

# Report on Geophysics Survey of Battery Point, Portishead on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 by Nick Gough

On a very cold morning in January 2009, Nick Gough the then co-ordinator of PaDAG helped Archaeology student Richard Israel and his assessment tutor Phil Rowe of Bristol University do a Geophysics Survey of Battery Point.

Richard and Phil met Nick at Battery Point at around 9:30am. We marked out our survey areas and pegged the area off and marked up each strip to be surveyed.

As the weather was extremely cold and the ground was frozen the survey equipment struggled to get good readings as it relies on a current running from the machine to an earth point about 50 meters away.

Phil also conducted a full GPS survey of the site so the Geophysics results could be mapped accurately onto mapping software.

The survey attracted lots of attention from visitors to the area and we spend a lot of time speaking to people and explaining what we were doing.

The results of the survey were inconclusive due to the large amount of concrete under the surface.



Phil Rowe (left) and Richard Israel setting up



Richard (foreground) marks out the first strip



Phil (left) taking GPS readings



Nick (PaDAG) surveying