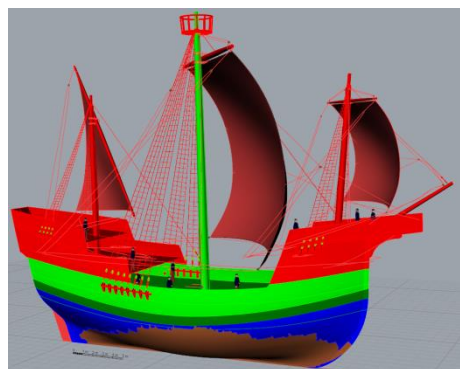
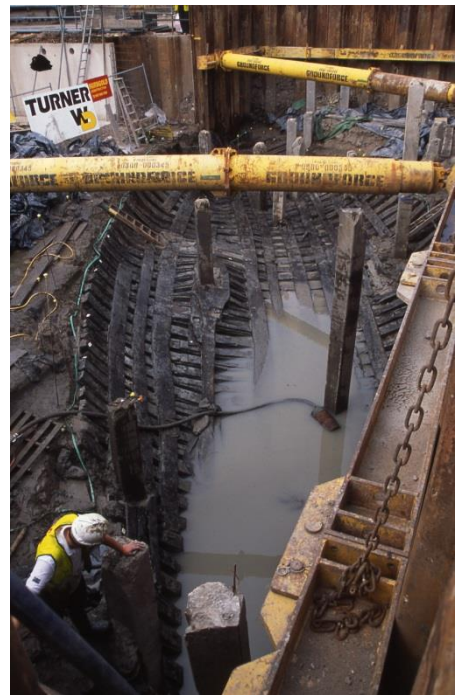


# The Discovery and Documentation of the Newport Ship: Unlocking the Secrets of a Medieval Merchant Vessel Found in Wales

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In the summer of 2002, archaeologists discovered a remarkably well-preserved medieval merchant ship in the United Kingdom. Construction on the banks of the River Usk, in Newport, Wales, led to the chance find of the unique vessel, which dates to around AD 1450. The large lapstrake-built trading ship and associated artefacts were carefully raised for further study and conservation. Nearly fifteen years of international research and meticulous conservation have helped to unlock the secrets of this historically significant find. The team has been at the forefront of using digital technology, including laser scanners, contact digitisers and CAD software, to document and model the vessel and artefacts.



The vessel is thought to have been built in the Basque Country of northern Spain and archaeological evidence suggests strong trading links between Britain and the Iberian Peninsula. The analysis of the hull and numerous objects has provided insight into the technological innovation, forest

management and trade patterns of the Atlantic-facing countries of Western Europe during the late-Medieval period. The vessel and finds are currently being conserved with the goal of reassembling the ship for permanent display within the city museum.