

Agenda

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Date: Tuesday 18 March 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room, Stoke Mandeville
Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke
Mandeville

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The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 18 September 2014, 2.30pm, Mezz 3, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks.

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

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To all Members of the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Minutes

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2013 IN LARGE DINING ROOM, JUDGES LODGINGS, AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 3.45 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members

Mr R Evans
Mr M Farley
Mr G Marshall
Mr W Chapple OBE
Mr W Whyte
Mr R Pushman

Organisation

Diocese of Oxford
Bucks Archaeological Society
National Trust
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Bucks Heritage Champion

Officers

Mr M Andrew
Mr J Brushe
Ms J Wise
Ms K MacDonald
Ms E Alqassar
Mr N Crank
Ms S Farr
Ms S Keene
Ms E Hands
Mr S Peart

Organisation

Wycombe District Council
South Bucks District Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Milton Keynes Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Milton Keynes Council

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

As there were new members of the Forum and not all members in attendance it was agreed that the Election of Chairman be delayed until the next meeting.

Members agreed that Mike Farley be Chairman for the meeting.

Mike Farley in the Chair.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from Brett Thorn, Sue Polhill and Hugh McCarthy.



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3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2012 were confirmed subject to the following:

Item 9, County Museum Report, Paragraph 6 should read:

“Mike Farley said that the bulk of the premises of the County Museum were actually the property of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society. The Trust would take over the running of the Museum and staff in Aylesbury, as well as the Halton site, once it was redeveloped. The Trust would not take ownership of the collections or the premises”.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Mr Roger Evans advised that he had resigned from the Diocese. He said that he had tried to contact Mr Julian Mumby regarding a replacement but had not as yet been able to speak to him. Roger said he felt it was useful for the Forum to know what the Diocese was doing. Roger informed the Forum that he would no longer be attending.

On behalf of the Forum the Chairman thanked Roger for all his support.

The Chairman agreed to write to Julian Mumby regarding a replacement member.
ACTION: Mike Farley

HS2 had been discussed at the last meeting and Gary Marshall commented that it had been very difficult to ascertain from HS2 what fieldwork had been done, which has been very frustrating.

Members were reminded that the formal consultation would be starting this year and that the first reading of the Hybrid Bill had been heard in Parliament.

6 ROLE AND PRIORITIES OF BHEF

Ms Shelia Keene introduced the item and asked members whether the Forum provided a valuable place to discuss issues regarding the Historic Environment or whether this was an opportunity to look for other possible options. Shelia also asked if members did feel the Forum was valuable whether there was a need to amend or review the constitution.

The Chairman advised that Mr Cory Cashman, who was unable to attend the meeting, had sent an email with suggested topics for consideration by the Forum. His suggestions were as follows:

1: Reviewing the constitution. It is around 10 years since the constitution was agreed and I do not think that it has been reviewed in that time – does it fully reflect and have the ability to respond to contemporary realities?

2: Composition of membership. Does the present membership always ensure fully informed responses to every matter discussed? Some of our group have been poor attenders at meetings, often for reasons outside their control. This can handicap the ability of the committee to respond knowledgeably on certain matters in the absence of

such members who might otherwise usefully inform these discussions.

3: Relationship with the 5 Buckinghamshire local authorities. How do we see this relationship and what would we say was its purpose? How well do we communicate to them what we do? Is this communication patchy both in terms of time and geography?

4: Frequency of meetings.

Cory had said that he felt consideration of the issues needed to be supported by appropriate additional information to help inform the discussions and suggested these and any other similar matters could be discussed at the Spring meeting in 2014.

Mr Richard Pushman referred to the Constitution for the Forum and said that he didn't think the objects had changed and was still worthwhile. He suggested that the objects could however be more rigorously and consistently followed. Richard suggested that the membership and representation could be reconsidered. He queried the reason for having voting and non-voting members and said he thought this needed to be reviewed. He also suggested that information sharing could be improved.

Ms Sarah-Jane Farr highlighted the importance of effective advocacy and said that members had various experience and skills which could be effectively used for the Historic Environment.

It was highlighted that meetings needed to be focused and outcome based as officers are increasingly challenged about their attendance at meetings. It was commented that if officers received a presentation or attended a site visit it may be easier to justify attendance at meetings with employers as there is added value and also useful for CPD. It was commented that the expertise of the different members was important as those members could inform discussions.

