Your Views Matter!

The Buckinghamshire County Archaeology Service is reviewing its plan for the next three years (April 2005 – March 2007)

Help us set the priorities

Where we are today?

Buckinghamshire County Council has a small but active Archaeological Service that provides a range of services:

- ❖ Maintains the County's Sites and Monuments Record (SMR), a public record of the county's historic environment
- ❖ An on-line SMR resource for schools and local community groups is being developed by the "Unlocking Buckinghamshire's Past" project
- ❖ Historic Landscape Characterisation techniques are being used to map the county's historic landscapes and inform future development, particularly in the growth areas around Aylesbury and Milton Keynes.
- ❖ Advice is given on 500 planning applications per year leading to many archaeological investigations being undertaken.
- ❖ Advice is given to farmers and landowners to help them secure grant aid for managing archaeological remains
- ❖ Community Archaeology events are organised to cater for a wide range of ages and interests and local groups are supported in developing their own activities.

Where should we be going?

Despite securing increased resources over the past five years, both from internal and external sources, we cannot do everything we might like and have to prioritise. Please take a little time to read the plan then complete and return the table below to help us make these difficult choices.

Area of Work	Essential	Desirable, a high priority	Desirable, but a lower priority	Not a priority
Manage the impact of major housing growth on the historic environment				
Ensure that the contribution the historic environment can make to "green infrastructure" is fully recognised				
Continue a programme of Historic Landscape Characterisation in the Chilterns, Colne Valley and urban areas to improve recognition of the wider historic environment				
Contribute to a Regional Archaeological Research Frameworks Project to improve the focus and relevance of archaeological work				
Further develop the Sites and Monuments Record to more evenly				

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cover historic buildings and landscapes, as well as archaeology				
Maintain an efficient, effective archaeological planning advisory service				
Promote best practice in archaeological fieldwork through monitoring and, if necessary, enforcement procedures				
Provide specialist advice for agricultural environmental stewardship schemes				
Manage a Monument Management Grant scheme for English Heritage (value £10k per annum)				
Improve information on the condition of the historic environment in Bucks				
Help manage the impact of major development on major archaeological sites				
Promote surveys of woodland archaeology				
Support local community archaeology projects				
Develop a wider range of heritage education resources and services for schools				
Develop a community archaeology project specifically targeted at social inclusion				
Continue Heritage Open Days and/or National Archaeology Week as an annual event				
Promote the role of the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Champion (a county councillor)				
Promote the role of the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum				

Have we missed out anything you think should be priority?

If so, please explain …………………………………………………………..

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About you…

To help us analyse the responses to this consultation would you please tick the one box below which most specifically defines your interest in this consultation:

Academic Student/Researcher

Amateur archaeologist/local historian
Buckinghamshire resident (no other category applies)
Councillor (County/District/Parish)
Farmer/Landowner
Local authority officer
Professional archaeologist
Young person (18 or under)
None of the above (please specify)

Do you consider yourself to belong to an ethnic minority?

For further information on the County Archaeological Service visit our web-site:

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