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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Date: Tuesday 8 November 2011

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

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Minutes

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2011 IN MEZZANINE ROOM 3, COUNTY HALL, AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 2.30 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 4.27 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members

Mr C Cashman Mr R Evans Mr M Farley

Sir J Horsbrugh-Porter

Mr H McCarthy Mrs V McPake Mr G Marshall Mrs S Polhill

Mr R Pushman (Chairman)

Mr N Crank

Officers

Mr M Andrew Mr S Kidd Mr B Thorn Ms J Wise Ms K MacDonald Ms J Foster

Organisation

Aylesbury Vale District Council
Diocese of Oxford
Bucks Archaeological Society
Chiltern District Council
Wycombe District Council
Milton Keynes Council
National Trust
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Milton Keynes Council

Organisation

Wycombe District Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Bucks County Museum
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
AVDC

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from Brenda Jennings

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2010 were confirmed subject to the following:





Page 7, Item 12, National Trust Report

"Thames & Solent region had merged with the Thames Valley area" should read "Thames & Solent region had merged with the South East region".

The Chairman thanked Ms McPake for arranging for the last meeting of the Board at Bletchley Park. He said that Members found the tour and the setting most pleasant.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5 LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS: ENGLISH HERITAGE CONSULTATION

Members had received the report of the County Archaeologist.

Mr Kidd said that English Heritage had published a draft consultation on 'Good Practice Guide for Local Listing: Identifying and Managing Significant Local Heritage Assets'. Members discussed the value of the document and PPS5. Mr Kidd suggested that the Forum should respond to the consultation. He highlighted that only Wycombe District Council has a local list and said that the concept of the local list was broadening.

Members had a discussion around local listing and concern was raised regarding funding. It was highlighted that much can be achieved by local groups but commented that it still requires a staff member to co-ordinate and produce. It was also said that local listing does not bring any additional controls. The consultation document says local listing will increase protection but this was felt to be raising expectation as it introduced no additional powers of sanction.

An Officer said that local lists hold more weight locally. He commented that in the Wycombe area some buildings which are not in a conservation area have been conserved on the basis of local listing. He also advised that there is joint working with local societies who had received training on the criteria for the listing of buildings. He commented that Archaeology aspect would have an impact on this as local residents were not experts in Archaeology and that this would need a higher level of professionalism. The Officer said that local residents in Wycombe were pleased with the local listing although they were not happy with the lack of teeth of the list. Local expertise should add to the local list.

A Member said a benefit of the local listing was to raise awareness in local communities and that the more people are aware, this will in turn raise the value of the buildings and local area in their consciousness. The Member said that the localism agenda and neighbourhood plans may impact significantly on the role of community groups. He commented that there is much opportunity to carry out what Wycombe is already doing.

The Forum was advised that AVDC had completed a list of all listed buildings and put these in categories of risk. They are also encouraging villages to gather pictures of all buildings of interest.

Members discussed the role of validation of the local lists and it was highlighted that in Wycombe the list is validated by the Cabinet Member with that responsibility. Members

of the Forum felt it was important that this element of validation is maintained.

It was suggested that Parish Councils could be requested to draw up local lists. A Member highlighted that it was not just about buildings but also about local landscapes.

Mr Kidd commented to a previous point raised about Archaeology and said that the Archaeological aspect was more specialised and by nature harder to defined. He raised concern over the selection criteria for local lists and the need to ensure that these were comprehensive. He commented that how Archaeology and the landscape were covered required closer consideration.

A Member commented that the wording of any response to the consultation should be carefully drafted and said that if a building etc was on the local list the Local Authority should not be committed to maintaining it.

Members agreed that Mr Kidd respond to the consultation on behalf of the Forum.

6 HIGH SPEED 2

Members had received a report from the County Archaeologist.

The Forum was advised that the public consultation on HS2 commenced on 28 February and can be accessed through the County Council website. He said that the current position is that the Member Project Board is opposed to the project on the basis that the business case has not been proved. An environmental impact statement had also not yet been produced.

Mr Kidd said that at the previous meeting of the Forum a Historic Environment response was discussed, which led to a workshop held in November 2010. At the workshop information was gathered and an appraisal of the route formed. He asked that if any Members had any other further comments to add to forward them to him.

