

From the original application made in 1985 for central government funding:

"Hobs Moat Community Project

The primary purpose of a Community Project for this scheduled ancient monument is to arrest the severe deterioration which it has suffered, caused, in the main, by the close proximity of people and the use of the monument as a bicycle and motor cycle track.

A secondary purpose is that by continued archaeological activity on the site and by a programme of education and information, present patterns of behaviour of local people will be altered. This will produce a valuable amenity to the community. A further social consideration is that temporary employment will be created for a number of people.

The proposed elements of the project comprise:

- 1 . The general layout and preservation of the site. The monument will thereafter be presented in such a way that visitors to the site will be able to do so without causing unintentional damage.
- 2 . A programme of education. This will be continued and updated from time to time as information is gathered; it will entail publicising the significance of the site and its history.
This may most easily be accomplished by displays in buildings accessible to the general public. It is also anticipated that it will be an area of particular interest to schoolchildren.
- 3 . A limited archaeological excavation. The work will only be undertaken when the future of the monument is secure. At any stage it will be limited in scope and will have the objective of adding to the known history of the earthwork. By this mean a direct visible interest in the site by 'persons in authority' will be maintained, reinforcing the gains for the monument made in 1 and 2.

Activity on the site at any particular time will consist of a mixture of all 3 aspects since it is unlikely that the achievement of each objective can be completed in isolation."

The project was funded from October that year, sponsored by the landowners and local authority, Solihull M.B.C., and administered by Solihull Enterprise Agency, later Solihull Community Enterprise.

The project lasted until the end of 1988. It had 66 employees, mostly part-time bi-weekly.

The government's Community Programme, of which the project was a part, was replaced by a new initiative in 1989, Employment Training.