



Chester Cathedral

BULLETIN 3

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Archaeology Update

The first phase of the archaeological investigation is now complete; the archaeologists are now looking forward to the second phase which will include digging test pits to answer geotechnical questions as well as examine the potential for further archaeological investigation.

Phase One

The archaeologists have now concluded that the original ground level around the Cathedral was 70 – 90 cms lower than the present surface. The made ground was created by material imported from elsewhere in the city, containing Roman and medieval material.

We now know that people were buried all round the church, not just in the area of the Victorian graveyard to the south east of the Cathedral. If any human remains are discovered, they will be treated in strict accordance with guidelines laid down by English Heritage and the Church of England.

There is also the potential for structures which may relate to the Roman fort but this has yet to be clarified.