He advised that on a national level the County Council is working with English Heritage and colleagues in other Local Authorities to form a Historic Environment technical panel, which will include advising HS2 of best practice.

The Officer said that the report includes the route consultation, Appraisal of Sustainability and the impact of HS2 on the Bucks Historic Environment. He commented that there is an ongoing debate regarding the legal status of the document and the lack of an Environmental Impact Assessment. Mr Kidd said that there are specific statements in the consultation which almost entirely relates to designated assets such as listed buildings, registered parks and scheduled ancient monuments. He said that no listed buildings in Bucks have been mentioned to be at risk but this does not recognise apparently significant impacts, including at least one probable demolition. He commented that there are significant omissions; such as some impacts on designated assets and that the document also largely misses out heritage which is not designated.

Mr Kidd said that the consultation is quite specific and asked that Forum if they wished to comment on the Appraisal of Sustainability, which seemed the most obvious element for the Forum to consider.

A Member said that he was amazed by the approach in the document and that it appeared to be a cursory approach to elements which residents in Bucks hold dear. He further commented that the electricity authority were not happy with how the line would

be powered.

Mrs McPake declared an interest as Cabinet Member for Transport at Milton Keynes Council and said that Milton Keynes Council were in favour of the principle of HS2 and that the scheme had the support of the business community. She said that she would not be able to participate in the discussion of the route and that she and/or Milton Keynes Council could not be involved in opposing the route. She asked that it be noted that any view presented from the Forum exclude Milton Keynes Council. The Member was asked if Milton Keynes Council supported the line rather than the principle. In response the Member said that Milton Keynes support the principle of HS2 and that Milton Keynes will indirectly benefit from the aligning of the route as it will release capacity of the West Coast Mainline.

A Member said that there was no mention of Doddershall Park which although undesignated forms the setting of a Grade II* listed house. Mr Kidd said he would look into this.

Action: Mr Kidd

7 MILTON KEYNES ARCHAEOLOGICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Members received a report from Nick Crank, Archaeological Officer, Milton Keynes Council.

The Officer advised of the fieldwork projects undertaken in the Milton Keynes areas between July and December 2010. He said that the British Museum will be carrying out further examination at Manor Farm Quarry, Wolverton in April 2011.

The planning application for a new Tesco on the former Aston Martin site was allowed despite local opposition.

The Officer advised that due to budget cuts the vacant Archaeological post has been deleted following a restructure. Following the restructure the Conservation and Archaeology Team is also to become part of the 'Development Management' Team.

The 'Discover MK' shop unit in Milton Keynes has been wound up, however the service now have space in the Central Library and there will be a revolving exhibition. This will also tie in with the Archaeology Day.

The Forum NOTED the report

8 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGIST'S REPORT

Members had received the report of the County Archaeologist.

The Officer informed Members of the organisational changes and said that he had now taken on the role of Acting Team Leader Natural and Historic Environment and that from April the merged team would be joined by the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Record Centre. The arrangements would also be part of the Planning, Environment and Development comprehensive review later in the year.

The Forum was also advised that due to financial constraints a charging policy had been implemented. The Officer was asked if the Council would be charging for Natural Environment advice. In response the Officer advised that the Record Centre charges for copies of records etc and that in relation to other environmental advice, charging may be necessary in the future.

A Member enquired how many people were employed in the Natural Environment Team and the Officer said the team consisted of 2 Environmental Record Centre staff and 5 staff members in the Natural Environment Team, although this was likely to be reduced to 4 people (not 4 full time equivalents).

The Officer was asked if the summary of charges listed on page 74 of the report applied to District Councils. Mr Kidd said that developers would be charged not the District Council, although if a District Council were to be a developer the County Council would charge in that instance. It was highlighted that the County Record Office is separate and has its own charging policy.

A Member asked for an update on 'The Solent-Thames Research Frameworks Project'. The Officer said that the Project was a collaborative exercise and said that stage 1 is complete and is on the Council website. The Project designers put a bid in to English Heritage for the strategy stage and this had hit some difficulties as English Heritage has less funding available. Mr Kidd said that the question was what to do next. He said that the project could continue upto a certain stage until funds are depleted, funds could be sought or the information published as it is. He said that the consultants and Officers have been through a difficult few months and that the response of the consultants was awaited. He said it is not a satisfactory situation and he said Members may want to consider if they want to develop a statement of Bucks priorities, which may offer valuable support.

