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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Chorley, Lancashire, The United Kingdom in 1966 and have been interested in archaeology and history for as long as I can remember. But it was only in my late 30s that I actively got involved in digging. Initially through volunteering, then through part-time commercial work. In 2010 I undertook a master degree at the University of York, England, specialising in field and medieval archaeology. It was here that I developed an interest in early medieval copper-alloy artefacts initially from Viking age England. This developed into a thesis topic where I attempted to better understand the geographical spread of early medieval personal items, recovered along the east coast of England.

In 2011, instigated in part by the poor state of the UK economy (the credit crunch of 2008 was still stifling commercial archaeology), I undertook a second master degree at Leiden University, where my interest turned to the composition of early medieval metal finds from the terps of Frisia. This ongoing interest opened up a larger research project as a PhD candidate at the faculty of archaeology at Leiden University. When I am not writing I like nothing more than to take off on my motorcycle or to chat with friends over a beer or two.