Archaeology is all around us—in our buildings, gardens, streets, and houses, and, more importantly, beneath our feet. Everyone has something interesting in their neighbourhood—why not ask an archaeologist to help you find out more?

Archaeologists are interested in the material remains of ordinary people’s lives, and much of this can be found right in our own backyards. In the days before garbage collection, this is where people disposed of their rubbish. Sometimes they threw it into convenient pits, such as disused privies and wells; sometimes it was just discarded on the surface.

Even the most ordinary object can tell an archaeologist something about how people lived in the past and help us all to find out more about the heritage of our neighbourhoods.