft Teams) – Call for papers



Thursday 19th November 2026

The Later Prehistoric Finds Group online symposium will be held on Thursday 19th November 2026 and the call for papers is now open. This year's theme is craft and creativity. Craft and creativity are central to our understanding of later prehistoric finds.

From the shaping and decorating of pottery to the casting of metalwork and the working of stone, bone and other materials, objects provide an opportunity to explore craft as both a practical and creative process. The materials, techniques, styles and traces of manufacture preserved in the archaeological record can offer insights into the skills, knowledge, experimentation and creative decisions involved in the making of these objects, and how they can help us understand people, communities and identities.

We are very excited to welcome Sally Pointer as our Keynote Speaker!!

Sally Pointer is a freelance heritage educator specialising in engaging the public with objects and skills from the past. With a degree in Archaeology and an MSc in Experimental Archaeology, she uses a wide range of presentation methods and practical experiments to get people thinking about how the things we take for granted today first came about. She was the recipient of the president's award for

The Prehistoric Society in 2024 and frequently uses low tricks like dressing up and making shiny things to lure the unsuspecting public to the dark side of Archaeology interpretation.

Don't forget there is still plenty of time to submit your submission for a full or lightning paper!

We welcome submissions on new research, ideas and finds from later prehistory with a focus on the theme of craft and creativity. Each paper should be no longer that 18 minutes

to allow for questions. We will also be bringing back our quickfire section, comprising 2-3 minute papers using just one or two slides that focus on individual ideas, objects or works in progress.

To submit a proposal for a standard or quickfire paper, please send an abstract of up to 250 words along with your name and affiliation to laterprehistoricfindsgroup@gmail.combefore 25th October 2026.