

Time Team (archaeology series) announces it's vision for the future

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Introducing possible sites, a new goal of 10,000 members, and regular programming including the release of classic documentaries.

Time Team has unveiled an exciting vision for the future, to produce new episodes more regularly, and solidify its position as the prime location for archaeological programming and discoveries. The ambitious vision centres on a monthly release schedule, combining new content with classic episodes from Time Team's 30-year catalogue.

Time Team's return in 2020 was made possible thanks to thousands of fans worldwide on Patreon. Time Team's creator and Series Producer, Tim Taylor, says: "It's thrilling that fans across the globe are at the heart of Time Team. We have some really exciting plans ahead with your ongoing support."

Patreon is an online membership platform, giving access to a range of extra content, from live Q&As to masterclasses. Fans can join at a choice of 4 different levels for a monthly or annual subscription, while helping to shape Time Team's future.

With over 8,000 members currently subscribed, Time Team has now set a new goal of 10,000 ongoing members in order to develop more sites. "Time Team has always investigated sites that may otherwise lay forgotten or be lost forever. Increasing our membership helps us plan further into the future," says Tim. "Ultimately, the more subscribers we get, the more sites we can do!"

A tantalizing list of potential sites highlights the treats that await fans if additional support is achieved. Just some of the contenders in consideration are a possible Viking settlement, prehistoric standing stones, D-Day battlefields, a huge Roman palace, enigmatic Bronze Age rock art in Scandinavia and Saxon princely burials.

Time Team has developed its range of formats, giving flexibility to adapt the approach depending on the site. Alongside the traditional 3-day digs, the new 'X Crew' is a streamlined expedition unit that can drop in to any location worldwide for a targeted investigation in its own timeframe.

Since launching, the X Crew has investigated a Roman sarcophagus and dived on a Medieval shipwreck off the Jurassic Coast. Upcoming episodes include an ongoing international collaboration in Greece, excavating an ancient hillside temple.

Meanwhile, **Sir Tony Robinson** has returned to host Time Team Specials: standalone documentaries exploring iconic sites and big themes. Tony's first brand new Special is coming soon to YouTube, investigating the US 101st Airborne in Wiltshire, alongside Operation Nightingale. Tony said: "It's wonderful to be back out in the field with Time Team again, and what a project to kick things off!"

To complement the main digs, Time Team is introducing a regular monthly release schedule on the Official YouTube channel, combining new digs and discoveries with Classic episodes from the archives.

The new YouTube schedule includes a monthly News show on the last weekend of every month, sharing updates from the team and the latest archaeology stories. Starting in August, the channel will begin releasing 12 Classic Time Team Specials from the archive – one every month for the next year! A further 10 Classic Specials will be released one a month for members on Patreon, for an initial duration.

Having been awarded the YouTube Silver Award in 2022, for over 100,000 subscribers, Time Team is now well on its way to another long-term goal: the YouTube Gold Award, for one million subscribers. As Tim acknowledges, "We might need more than three days for this one!"

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Tim concludes: "Please help us achieve our ongoing vision for Time Team. Be by our side with every new discovery as we investigate more sites!"



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About Time Team

First airing in 1994 on the UK's Channel 4, Time Team, an archaeology television series created by Series Producer Tim Taylor, became a Sunday teatime staple. Today, the show is watched by millions on YouTube in over 140 countries worldwide. Presented by Sir Tony Robinson, Time Team made household names of archaeologists including the late Mick Aston, Phil Harding and Carenza Lewis.

Vintage episodes are available on the Time Team Classics YouTube channel, which has over 245,000 subscribers across the globe.

Across 20 series, Time Team investigated over 220 sites, including iconic landmarks Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Westminster Abbey. At its height, Time Team was one of the UK's largest independent funders of archaeology, and the series is credited with boosting the popularity of archaeology in Britain.

Time Team relaunched independently in 2020 with the support of thousands of fans worldwide on the platform Patreon.

New episodes hosted by Dr Gus Casely-Hayford, OBE are available on the Time Team Official YouTube channel, which recently surpassed 170,000 subscribers and 11.8 million views.

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