

WE TAKE HISTORY SERIOUSLY AND OURSELVES NOT AT ALL. THIS WAY WE MAKE SURE WE KEEP HAVING FUN, DOING WHAT WE DO

#### HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?

That's simple! Just come along and get involved. We have manuals to help new members on getting gear together and existing members are always willing to lend a hand. When you see us at a display or at the park training, do not hesitate to walk up and start talking. We don't bite, but after a period of training we might hit you with a sword.

#### WHERE DO WE MEET?

The club meets regularly and has weapons training every second Sunday in a public park. To find out when the next training session or event will be held, just give us a call!

We would love to see you there!



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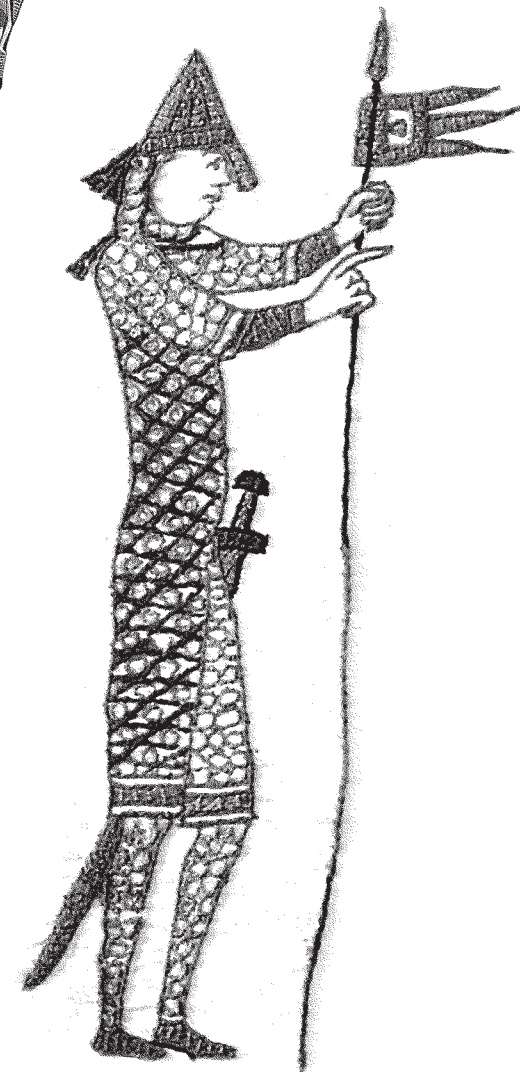
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## DARK AGE RE-ENACTMENT



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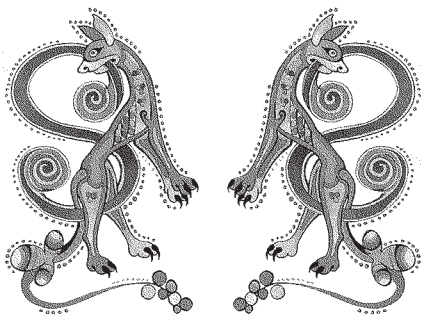
## WHO ARE THE HUSCARLS AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Our main purpose is to try to accurately re-enact the life and times of the British Isles and Western Scandinavia during the period known as the Viking Age, a period covering 800 to 1070. This era is also known as the Dark Ages.

Our efforts are spent at portraying a balanced image of life as it was a thousand years ago in Norse and Anglo-Saxon lands. Our mission differs from some other groups in that we strive to accurately re-create history, as we have researched it. We seek to learn about the era through "hands-on" experiences. We are not a fantasy organization!

The name "Huscarls" comes from the name given to the elite guard of the Saxon kings of England during part of this Viking Age. The name was also used in parts of Scandinavia before this time.

We perform combat demonstrations, battle re-enactments and displays of authentic crafts and games of the period. We perform shows at school fetes, carnivals and other events. We give talks and demonstrations to schools, historical societies and take part in sponsored events. On occasion society members have been involved in recreations for film and television.



The club also runs private events just for our own fun, such as weekend camps, feasts, dancing and combat weekends with other clubs as well as craft workshops.

Our work has an educational slant and we consider authenticity to be of the highest importance. We base the gear we use on archaeological finds of the period and are extremely cautious regarding the interpretation of styles depicted in manuscript sources.

The Society has a large quantity of what might loosely be referred to as "props". Constructed to the highest standards – and from the correct materials – these include large-scale tents, cooking equipment, and an array of other museum quality artefacts.

When circumstances allow, we build full encampments, which include temporary shelters and sod ovens on site. All this comes together to form an authentic living history campsite comprised of tented structures from which members can teach and demonstrate their craft activities. The encampment is a living, working environment and many of our props are made on site. While on campaign many activities take place. These include archery, boasting, brewing and so on.

## WHO MAKES OUR GEAR?

Part of the fun of being involved with the club is making the gear ourselves. Most of the members' clothes and gear are constructed within the club. There are also many small businesses that supply an extensive range of Dark Age equipment for the re-enactor.



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## HOW REAL IS THE COMBAT?

It is as real as we can make it, while still being safe. All the weapons and armour are styled on originals from the period, but the weapons are blunt. We utilise the fighting styles exercised throughout Western Europe during most of the Dark Ages. We train like any other martial art and teach not to use excessive force and above all, to be safe!

## WHO CAN JOIN?

The club is open to all. As we re-enact all aspects of life of the period, rather than simply the military side of life, families with children are more than welcome. In the Huscarls, children, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to learn about history and the way of life of a past era.



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