



THE SUTTON HOO SOCIETY  
[www.suttonhoo.org](http://www.suttonhoo.org)

Sutton Hoo is a National Trust property located in East Suffolk, 9 miles northeast of Ipswich.



By Car - take the A 12 and turn off north of Woodbridge on to the A 1152 and B 1083, follow the signs for Sutton Hoo, IP12 3DJ

By Rail - take the train to Melton Station, cross the river, walk up the hill and follow the signs.



For property opening and tour times please contact The National Trust

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## THE SUTTON HOO SOCIETY

Supporting  
understanding  
of Sutton Hoo  
and  
research into related  
Anglo-Saxon history  
and  
archaeology



*If you would like to support the aims of the society by becoming a member of the Sutton Hoo Society please fill out and return the membership form overleaf*



## SUTTON HOO AND THE SUTTON HOO SOCIETY

**SUTTON HOO** is a group of Anglo-Saxon burial mounds overlooking the River Deben in south-east Suffolk, England. Excavations in 1939 brought to light the richest burial ever discovered in Britain. Its treasures are one of the most popular collections in the British Museum and the site is visited by about 100,000 people every year. The cemetery is thought to be that of the Wuffingas, the Anglo-Saxon Kings of East Anglia.

The first excavations at Sutton Hoo in 1938/9 uncovered the remains of a ninety-foot long Anglo Saxon ship, considered to be the grave of Raedwald, king of the East Angles who died in about 625AD. It held gold and silver treasures originating from many parts of the then known world. They included items associated with feasting and with kingship, and the most gloriously crafted jewellery ever discovered from the period, probably made locally.

Between 1965 and 1971 the ship burial and its mound were re-excavated by Dr Rupert Bruce-Mitford of the British Museum, revealing further evidence about the overall history of the site.

From 1983 to 1992, the Sutton Hoo Research Project, directed by Professor Martin Carver, excavated a further seven burial mounds and other graves, as well as the prehistoric site lying beneath the Anglo-Saxon burial ground. The last mound explored was found to contain the intact burial of a young Anglo-Saxon warrior and his horse. The project also completed the mapping and evaluation of a significant part of the cemetery and the interpretation of the site in context with its landscape and beyond.

Before the construction of the National Trust Exhibition and Visitor Centre in 2000, another excavation revealed a further Anglo-Saxon cemetery containing 36 burials, thought to be slightly earlier in date than the 'royal' burial ground, posing new questions.

**THE SUTTON HOO SOCIETY** was founded in 1984 to provide practical support to the project, buying equipment from wheel barrow to generators, funding

scholarships for overseas students and showing visitors around the site. Following the completion of the excavation phase of the Research Project, the Society acted as guardians of the site and continued to give guided tours, supporting and funding ongoing research, for example, geophysical survey, illustrations for the Research Report, radiocarbon dating, exhibition replicas and equipment for the Exhibition and Visitor Centre.

Working alongside the National Trust, the Society actively supports them in their aim to promote, protect and preserve this site of world-wide importance. We continue to train volunteers to give guided tours telling the Sutton Hoo story, bringing the site to life for thousands of visitors. We organise conferences, festivals, lectures and field trips. We commission or offer financial support to academic research projects and publications, and to individual students.

The twice-yearly illustrated members' magazine **SAXON** carries articles and announcements about our activities. Our website [www.suttonhoo.org](http://www.suttonhoo.org) similarly keeps members up to date, and is a contact for researchers at all levels, from schoolchildren to post-graduate students.

### WHEN YOU JOIN THE SOCIETY YOU WILL:

- ◆ receive two issues of **SAXON** per year
- ◆ be invited to our annual AGM, lectures and events
- ◆ make contact with people of similar interests
- ◆ share in the spreading of knowledge of this fascinating aspect of England's past
- ◆ pay reduced entry charges to Society events

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You may join via our website: [www.suttonhoo.org](http://www.suttonhoo.org) or complete this form and send it with your cheque made out to:

**The Sutton Hoo Society**  
to : The Membership Secretary

The Sutton Hoo Society  
22 Deben Road  
Colchester  
Essex CO4 3UZ

TITLE..... Please use capitals  
NAME.....

(2nd name for family membership)

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE.....

Email.....

Contact Tel. No. ....

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Please tick

£ 15.00

Ordinary (Adult)

£ 22.50

Family Membership

(Two adults and children at one address)

£10.00

Student (in full time education in UK)

£ 30.00

Overseas (all categories)

I would be interested in becoming a site guide