## Roman-Saxon-Norman



## Starting to explore Bishop's Waltham's early history 1,000 years: 250-1250 AD

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## So what next?

- There are many archaeologists and historians that we can approach for help, but before attempting to overturn the accepted wisdom a great deal of work is necessary to make the case for a thorough reassessment.
- That is the immediate project.

ROMAN ROADS  $RO_{MAN}$ FORT/BEACON

SAXON BEACON SITE

HENRY'S CASTLE - WHERE?

ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT SITE?

RIVER FLOWS/WATER TABLE

BURGAGE PLOTS

WHO BUILT THE HALL AND TOWER?



SAXON MINSTER - WHERE? SAXON GRAVES

ROAD OVER COPPICE HILL - WHY?

THE ORIGINAL MARKET SITE ROYAL (SAXON) DEER PARK A BISHOP'S RESIDENCE in 1111? SOMEWHERE FIT FOR A KING AND HIS QUEEN! THE DITCH ON THE HANGERS

## THINK...

BOOK CLUB: talk through meanings, trying to interpret...

STUDY GROUP: look closely at evidence and discuss...

WORKSHOPS: really work through ideas...

Joining together regularly to pool findings/thoughts/ideas

Physical measuring and field walking
Drawing plans and helping archaeological activities
Doing stuff: like digging 1 sq. metre pits, etc.
Arranging collection of pottery and other finds
Reading books and extracting relevant information
Researching online and extracting relevant information
Tabulating finds/information
Being part of a central collection point/'secretariat'
Etc, etc