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Chester Farm site tour Saturday, 7 June, 10am

Chester Farm has been described as the county's heritage jewel.

Formerly one of Whitworth Bros. farms, it is now owned by Northamptonshire County Council. Covering some 34 hectares, Chester Farm contains an impressive range of archaeological earthworks and buried remains designated as a Scheduled Monument, in particular the remains of the walled Roman town, together with a complex of Grade II and Grade II* historic farm buildings.

The Chester Farm Project currently being developed by NCC will open up the site to the public for the first time.

On their website (<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/community/archives/chester-farm/pages/default.aspx>) NCC say that '*The intention is to develop Chester Farm as somewhere you can learn more about this county's fascinating history and heritage, with opportunities to join in educational or volunteering activities*'.

The visit will be hosted by Northamptonshire County Council staff. We are limited to a **maximum of 20** participants and places will be allocated on a strict '**first come, first served**' basis.

The visit will involve walking over rough farmland without shelter, so suitable footwear and clothing should be worn.

Please contact Andy Chapman on NAS196674@gmail.com if you wish to attend and reserve a place. (Also, please let us know if you subsequently change your mind and no longer want to attend so we can re-let!).

All to meet at Chester Farm's west car park off Claudius Way (further directions below).

Access by car to Chester Farm is via the eastbound carriageway of the A45 (see maps on page 2).

Travelling east on the A45 from Wellingborough, cross the River Nene, past Whitworth's Mills and take the turn to the left just past the *Homebase/DHL* warehouses. This is Claudius Way, the road serving the Prologis Business Park. Go along this road for 350m and take the first right, through a wooden gateway and down a ramp to the Chester Farm West car park.

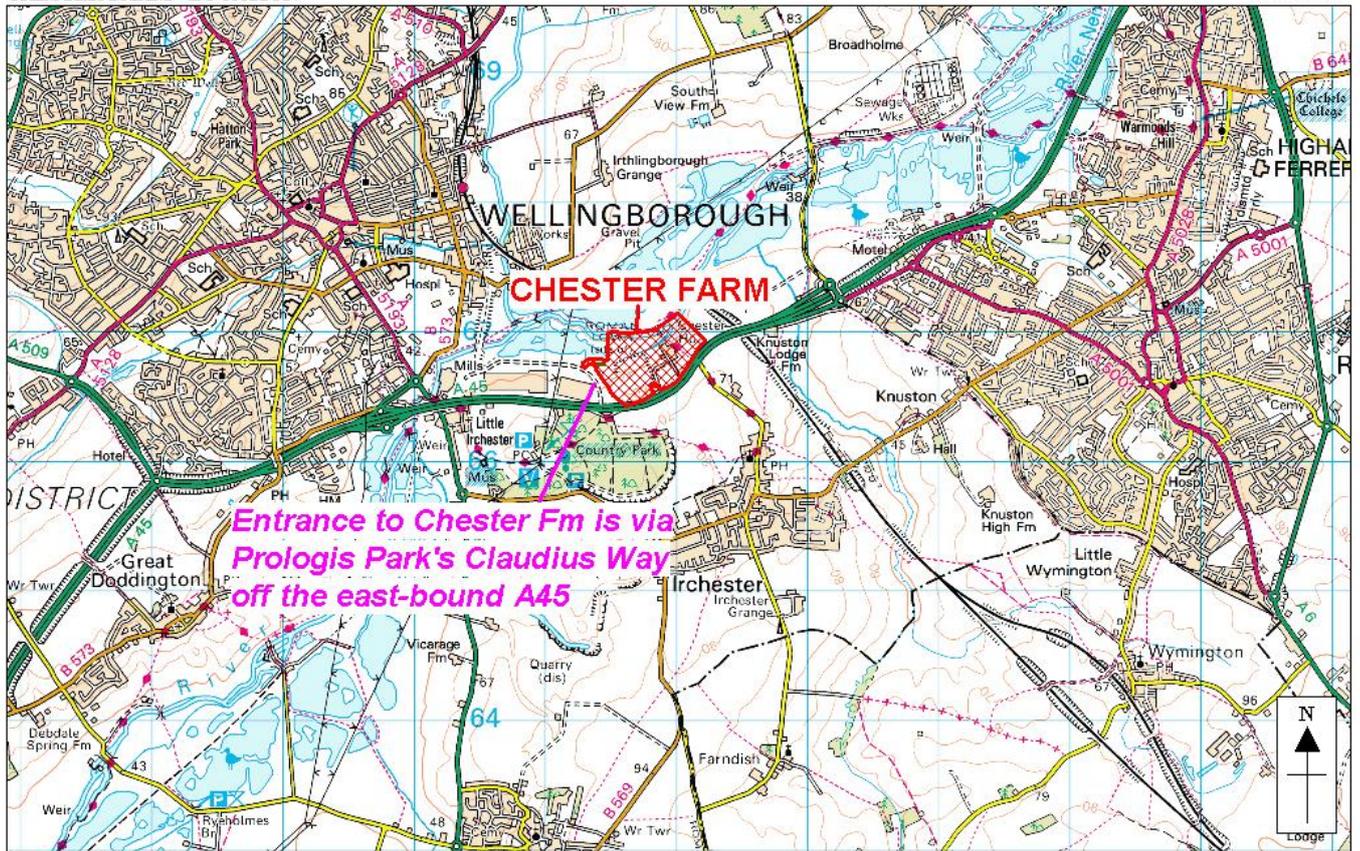
Car park at National Grid Reference SP 9140 6675.

