

Lilliput Farm the new BACAS base

Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society at Lilliput Farm Hamswell

Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society now has a base at Lilliput Farm, Hamswell, in a 10m X 10m room in the red barn. The space is shared with the farm office, which occupies one corner. Close by are the Portakabins, originally based at the Blacklands site, which contain the excavation equipment. There is also access to a separate locked and alarmed store area.

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The work to the barn which included partitioning, re-roofing, a false ceiling, lighting and electrics was funded by the Halecat Charitable Trust, which will be hosting landscape history walks, visits for the public, and other charitable functions at the site. BACAS volunteers worked hard in late 2015 and during the spring and summer of 2016 to clean, decorate and fit out the space with donated cupboards, worktops, tables, chairs and display boards. There is piped spring water for washing equipment, a kettle for hot drinks. Drinking water and toilets are available in the adjacent farmhouse porch and there is a large parking area next to the Portakabins. However, as there is at present, no heating, winter use is not yet recommended!

The accommodation is suitable for a variety of uses: it has already been used by BACAS for Committee meetings; to host two workshops on Geographic Information Systems programming; and to support the Society-led summer excavation and post-excavation work of the ornamental hermitage on the hill above the farm. It was used for refreshments after a Battlefields Trust walk over the Lansdown battlefield in May 16 and is due to host an exhibition of art work in April 2017.



Directions

Lilliput Farm, Hall Lane, Lower Hamswell. BA1 9DE

- Make your way to the roundabout at the junction of the A46 and A420
- Turn to the west along the A420 continue for 3/4 mile
- Take Left turn just before hill. Signposted Hamswell and Racecourse
- Continue on Freezinghill Lane
- Turn Left at the bottom of the hill. Signposted Lower Hamswell
- Lilliput Farm is on the Right 1/2 mile down the road
- Entrance with white gates at end of red brick barn
- Alternatively take Lansdown Road, out of Bath to Freezinghill Lane

