

Introducing the Medieval Midlands



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The Middle Ages might seem like a strange and remote place to the modern observer but we are surrounded by its legacy, much of it still clearly visible in our landscape. Focussing on the west midlands, this two-part programme aims to 'de-mystify' this fascinating period, introduce the nature of medieval life and society, and consider the tangible evidence for it in the region, not least in the form of buildings and landscapes.

The first study day in the programme, comprising three sessions, will look at some basic frameworks in medieval society – the manor, the parish, and the township. We will also look at castles in their context, medieval settlement patterns; and town, country and trade.

A second study day will focus on the religious life of the medieval community, looking at regional culture and spirituality; popular religion; monastery, landscape and community; and patronage, parish and parish church.

The first of these days will be presented around the following three sessions –

- Frameworks: Manor, Parish and Township.
- Castles, Landscape and Community.
- Town, Country and Trade.

10.00am till 4.00pm

FEES: £40.00 (*Payable in advance*)

*Inclusive of light lunch & morning
coffee or tea*