

WEST STREET FARM GATEWAY MAINTENANCE

We have been informed that an archaeological survey project will be taking place in Malthouse Field (Sompting Paddocks) The traditional farm gate with its splay on to West Street still present if rather rusted, will be re-opened during May/June. This is so the that when the dig happens in July, a digger will be able to get in to strip away the topsoil above the archaeological remains. (he digger cannot access the site via Sompting Paddocks main entrance, because it would have to damage multiple paddocks fencing to get there. It tells a story...as it was used to access he South of England Agricultural Show there in 1936.

The excavations will be carried out and reported on by Worthing Archaeological Society led by a local resident who is also a member of Lancing and Sompting Pathfinders.

The gateway reopening and dig are nothing to do with the West Sompting site allocation planning process.