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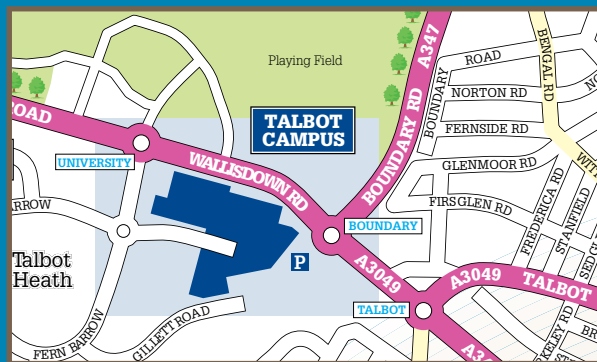


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Location and directions

Talbot Campus is located two miles from Bournemouth town centre. The MAD about the Swash Channel Wreck will take place in the Thomas Hardy Suite, located close to the main entrance.



Talbot Campus can be reached from the North or the East via the A338 (known locally as the Wessex Way). Take the exit at the Richmond Hill Roundabout (next to the Zurich Insurance tower) and then follow the signs for the University.

From the West on the A35 follow the signs to Bournemouth (A3049), taking the dual-carriageway (Dorset Way) past Tower Park. Talbot Campus is located on the A3049 (Wallisdown Road).

Free parking is available on Talbot Campus.

By bus

As part of the local transport network, Wilts & Dorset operates a service known as Unilinx. This service provides transport between Poole, Bournemouth and Boscombe. Services run every 15 minutes. Full details of the service can be found on the Unilinx website: www.unilinx.net

MAD about the Swash Channel Wreck

A Maritime Archaeology Day



Saturday 2 May 2009, 10am-4pm

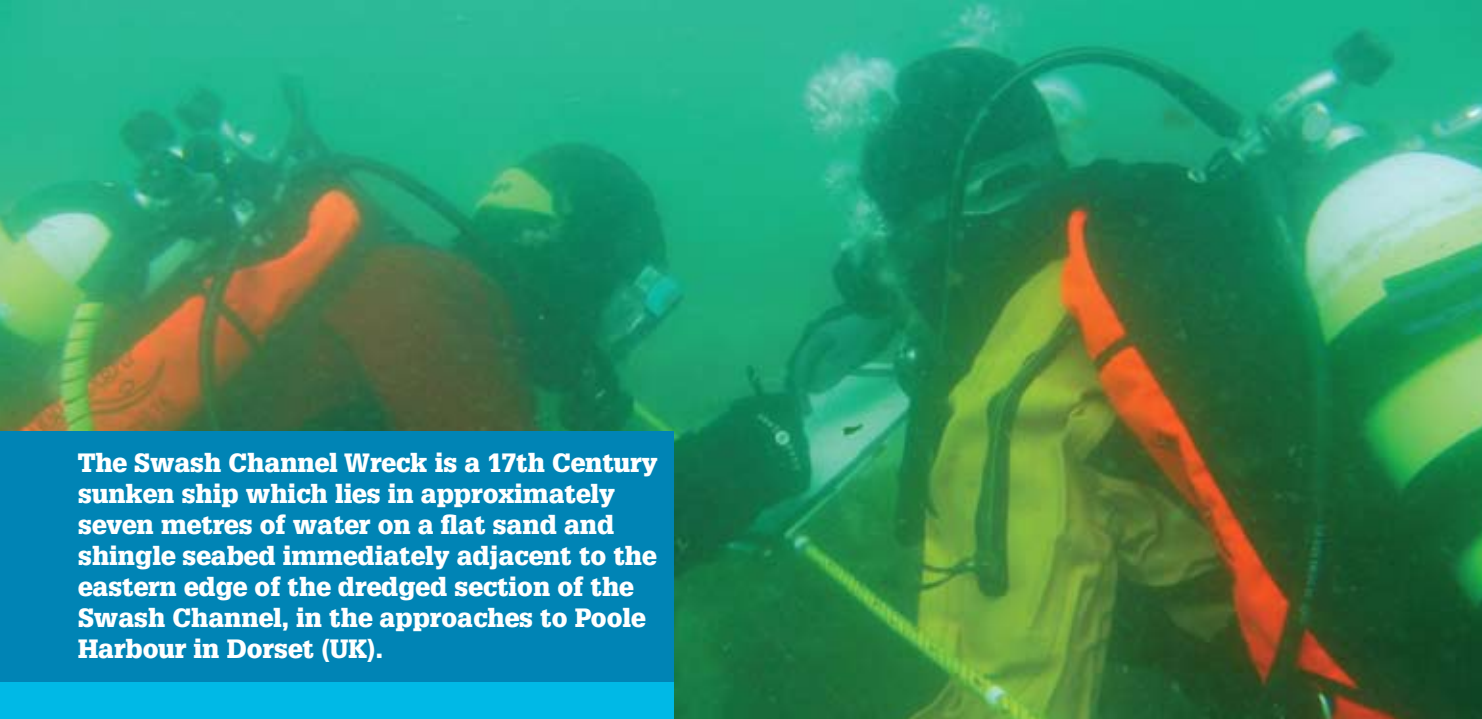
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The Swash Channel Wreck is a 17th Century sunken ship which lies in approximately seven metres of water on a flat sand and shingle seabed immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of the dredged section of the Swash Channel, in the approaches to Poole Harbour in Dorset (UK).



The site was designated as a Historic Wreck under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 on 10 December 2004. Since the site was designated, the archaeological licence has been held by the Poole Harbour Commissioners, with BU undertaking fieldwork and providing archaeological advice.

Evidence suggests that the wreck is of a relatively high-status ship. It consists of an articulated hull structure of the lower portion of a ship's hull, running from the stern of the vessel forward for approximately two thirds of the vessel's length. The surviving remains roll into the port bow and forecabin upperworks. Work on the site has also revealed the presence of the ship's rudder, which is 8.4m in length. It also has a carving of a male human head on its upper portion. The structure extends for as long as 40m in a SW-NE axis and in area up to 14m in SE-NW axis. Other finds include at least seven iron cannons, two wood-carved mermen, an apothecary jar, musket shots, leather shoes, wooden barrels, rigging elements, copper, pewter, and ceramic domestic material.

BU has conducted scientific environmental monitoring of the site since 2006. Preliminary results showed clear evidence of rapid degradation also by warm water wood borers, which could be an indication of global warming affecting exposed underwater archaeology. BU students also monitored the metal degradation of the seven cannons found on the shipwreck site.

Our students have been heavily involved in surveying and recording of the wreck. They have also taken part in the photomosaic, researching the artefacts, monitoring of the environment and wood and metal degradation research.

In addition to the Swash Channel Wreck, students have been privileged enough to work on Salcombe 'B' (a middle Bronze Age site that provides evidence of early contacts with the Mediterranean), Salcombe Cannon Site (the wreck of a 17th Century vessel, one of the most spectacular wrecks found in UK waters) and the Erme Ingot Site (a site with tentative connections with Diodorus 1st Century BC reference to South West Britain's tin trade).

BU's undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Marine Archaeology are innovative and unique within the UK, and prepare individuals for a career in archaeology.

Recent archaeology students have participated in projects in the USA, Greece and Russia.

Speakers on the day include:

- Paola Palma, Bournemouth University
- David Parham, Bournemouth University
- Katie Gardiner, Poole Museum
- Alison Hamer, English Heritage
- Nicola Macchioni, CNR-IVALSA
- Bournemouth University Maritime Archaeology students

