

### **Fieldwork example: Tidgrove Warren excavation**

Students from the department took part in a 3 week excavation at Tidgrove Warren Farm near Basingstoke in Hampshire, run by Archaeology staff. This project was run jointly with the local Kingsclere Historical Association, who secured Heritage Lottery funding to finance the project.

The excavation consisted of 5 trenches aligned over geophysical anomalies, revealed as a result of work done by Southampton University earlier in the year. These results and the finding of Roman material by the landowner, metal detectorists and the Historical Association suggested the presence of a small Romano-British agricultural settlement and field system. The trenches revealed settlement spanning the late Iron Age and early Roman period including ditches, pits and human burials.

Students gained experience of excavation, written recording, photography, planning and topographical survey as well as finds processing and geophysical survey. They also worked with local volunteers and guided school parties from local primary schools around the site.