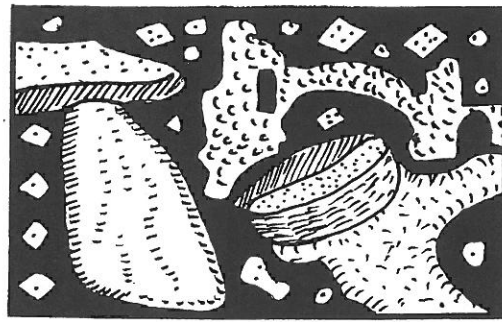
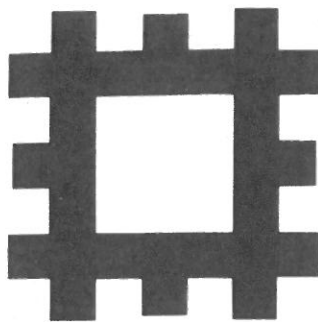


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Support your local monument!

Ancient Monuments can be found almost anywhere ... even in the school grounds. An exciting project involving the school and local community followed this discovery in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire.

Booths Hill is the site of a motte and bailey castle and a Victorian ice house. It lies mostly in the grounds of Ailwyn Community School in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire. The castle is a relic of a twelfth century fenland family feud. The ice house was the summer food store for the Victorian occupants of nearby Ramsey Abbey.

An almost forgotten corner of the school grounds has become the focus for pupils to learn across the curriculum, and has involved the community in a partnership which promises to rescue this interesting site.

Since the invention of the 'fridge', neglect has returned Booths Hill to nature. It is shaded by a canopy of mature trees with brambles and sycamore saplings growing at the fringes. A colony of bats inhabit the ice house. A mixture of rubbish, and leaf-mould has clogged the moat. Giant mosquitoes see off all but the most dedicated visitor.

The rediscovery of the significance of this scheduled monument by the school was one of several, fortunate coincidences. Another, was the growing

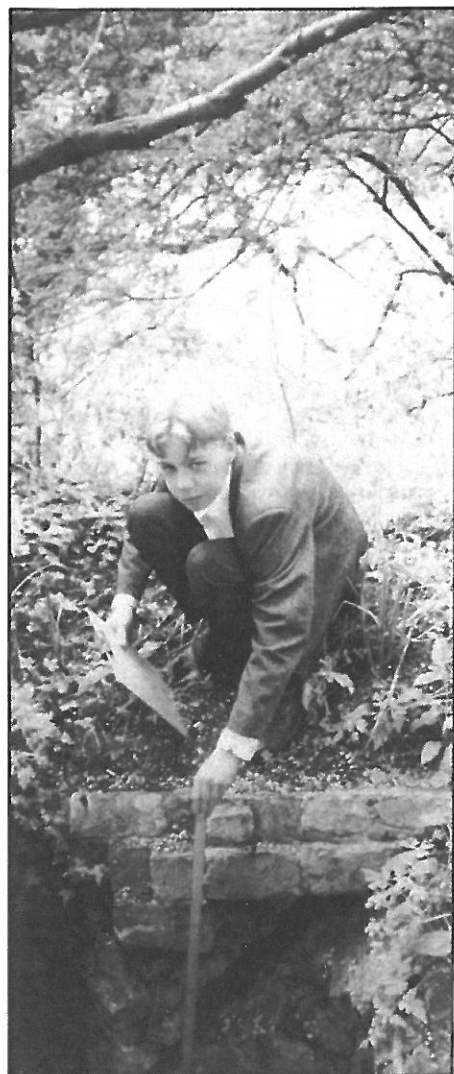
commitment by teachers to build links across the curriculum, and involve pupils in planning, decision making and testing their own ideas.

Looking back, a chance encounter with Helen Paterson, the local Field Monument Warden from English Heritage started the process. She arrived at school during a summer holiday — and offered a guided tour. We had no idea that a resource as exciting as this sat literally on our doorstep.

Through Helen, we made contact with local conservation and environmental groups who had also recently become interested in the site.

And so it was that the Booths Hill Project was born through the marriage of community and educational aims. Our community partners, anxious to see the site rescued, and teachers who saw the potential for valuable and motivating learning.

The group of 13 year old pupils was the only one shared by all of the teachers involved, and even then, the same group did not exist across the curriculum. During their History lessons, pupils



Dr Charles Dalleywater

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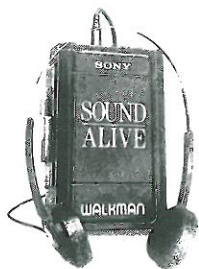
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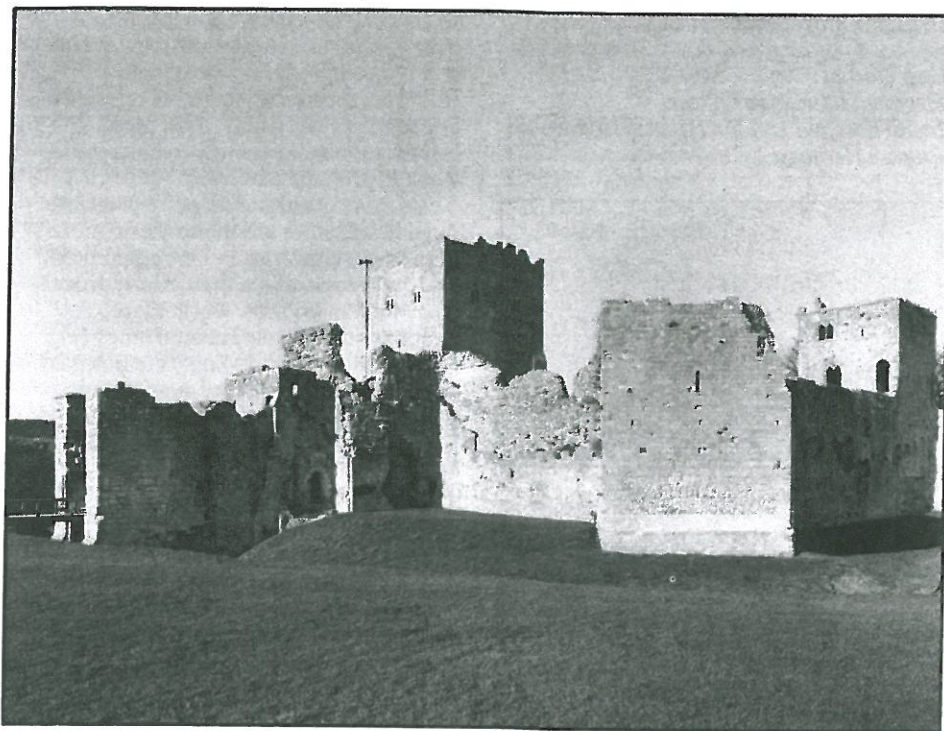
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