Bosworth Battlefield archaeological survey

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Bosworth is one of the most famous battles in our history, witnessing the death of King Richard III, made famous by Shakespeare ‘A horse, a horse, a Kingdom for a horse' and marking the birth of the all powerful Tudor Dynasty.

In the last few years several theories and debates have surrounded the exact location of the battle. Unlike other battles, Bosworth lacks any eye witness statements, making it all the more difficult to locate the true battlefield. Historical and archaeological experts are now in agreement that the battle did not take place where originally thought.

Made famous by William Shakespeare, Bosworth witnessed the clash between the legendary characters of Richard 111 and Henry Tudor. With his death, Richard became the last King to die in battle and the last to have no known resting place. Henry was crowned King Henry VII marking the end of the War of the Roses and the start of the Tudor England.

Des Gallagher, Acting Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East Midlands, said: “We at HLF are proud to have been able to support the groundbreaking archaeological survey that has led to these discoveries. The finds that have been revealed today offer a new insight into the Battle of Bosworth, giving us all the chance to learn more about one of the most famous conflicts in our nation’s history.”