9 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD: UPDATE

Members had received the report of the Historic Environment Record Officer.

The Officer advised the Forum of the work of the Buckinghamshire HER since the last meeting and updated the Forum on the priorities for future HER projects. She said that only three members had responded to the proposed project list. Members were referred to the table summarising the results and the Officer commented that the following projects were prioritised:

- 1. Local buildings of note in Wycombe, South Bucks and Chiltern districts (priority level 1)
- 2. Farmstead Characterisation project (priority level 2) the officer said that the Council would be looked for funding from English Heritage to take this phase forward
- 3. BCC Historic Buildings Officers' photos in CBS (priority level 2)
- 4. Roger Evans' slide collection in CBS (priority level 3)

Mr Marshall commented that the National Trust has a collection of photos and that he would discuss this with the Officer.

Members NOTED the report

10 COUNTY MUSEUM REPORT

Members had received the report of the Ros Tyrell, Finds Liaison Officer and Brett Thorn, Keeper of Archaeology.

Mr Thorn said that the Museum did not appear to be picking up archives from Milton Keynes and Mr Crank suggested Mr Thorn contact him to discuss.

A Member enquired how finds and PAS Database Records linked in with the HER. The Officer advised that professional finds are added to the HER and individual finds are included on the portable equitable schemes and then feed into the HER.

11 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Members received the report from Gary Marshall, National Trust Archaeologist.

The Officer highlighted key points from his report as follows:

Stowe New Inn

The finds within the building have been remarkable including over 65 different wallpapers. The archaeological recording has provided a greater insight into how the buildings and use of the rooms have evolved over time. There will be 6 presentations rooms open to the public hopefully by mid September 2011. The Officer said that he hopes to have the Archaeological report completed by the end of June 2011.

A Member suggested it might be possible to hold a BHEF meeting at Stowe once work has been completed.

Cliveden

This has been a huge piece of work with various phases over several years.

Mr Farley asked that Mr Marshall be congratulated on his work at Stowe New Inn and that this be noted.

12 CHURCH ARCHAEOLOGY

Members had received the report of the Diocese of Oxford.

Mr Kidd enquired if the Diocese had considered the impact of HS2 on Churches along the route. Mr Evans suggested that Mr Kidd should contact Bishop Allen to discuss. It was commented that Twyford Church is a good example of a church affected by the proposed route.

A Member asked if the Forum could ask the Bishop for his view on HS2 and the proposed route.

Action: Mr Kidd/Chairman to draft a letter

13 CONSERVATION OFFICERS' REPORTS

(i) AYLESBURY VALE

The following was reported:

- The Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted on the 4th of March 2011 following a period of public consultation. The Conservation Areas SPD explains the policy framework and guidance for the process by which conservation areas within Aylesbury Vale District are designated, appraised, monitored and managed.
- The Buildings at Risk survey has been completed and Officers are starting to write to those owners with buildings at risk.

 The grant scheme operated in partnership with English Heritage for Kingsbury has started.

(ii) CHILTERN

Nothing to report

(iii) MILTON KEYNES

The following was reported:

The current conservation Area Review programme is on hold. The Heritage at Risk project is underway. The surveys are being carried out and 103 have been submitted for consideration.

A Member enquired if the Heritage at Risk list was closed and the Officer said that if anyone would like to nominate a building to forward it to him.

(iv) SOUTH BUCKS

Nothing to report

(v) WYCOMBE

The following was reported:

- Work is ongoing on the Conservation Area Appraisal and this is ready to go out for public consultation.
- Wycombe Station the focus is on getting the landscape completed prior to the work on the station.

14 EMERGENCY RECORDING FUND

Members had received the report of the County Archaeologist/Treasurer.

Mr Kidd advised that the current balance of the emergency recording fund stood at £7250.

The Forum noted the grant of £1000 to the National Trust and Mr Marshall thanked the Forum for the funding.

Mr Kidd advised that radiocarbon dating on one of the skeleton remains found during the excavation of a trench on the north side of the building at 40 Church Lane provided a date of 240-420 AD (not BC as listed in the report). The Officer said that it appeared that the burials were not in isolation and said that some graves were also found at St Pauls Church. He said it would appear to be part of a large Roman cemetery. The excavation generated much local interest.

