Archaeologists continue to dig up city's past

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EXCAVATION work is continuing on a burial site near Baal's bridge this weekend where archaeologists have discovered 25 medieval skeletal remains.

Work on the site is expected to continue for another three weeks as a team of eight archaeologists from Cornally-based Aegis Archaeology examine the site.

They will then excavate the remains, bring them to their offices where the bones will be further examined.

While it is too early to say when the bodies were buried at the site, rough estimates place them to some time between the 13th and 16th centuries.

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