

Dr Tom Horne

Archaeologist | Writer | Heritage Communicator | Tour Guide

Current Roles

History Hit: Writer of the [A Whole Lot of History](#) newsletter on Substack | Presenter: I am also developing history and archaeology documentaries for the *History Hit* YouTube channel.

Academic Writing: I continue to write about the Viking Age for an academic audience, with two chapters currently under contract with publishers.

Popular Writing & Public Talks

- [Treasures of the Vikings](#) (Amber Books, May 2026)
- [This morbid Viking Age death pit is more mystifying than it first seemed - here's why](#) (HistoryExtra, April 2026)
- *The Viking Great Army in Northern Britain* (History Scotland, July 2026 live webinar)

Tour Groups: I manage and guide the [Archaeology of Denmark and Sweden](#) tour for *Brightwater Holidays*, and am developing tours of Scotland with [Iles Tours](#).

Museum The Govan Stones: Museum Assistant and Volunteer Communications Manager. National and international Press and social media outreach, copy writing, content creation.

Past Roles - Selected

Red River Archaeology Group: Group Communications Manager

- ❖ Duties included PR and public outreach; Press relations; social media.
- ❖ I co-produced and co-presented the double award-winning audio and video podcast, *The Shindig*. I also wrote, co-produced, and presented a feature-length documentary about the discoveries at the Brookside Meadows Roman villa complex.
- ❖ I was responsible for furthering and enhancing the public standing of the company by creating, developing and delivering PR and public outreach for an international commercial archaeology group active in the UK, Ireland, and Germany.
- ❖ I maintained an extensive Press list for the national and global dissemination of my Press releases, and supported colleagues in maximising media opportunities.

Antiquity Journal: Media Assistant and then Public Engagement and Press Officer at *Antiquity*, the global archaeology journal.

- ❖ My duties included writing copy for social media, expanding and maintaining the journal's Press list, and authoring and coordinating international press releases.

Television - Selected

BBC/PBS, Researcher *Vikings Uncovered / Vikings Unearthed*

February 2015 – June, July 2015

- ❖ Part-time research on BBC One / PBS America (Nova) co-production about the Viking world and its latest archaeological discoveries. I suggested stories; liaised internationally with academics / museums; and organised logistics for / attended shoots in UK and Scandinavia.

BBC, Development Researcher & Researcher *Empire of the Seas*

September 2008 – October 2009

- ❖ Four-part series about the history of the UK for BBC Two, told through the story of the Royal Navy.

BBC, Researcher *The Lost World of Friese-Greene*

May – November 2005

- ❖ BBC/BFI archive series for BBC Two about a set of pioneering colour films from the 1920s. Social, economic, historical, and political research on local and national level. Sourcing of academic experts and tracing subjects from the 1920s.

Academic Writing & Education - Selected

Current: Contracted to write chapters for two publishers | Academic journal reviews

2022: Co-edited and contributed a chapter for an edited volume with Edinburgh University Press: [*The Viking Age in Scotland – Studies in Scottish Scandinavian Archaeology*](#)

2021: Routledge monograph: [*A Viking Market Kingdom in Ireland and Britain – Trade Networks and the Importation of a Southern Scandinavian Silver Bullion Economy*](#)

2008-2014: University of Glasgow Ph.D., *Scandinavian market networks in the Viking Age*

2006-2007: University of Glasgow M.Litt. (Distinction), Medieval Archaeology

1998-2001: University of Oxford M.A. (Oxon.) undergrad., Ancient and Modern History

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