Members then had a discussion on burial sites. Mr Kidd said that the law on burial was interpreted sympathetically to Archaeology and that human remains could be held in museums. Recent interpretations however from the Ministry of Justice have said that all human remains should be reburied after a year, although this could be extended for a survey but there was not a committed intention to retain in a museum. A Member asked

if the Officer could write a letter asking for this interpretation to be re-examined.

Action: Mr Kidd

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Forum is to be rescheduled and Members were asked to remove the date of 21 September from their diaries.

A new date will be circulated in due course.

CHAIRMAN

ARCHAEOLOGY IN MILTON KEYNES

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Date: September 2011

Author: Senior Archaeological Officer, Conservation and

Archaeology, Milton Keynes Council

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Committee of recent archaeological matters in Milton Keynes.

B. FIELDWORK PROJECTS

- 1. Attached is a list of fieldwork projects (Events) undertaken in the Milton Keynes area between January and June 2011. Highlights included:
 - Two open area excavations revealing late Iron Age and Romano-British settlement on the Western Expansion Area, Shenley Church End parish.
 - Continuing excavation and monitoring at Manor Farm quarry, Wolverton. Work this season has revealed later prehistoric brushwood trackways and in situ Mesolithic flint scatters.
- 2. An update on progress with key post-excavation / publication projects is appended.

C. PLANNING

1. Between 1st January and 30th June 2011 there were 142 consultations in respect of archaeological matters as a direct result of planning applications, pre-development enquiries, and schemes by statutory undertakers and other agencies.

D. HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

- 1. The Historic Environment Record was consulted by external researchers or consultants 23 times between January and June 2011.
- 2. The Senior Archaeological Officer completed a review of the 2006 HER audit in May and is currently working on an action plan for the development of the HER over the next 3 years. A key component of the action plan is likely to be the procurement of a replacement database to achieve better compliance with the appropriate national

heritage data standards and to provide a more sustainable platform for the future.

E. STAFF

- 1. The vacant post of Archaeological Officer has been deleted following a programme of restructuring. Senior Conservation Officer Paul Affleck has also left the team, taking voluntary redundancy as part of this process after over 30 years service with MKDC and then MK Council.
- 2. The restructured Conservation & Archaeology Team has been reduced by 33% and in addition to the Senior Archaeological Officer now comprises The Conservation & Archaeology Manager (Simon Peart) plus 2 Conservation Officers.

F. OUTREACH

- 1. The Senior Archaeological Officer gave a talk on recent archaeological work in Milton Keynes to the members of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society at their AGM in May.
- 2. Planning for Archaeology Day 2011 is underway; the popular open day will be held in MK Central Library on Saturday 12th November. This year's event will include Dr Helen Geake speaking on the Staffordshire Hoard and Ros Tyrrell of the Portable Antiquities Scheme on finds in Milton Keynes. A range of poster displays and artefacts from both professional and amateur archaeologists will feature on the day and also in the run up to the event.
- 3. In March and June two well-attended open days were organised with the cooperation of the developer and contracting archaeologists on excavations in Shenley Church End parish in advance of the Western Expansion Area (see above B).

G. PROPOSED ACTION

1. The Committee is asked to note this report.

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Fieldwork events in Milton Keynes January – June 2011

Site	Organisation	Event	Date	Summary	Publication
12 Union Street, Newport Pagnell	Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd	Building assessment	February	Recording and assessment of 2 19 th century non-domestic structures prior to conversion	No
Orchardway Wind Farm, Haversham	Northamptonshire Archaeology	Geophysical survey	March	Magnetometry survey revealed a number of features ranging in probable date from prehistoric to post-medieval	No
Land r/o Tower House & 96 High St, Stony Stratford	Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd	Trial trenching	May	Single trial trench revealed 3 ditches and 2 pits, some medieval and post-medieval pottery recovered.	No
Bletchley Park Mound	Archaeologica Ltd	Borehole survey	January	Borehole survey confirmed absence of buried modern structures	No
Land at Area 10, Milton Keynes Western Extension, Shenley Church End	North Pennines Archaeology Ltd	Geophysical survey	June	Largely negative supplementary magnetometry survey	No
Area A - Land at Area 10, Milton Keynes Western Extension, Shenley Church End	North Pennines Archaeology Ltd	Excavation	March	Small late Iron Age settlement	tbc
Area C - Land at Area 10, Milton Keynes Western Extension, Shenley Church End	North Pennines Archaeology Ltd	Excavation	June	Late Iron Age and Romano-British settlement	tbc
Land at Area 10, Milton Keynes Western Extension, Shenley Church End / Calverton	North Pennines Archaeology Ltd	Trial trenching	March - June	Awaiting report	No