Shelia asked if there was any value in having more interactive meetings and asked if this should be explored further. Shelia said if the Forum was able to inject vigour and purpose it could provide a rationale for the Forum continuing. Mr Nick Crank said that Milton Keynes Council would be happy to host a future meeting and said that a walk and talk could be arranged.

The Chairman enquired if the District Councils had Heritage Champions. In response it was commented that South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils did not have Heritage Champions. The representative from Milton Keynes Council said that they had a Heritage Champion who they wanted to provide training for and said they could invite the Heritage Champion to the Forum if there was agreement.

The Chairman summarised what he saw as the key issues as follows:

1. Committee and general advocacy of heritage as a whole
2. Interactive sessions based on localities to be used as an educational session.

He said that these issues fell within the remit of the Forum.

Mr Warren Whyte was interested in any impact that the New National Planning Framework (NNPF) had on heritage and how the Council members are dealing with applications.

All members felt that reports from members were important to enable effective information sharing. It was agreed papers should be circulated electronically in future.

Shelia suggested that the Spring meeting could be held outside County Hall at another location. Members discussed areas of the County that might be interesting to visit and it

was suggested that members could visit Stoke Mandeville old church to discuss the issues surrounding large linear development schemes. Members agreed (arrangements permitting) to visit Stoke Mandeville old church for the next meeting.

Richard updated members on Quarrendon Leas. He highlighted that he is Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust and said that the Trust is in the process of acquiring Quarrendon Leas. It is hoped that a transfer of ownership will be achieved by the end of the year. He said that once the land is acquired there will be a need for a work programme as the church ruin is deteriorating further. He highlighted that the Trust had lost a LEADER grant due to the delays in the transfer and said that help is needed to make the site suitable for public visitors.

It was suggested that future agenda items could include:

1. Re-laying stone sets and street de-cluttering in Aylesbury
2. Quarrendon Leas Management

Members were reminded that were any changes to the Terms of Reference proposed, 28 days' notice would need to be given to members and the proposed amendments would need to be circulated 21 clear days' in advance.

7 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE REPORTS

Sarah-Jane took members through her report and made the following comments:

- The County Council also recognises difficulties with HS2 sharing information about their fieldwork.
- The County Council has commented on the Draft Planning Memorandum and the Draft Heritage Memorandum.
- The Hybrid Bill allows HS2 to dis-apply statutory regulations.
- Members are invited to comment on Appendix C. Please let Sarah-Jane know by the end of November if you have any priorities on the appendix. The Council would like to submit the document to English Heritage for scheduling consideration.

The Chairman enquired about the future of the Archaeological Service in County. Shelia advised that a post had been added to the structure and work was being undertaken to fill the post.

Warren asked if Hillesden Church was on the radar in relation to HS2. He said it has stained glass dating to the 15th Century. It was also commented that it is a Grade I building. Ms Julia Wise advised that there was a lot of ambiguity in the draft Environmental Statement regarding what areas they are looking at. She said that the Environmental Statement focusses on properties within 750m of the line itself. She said Hillesden Church has not fallen off the radar but that it is outside the area that HS2 is looking at.

8 MILTON KEYNES ARCHAEOLOGICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the Milton Keynes Archaeological Officer's report which was circulated to members at the meeting (copy attached to the minutes).

John Brushe asked for an update on Bradwell Abbey. In response it was highlighted that Bradwell Abbey is a Council owned asset and that the Council were in discussions with the tenants regarding a major project for repairs.

9 EMERGENCY RECORDING FUND

Members had received the Emergency Archaeological Recording Fund Report and were invited to note the current status of the fund.

Members discussed the fund and it was highlighted that the current balance of the fund was £6,267 and that all Districts Council could apply for funding from the fund. Members were informed that Shelia Keene was currently acting as the Treasurer.

Shelia requested clarification regarding whether all contributors had paid their subs. Contributors agreed to pay subs this year in accordance with the amounts listed in the report. A member asked that funds be requested before the end of the tax year.

10 COUNTY MUSEUM REPORT

Members were informed that the transfer of the County Museum to a Trust was progressing. It was highlighted that the care of the museum was being transferred but not the ownership.

11 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Members noted the National Trust Report (attached to the minutes)

12 CHURCH ARCHAEOLOGY

Nothing to report.

13 CONSERVATION OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Conservation Officers provided the following updates:

Aylesbury Vale

- A consultancy arm of the Design and Conservation team has been set up with a target of 2/3rds of the annual budget
- Quainton windmill has been upgraded to Grade II*
- There have been recent listings at Westcott
- Planning permission has been granted for the car park at Waddesdon
- English Heritage have funded a street clutter removal project in Aylesbury and more will be reported on this at a future meeting.

