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Biography

Nigel Baker has been a professional urban archaeologist since the late 1970s. Excavations and historic buildings work led to PhD research at Nottingham University. Excavation projects at Shrewsbury Abbey were followed by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship on Birmingham's English Medieval Towns & the Church project. Between 1994 and 2005 work as an archaeological consultant included principal responsibility for English Heritage's Urban Archaeological Databases for Shrewsbury, Worcester and Hereford. Nigel Baker is currently working for Herefordshire Archaeology on the UAD for Hereford and on studies of the county's market towns. Nigel Baker is currently editing volumes on the historic secular buildings of Hereford and the archaeology of Bristol.

Research

Research group

- [Society, Economy and Environment \(/research/activity/hg/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/hg/index.aspx)

Research interests

- Medieval towns and their morphological development
- Medieval towns in western England
- Inter-disciplinary methodologies for urban studies
- The archaeology of rivers

Current / Recent Research

- Worcester Urban Archaeological Strategy (English Heritage/Worcester City Council)
- Hereford Urban Archaeological Strategy (English Heritage/Herefordshire Council)
- Herefordshire market-town profiles (Herefordshire Council)

Publications

Key Publications since 2001

The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury (with W A Champion, R K Morriss, P A Stamper et al), *Archaeological Journal*, 2007 (in press)

Shrewsbury: an archaeological assessment of an English border town, English Heritage/Oxbow 2010

2004 (with R A Holt): *Urban Growth and the Medieval Church: Gloucester and Worcester*, Ashgate, Aldershot

2003: *Archaeological discoveries from a medieval town*, Shropshire Books

2002 (Editor/author): Shrewsbury Abbey: studies in the archaeology and history of an urban monastery, *Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society monograph*, no.