Fieldwork events in Milton Keynes January – June 2011

Site	Organisation	Event	Date	Summary	Publication
'Fish Ponds' site, Castlethorpe	Northamptonshire Archaeology	Watching Brief	May	Negative watching brief on Scheduled Monument	No
Manor Farm Quarry, Old Wolverton	Cambridge Archaeological Unit / Phoenix	Strip, map and sample	Ongoing	Mesolithic working scatter, Bronze Age antler working and brushwood tracks / platforms, Iron Age pit alignment.	tbc

Agenda Item 8 Appendix 2

Publication Update – Milton Keynes

SITE	CONTRACTOR	FIELDWORK COMPLETED	PRINCIPAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST	SITUATION	ACTION REQUIRED	NOTES
Cowper Tannery, Olney	Northants Archaeology	2003	Early medieval / medieval settlement	Final report being edited for RoB	Await publication	In RoB 2013?
Nova MK1, Wavendon	CgMs/Northants Archaeology	2007	Romano-British settlement	I and II assessments rec'd 02/09	Pursue enforcement action	Note on BA loom weights in RoB 2013?
Wolverton Mill Housing	Northants Archaeology	2004	Saxon settlement	Final report being edited for RoB	Await publication	In RoB 2013?
Tattenhoe Park, Sites A- C	Northants Archaeology	2005	Mid to Late Iron Age settlement	Final report being edited for RoB	Await publication	In RoB 2013?
Broughton Manor Farm	Oxford Archaeology East	2007	Mid Iron Age to Roman settlement	Draft report rec'd 07/11	Await final combined report	To be published as integrated monograph / popular pub with Brooklands in 2012
Broughton Northern Infill	ASC Ltd	2007	Roman, medieval, post- med activity	Assessment Received 2008	Await final report / publication	In RoB 2013?
Brooklands	Oxford Archaeology	2009	Multi-period landscape	Draft report rec'd 07/11	Await final combined report	To be published as integrated monograph with Broughton Manor Fm in 2012
Radcliffe School	ASC Ltd	2008	Late Iron Age to Roman enclosures, mid Saxon cemetery	Site 1 assessment rec'd 07/11	Await site 2 assessment	Site 1 in RoB / Site 2 in Period Journal?

Publication Update – Milton Keynes

SITE	CONTRACTOR	FIELDWORK COMPLETED	PRINCIPAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST	SITUATION	ACTION REQUIRED	NOTES
Willen Road, Newport Pagnell	ASC Ltd	2008	Late Iron Age to Roman settlement and cremation cemetery	Await assessment	Follow up	Expected end 2011
Calverton, Passenham Quarry Extension	Northants / Cotswold	2009		PXA for Phase 3 and 4 approved	Await PXA for 5 and 6	

Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum – September 2011

County Museum Report

Since the last meeting of the forum, the intention to deposit 25 site archives has been notified to the County Museum, of which 7 are from the Milton Keynes Council area. This is a similar number to those reported from the previous 6 months.

The museum has recently opened its "100 treasures" exhibition, featuring a number of very important archaeological items, gathered together in a single gallery, selected from the museum collections because of their importance, and including the Horwood Iron Age coin hoard, the Newport Pagnell Saxon beaker, the Loughton witch bottle, and the Amersham Roman bowls.

The forum may be interested to note that the Roman coin making equipment hoard from Wing, mentioned in the museum report at the last meeting, has recently won the "most significant hoard" category, in a national competition run by the Searcher magazine. It was donated to the museum by the finder, and is now on display in the museum InfoPoint. A further find, from the same site, only just reported, appears to be a second coin die. It is a different size to the previous one, and so almost certainly not the other half of the set. The discovery of two sets of coin making equipment on the site leads to the interesting possibility that it may not be an isolated hoard, but possibly a production site, and could perhaps be worthy of further investigation.

