



## Hello Mauchline Community, Friends & Partners,

We are pleased to share with you that Mauchline Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) began a collaboration with the Archaeology Scotland Team in September 2023, through assistance from East Ayrshire Council's Creative Minds Team to create a programme of educational projects.

A cohort of young people from Robert Burns Academy will be involved in the following projects, organised by Archaeology Scotland:

- **Archaeological Dig**
- **Graveyard Survey**
- **Historic Building Recording**



## Archaeological Excavation



Open for all participants will learn the skills and processes in conducting a dig, including an introduction to tools, marking out trenches, de-turfing, excavation techniques, recording, photography and surveying.

No previous experience is needed. All tools, guidance and supervision will be provided by Archaeology Scotland.

**Dig scheduled Friday 12 April to Thursday 18 April 2024**



## Graveyard Survey



Our group of young people will discover how archaeologists record historic graveyards, including; checking headstone inscriptions, understanding carved symbols and assessing condition and capturing this information on memorial recording forms.

Areas of the cemetery will be chosen to demonstrate how the layout of a graveyard can be recorded. It will also include hands-on surveying of parts of the site using a manual plane table and electronic equipment, followed by a comparison of the results with an existing sketch of the churchyard. The young people will also learn how to create 3D scans of selected headstones.

## Historic Building Recording



A hands-on workshop to experience the techniques. The group will learn what details should be included within a record, this session will encourage our cohort from Robert Burns Academy to discover how archaeologists record historic buildings, teaching the techniques of high-level Historic Building Recording.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us, or visit our [Mauchline CARS webpages](#).

Yours sincerely,

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