Thanks go to Graham Cadman for organising the visit.

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CHESTER FARM - LOCATION

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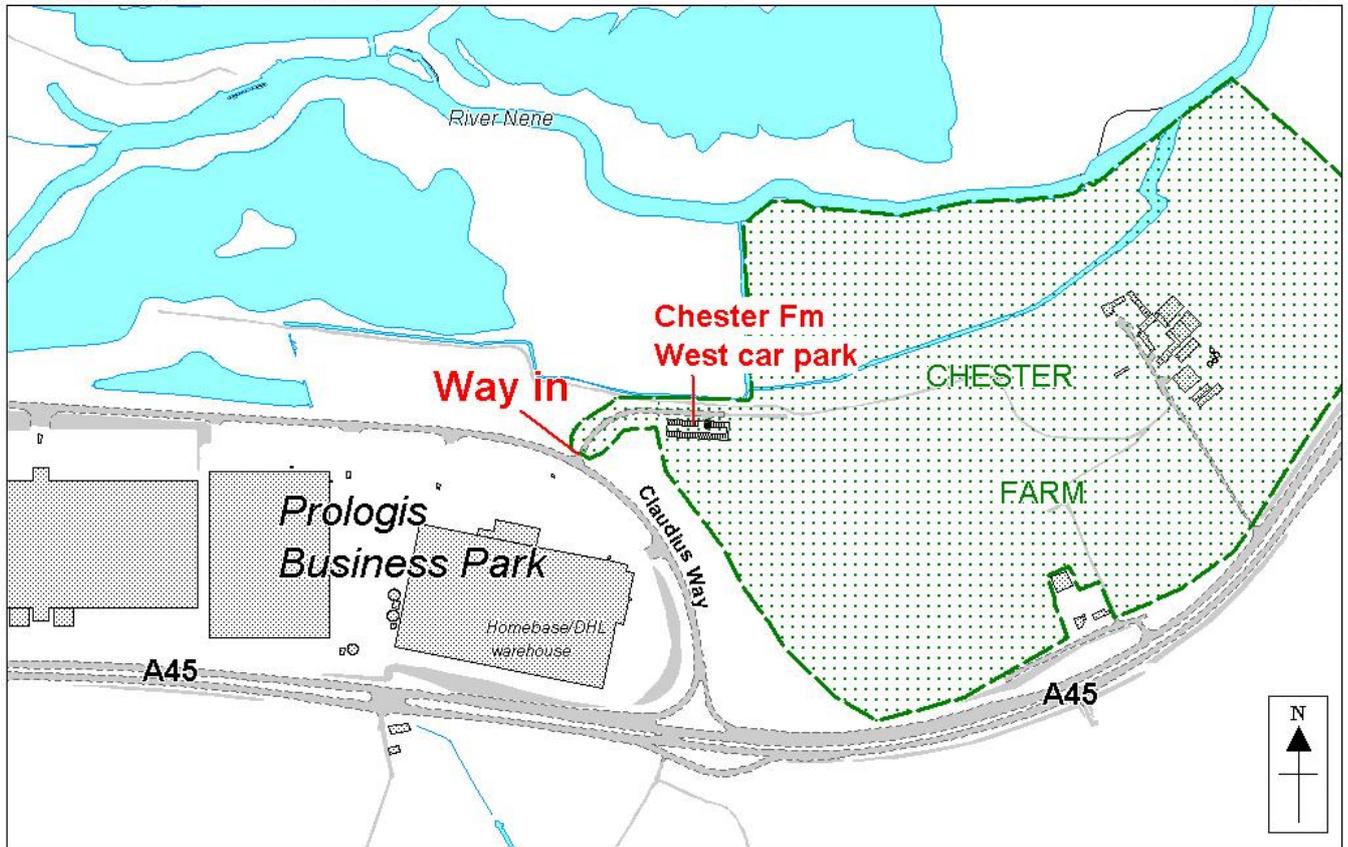


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CHESTER FARM - ACCESS TO WEST CAR PARK

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