Brett Thorn
Collections Officer (Archaeology)

Archaeological projects notified to the museum, March - Sept 2011

2011.139	archive from trenching at Riley Road, Marlow; archive not yet deposited
2011.140	archive from evaluation on land off Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton ; archive not yet deposited
2011.141	archive from excavation at Moreton barn, Water Street, Ford; archive not yet deposited
2011.142	archive from watching brief at Salden Manor, Cooks Lane, Mursley; archive not yet deposited
2011.152	archive from watching brief at St Marys Church, Wavendon; archive not yet deposited
2011.153	archive from watching brief at Manor Farm House, Nether Winchendon; archive not yet deposited
2011.154	archive from Northern Car Park, Intervet Schering-Plough campus, Groveway, Walton Manor, Milton Keynes ; archive not yet deposited
2011.155	archive from trenching at The Grove, 41 Walton Road, Aylesbury; archive not yet deposited
2011.156	archive from evaluation at Denham Golf Course; archive not yet deposited
2011.157	archive from evaluation at Henwood Farm, Silverstone Lane, Biddlesden, Luffield Abbey; archive not yet deposited
2011.158	archive from trenching at Aylesbury High School; archive not yet deposited
2011.168	archive from evaluation at Mill Street, Aylesbury; archive not yet deposited
2011.169	archive from watching brief at Fish ponds play area, The Chequers, Castlethorpe ; archive not yet deposited
2011.170	archive from evaluation at Drakewell Road, Bow Brickhill; archive not yet deposited
2011.171	archive from evaluation at The Old Vicarage, Winslow; archive not yet deposited
2011.172	archive from evaluation at Church Walk, Burnham; archive not yet deposited
2011.173	archive from evaluation at NEA Site, Aylesbury Waterside, Walton Street ; archive not yet deposited
2011.174	archive from evaluation at Townsend Garage, Haddenham; archive not yet deposited
2011.180	archive from evaluation at 2 Fern Lane, Fort End, Haddenham; archive not yet deposited
2011.181	archive from evaluation at Chiltern Brewery, Nash Lee Road, Terrick; archive not yet deposited
2011.182	archive from evaluation at 3 Church Headland Lane, Whitchurch ; archive not yet deposited
2011.183	archive from watching brief at maltings Farm, 48 South Street, Castlethorpe ; archive not yet deposited
2011.184	archive from watching brief at St Marys Church, Wavendon; archive not yet deposited
2011.185	archive from evaluation at 96 High Street, Stony Stratford; archive not yet deposited
2011.186	archive from evaluation at former BOCM works, Terrick; archive not yet deposited

The National Trust

Bucks Historic Environment Forum 21st September 2011

Stowe New Inn

After 20 months of building work Stowe New Inn is due to open to the public at the end of October 2011, slightly later than scheduled (originally June). Seven rooms within the historic part of the inn will be open to the public, including three of the parlours, the kitchen, brewhouse/laundry, the 'Dairy' and one of the upstairs rooms which is thought may have provided an assembly room. The rooms will be refurbished to how they might have appeared c. 1790 when a major re-fit of the inn took place, including the introduction of passages segregated from the parlours and the reconfiguration of staircases. Much of the refurbishment will be informed by archaeological evidence, particularly for decorative schemes and for the arrangement of fireplaces. Unblocking of one of the parlour fireplaces has led to the discovery of an unusual stuccoed surround to the c.1790 fireplace. The refurbished rooms will include a display of everyday but informative artefacts recovered from the inn, including the roof tile with its obscenity published in Records of Bucks. You will have to visit New Inn or read Records (2008) to find out what it said!

The report for the main phase of archaeological recording is due for completion in December with a summary article to follow in Records of Bucks for 2012.

Other Stowe projects which are gently on the 'boil' are proposals for relocating the golf course to the eastern edge of the park, thus removing it from its current location from the heart of the historic gardens and allowing for restoration of this area to its late 18th century form. The proposals are being informed by historic landscape assessments which have included an archaeological impact assessment.

Cliveden

Major excavations for installing a new sewer scheme are scheduled to commence in January of 2012. These will be the subject of an archaeological watching brief with the preferred tender to be appointed in October.