

**2pm - 5pm**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2021**

Central, Shrewsbury  
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## The Anglo-Saxon West Midlands

The Anglo-Saxon period is the first for which we can reconstruct, in detail, the landscape of the West Midlands, largely through the medium of charters with boundary clauses and place-names.

Dr Hooke's lecture will present the kingdoms and folk regions of the West Midlands and the breakdown of ancient patterns of land use as early territories fragmented. New minster parochiae and, eventually, parishes were formed, and capital manors recognised. The new counties created in an effort to withstand Danish penetration established an entirely new set of administrative units and burhs. Charters and place-names enable us to understand patterns of settlement and land use and also provide an insight into the local landscapes as they were seen by their inhabitants.

Dr Della Hooke FSA is an Honorary Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Research in Arts and Social Science at the University of Birmingham and Editor of the Society for Landscape Studies History Journal.

- The venue will be open from 1.30pm, with the meeting to begin at 2.00pm. Tea will then be served.
- Lecture to commence at 3:00pm and expected to finish by 5:00pm.
- For more information and details on live streaming see: <http://www.vchshropshire.org/> or follow us on Twitter @ VCH\_Shropshire. Entry free but donations welcome.

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