

# Dr Tom Horne

Archaeologist | Writer | Heritage Communicator | Museum Assistant | Tour Guide

## Current Roles - Selected

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### Little Dot Studios & History Hit

- Writer: [The Archaeologist's Notebook](#) newsletter on Substack
- Presenter: Working on history and archaeology projects for *History Hit* YouTube

### Popular Writing & Public Talks

- My latest book: [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 Guide

- [Brightwater Holidays](#): Manage and guide for [Archaeology of Denmark and Sweden](#)
- [Context Travel](#): I am one of their Glasgow guides
- [Iles Tours](#): Currently developing tours of Scotland
- [The Govan Stones](#): Tour guide and Museum Assistant

### Museum Assistant & Volunteer Communications Manager

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

## Past Roles - Selected

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### 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

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**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, 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

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**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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