

Sutton Walls features on BBC TV's Midlands today.

Interest in Sutton Walls escalated at the end of January following features on both BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester and BBC TV's Midlands today. The website <https://www.suttonwalls.co.uk> had over 600 viewings in a 10 day period which is well above average.

This surge of interest followed a report that Sutton Walls Conservation Group has received a £12,600 "Heritage at Risk Repair Grant" from Historic England to help in saving this decaying but important Iron Age hilltop settlement. This grant has enabled the group to commission surveys which will add detail to the overall conservation management plan for the monument.

Ecological surveys by Worcestershire company Swift Ecology will map significant older trees and they have already started monitoring and recording the habits of other wildlife. This will continue over the seasons and give guidance on how the site is managed for their wellbeing.

Herefordshire Archaeology will plot and provide an accurate digitised map of the site. Not only will this map show boundaries and contours but it will show in greater detail areas of Sutton Walls that may be archaeologically significant along with other visible human-made and natural features.

Sutton Walls Conservation Group is very grateful for the support of local landowners who are allowing Hereford based geophysics specialists TigerGeo to track four areas of land in and around the Walls with magnetometry. This will yield more detail of what survives unexcavated within the hillfort and characterises some of the features outside the entrances to the Scheduled Monument. This work will commence soon but is quite dependent on weather and soil conditions.

Reports of the surveys are expected by the end of March 2021.

If you would like to find out more or become involved in this project please contact us via email at suttonwallscg@gmail.com

For more information, to become a Friend or to get involved as a volunteer in the future when Covid restrictions allow please contact:

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