

## Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum – May 2012

### Agenda item 9

#### County Museum Report

Since the last meeting of the forum, the intention to deposit 51 site archives has been notified to the County Museum, of which 18 are from the Milton Keynes Council area. This is almost double the amount from the previous 6 months.

There are two, linked, important pieces of news from the museum in the last 6 months. Firstly, BCC cabinet has now approved the devolution of the county museum to a full charitable trust. We have recruited a small shadow trust board, to work with the museum over the next year, with the intention of expanding the group of trustees, and the trust becoming fully operational, and taking over running of the museum, next April.

The other significant piece of news is the initial approval from BCC for the museum to submit a bid to the HLF for a major capital redevelopment of the resource centre at Halton. At the moment, we are working with DCA associates to create the bid, and consulting with stakeholders about the possible form and functions of a new resource centre.

Detailed questions about either project should be addressed to the museum manager, Sarah Gray.

#### Archaeological projects notified to the museum, Sept 2011 - Apr 2012

2011.218.1	Cotswold Archaeology	paper archive from archaeological recording at Dancers End water main; no associated finds
2011.219	Cotswold Archaeology	archive from building recording at Slad Farm, Water Eaton, Bletchley; archive not yet deposited
2011.220	Cotswold Archaeology	archive from evaluation at Orchardway wind farm, Haversham; archive not yet deposited
2011.221	Archaeological Services Ltd	archive from evaluation at Willowbridge marina, Stoke Road, Bletchley; archive not yet deposited
2011.222	Archaeological Services Ltd	archive from watching brief at 3 St Faiths Close, Newton Longville; archive not yet deposited
2011.223	Northamptonshire Archaeology	archive from evaluation at College Road, Aston Clinton; archive not yet deposited
2011.224	Northamptonshire Archaeology	archive from watching brief on land at the Grange, Haversham; archive not yet deposited
2011.225	John Moore Heritage Services	archive from watching brief at Stable House, 25 The Green, Brill; archive not yet deposited
2011.226	John Moore Heritage Services	archive from building recording at The Queens Head pub, 1-3 Temple Street, Aylesbury; archive not yet deposited
2011.227	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	archive from evaluation at 25 High Street, Haddenham; archive not yet deposited
2011.228	Oxford Archaeology South	archive from evaluation at Wayside Farm, Fleet Marston; archive not yet deposited
2011.229.CLD	National Trust	group of items found during restoration of Corinthian Arch at Stowe House, under the floor in the attic room; includes iron sword, iron bradawl with wooden handle, iron knife; 5 pieces of textile, possibly 18th century, possibly deliberately hidden a concealed clothing group; also Anglo Saxon iron spear head, found just outside the arch during gardening work; sword and spear conserved at UCL

2012.19	Chess Valley Archaeology and History Society	archive from excavation at Lowndes Park Mound, Chesham; archive not yet deposited
2012.20	Chess Valley Archaeology and History Society	archive from excavation at Valley Farm, Sarratt Bottom; archive not yet deposited
2012.21	Cotswold Archaeology	archive from evaluation at Astwood Grange Wind Turbines; archive not yet deposited
2012.22	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	archive from watching brief at 44 High Street Haddenham; archive not yet deposited
2012.23	Headland Archaeology Ltd	archive from evaluation and trenching at Stoke Heights wind farm, Stoke Goldington; archive not yet deposited
2012.35	Northamptonshire Archaeology	archive from watching brief at land adjoining Bay Tree Cottage, Adstock; archive not yet deposited
2012.36	Northamptonshire Archaeology	archive from watching brief at land at Carlton House Club, Olney; archive not yet deposited
2012.37	Souterrain Archaeological Service Ltd	archive from watching brief at Hanslope; archive not yet deposited
2012.38	Archaeology in Marlow Society	archive from excavation at Warren Wood, Little Marlow; archive not yet deposited
2012.39	Wardell Armstrong Archaeology	archive from excavation at Common Farm, Wolverton; archive not yet deposited
2012.41	Archaeological Services Ltd	archive from excavation in County Museum garden, Aylesbury; excavation carried out subsequent to finding human remains during landscape gardening work; archive not yet deposited

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