

EMERGENCY ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDING FUND

To: Buckinghamshire Countywide Archaeological Advisory Committee

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A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1 To review the operation of the emergency recording fund.

B. PROPOSED ACTION

2 The Committee is invited to:

a) REVIEW the basis for apportioning contributions to the fund.

b) APPROVE the expenditure of £1563 to publish the Wendover cremation burial

C. RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

3 Contributions for financial year 2001/2 have been received totalling £1500 but are still outstanding from Chiltern District Council. During financial year 2001/2 the fund expended £696 giving an expected end of year balance of £804 but with £600 still to be collected. There is a need to commission £1563 of work to publish the Wendover cremation burial. The meeting of the CAAC on the 13th September 2000 agreed to a request for a contribution of £300 from each voting member organisation for the financial year 2001/2.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4 South Bucks District Council has requested that the CAAC consider weighting future contributions to the fund to reflect variations in the size between the local authorities. This matter was debated at the 13th September meeting but a decision postponed because representatives from South Bucks were unable to attend due to the petrol crisis. It was, however, agreed that if weighted contributions were to be adopted they should be based on the areas covered by each authority (doubled in the case of Milton Keynes Council to reflect its unitary status). The Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society's revised contribution would be set at equivalent to the lowest contributing authority to reflect the Society's limited financial means. Weighting would apportion future contributions as follows:

	Area (km ²)	% Contribution
Aylesbury Vale District Council	903	20%
Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society	n/a	5%
Buckinghamshire County Council	1564	40%
Chiltern District Council	196	5%
Milton Keynes Council	309	15%
South Bucks District Council	141	5%
Wycombe District Council	325	10%

NB: Contributions have been rounded to nearest 5% for ease of calculation.
At present each voting member contributes 15%.

- 5 The background to the discovery of the Wendover cremation burial was reported to the last meeting of the CAAC. There have been no new cases of unexpected archaeological discoveries since then.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

CAAC Papers and Minutes for 29th March & 13th September 2000

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