



THE HIDDEN ABBEY PROJECT



The Hidden Abbey Project are holding a public meeting to update the people of Reading on the progress of the project and to launch the Hidden Abbey Stones Project – an initiative that will enable Reading residents to involve themselves in finding out more about what happened to Reading Abbey after its dissolution in 1538.

The Hidden Abbey Project was initiated in the Spring of 2014 by Philippa Langley (the person behind the discovery of the body of Richard 111 in Leicester). Since then it has gained the support of the three landowners below which much of the remains of Reading Abbey lie – Reading Borough Council, the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Ministry of Justice. To date the exploratory work has been by way of ground penetrating radar and this work has detected significant anomalies in the area surveyed. In addition much work has been undertaken in researching the history of previous archaeological work done and investigating what happened to the fabric and contents of the abbey after its dissolution.

The meeting will include contributions from the Right Rev Geoffrey Scott (Abbot of Douai Abbey), Toby Davies (Reading Between The Lines), Dr Kevin Hayward (Reading University) and John Mullaney (initiator of the Hidden Abbey Abbey Stones Project)

The meeting will take place at St James Church Roman Catholic Church, The Forbury, on Friday 20th October at 7.30pm. Entry to the meeting is free but ticketed. Tickets can be obtained by entering Hidden Abbey Stones Project Launch on Eventbrite or by using this link – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hidden-abbey-stones-project-launch-tickets-38682606718>.

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