Milton Keynes

- There have been 473 development management consultations
- There is work being undertaken to get the Local Heritage List moving and there has been interest for designations for the New Town.
- The application at the Point Cinema was refused. There is now an application to demolish and replace with retail units.
- The Council refused the application to demolish Cofferridge Close, Stony Stratford and this is now going to a Public Inquiry.

South Bucks

- The Heatherden Wood Hall building, which is the centrepiece of Pinewood Studios has now been designated at Grade II

Wycombe

- Daws Hill nuclear bunker has been listed as II* and the generator building as Grade II
- The Council is about to commence a consultation on Local Listing
- The roof is on at Bledlow Homes
- Discussions are ongoing regarding High Wycombe Station and the possibility of a short term lease for restoration.

Chiltern

No update

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were asked to consider who would be a suitable Chairman of the Forum.

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that dates for March and September should be arranged.

CHAIRMAN

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Officers' Report

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Date: 7th March 2014

Authors: Senior Archaeology Planning Officer, Archaeological Planning Officer, Historic Environment Record Officer

A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To advise the Forum of the work of the County Archaeological Service since the last BHEF meeting.

B. PROPOSED ACTION

2 The Forum is particularly invited to NOTE:

- a resources**
- b strategic issues and projects**
- c recent planning-related archaeological work**
- d progress in securing publication of archaeological reports.**

C. RESOURCES

- 3 The County's archaeological service forms part of the Planning, Advisory and Compliance Service's Environment Team within Place Services. Sheila Keene is Environment Lead Officer, Sarah-Jane Farr the Senior Archaeology Planning Officer, Eliza Alqassar, Archaeological Planning Officer (part-time), Julia Wise the HER Officer.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4 Strategic Issues/Projects

High Speed 2 – our comments on the archaeological content of the Environmental Statement (ES) were merged with those of the District's built heritage colleagues and submitted by BCC to the Parliamentary Assessor for the 27th February deadline. Our key archaeological concerns with the ES are: the use and representation of Historic Environment information; the delivery and timing of further archaeological investigations; ecological and landscaping impacts on archaeology; the lack of information on deposition and curation of

archaeological archive; commitment to community engagement throughout the scheme.

Strategic Planning – we provided comment on both the Chiltern AONB Draft Management Plan and Chiltern Heritage Strategy.

Charging – In the absence of any Service Level Agreements with the Districts, we have been charging for archaeological planning advice since 2010. We have recently reviewed our charging policy and a Cabinet Report has been approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment. New charges are being introduced from April 2014 for site monitoring visits and preparation of briefs and existing charges for advice are being increased. As part of the background research for this work a rapid survey of other County Councils and their charging policies was undertaken. The proposed increases will bring BCC in line with the charges applied by other Councils.

English Heritage New Model consultation from DCMS - we delivered the BCC response in consultation with our BCC Heritage Champion and Cabinet Member for Environment. Whilst not objecting to the proposed split of English Heritage into a charitable organisation (for its properties) and retention of its national historic environment advisory role as 'Historic England' (HE) – we reinforced the value of the new HE body joint working with local authorities and importance of continued resourcing of their strategic role.

Historic Towns Project – David Green (BCC Landscape Advisor) has completed the summary publication, which will be launched in April.

6 Planning related archaeological work

Volume measures	3rd Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2013
Total number of consultations handled	99	116
Number of planning applications handled	79	90
Planning applications responded to within 14 days (target 90%)	56%	68%
Number of development-related archaeological fieldwork projects	10	7
Success rate at appeal (target 50% annual success rate)	0 of 0	0 of 0

A full list of development-related fieldwork (July 2013 to February 2014) is provided as Appendix A.

Significant archaeological investigations include geophysical survey and evaluation trial trenching on land east of Buckingham Road, Aylesbury (former Strategic Development Area). A proposed residential and mixed use scheme, the site produced clear evidence of Late Iron Age and Roman settlement activity adjacent to the River Thames. The archaeological information has been supplied in support of a new planning application (original refused planning permission in 2013 with one reason being failure to provide pre-determination archaeological information). The original refusal is subject to Appeal.

Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme remains at the pre-excavation stage. A large-scale of excavation of a significant Neolithic settlement site and Bronze age funerary site is proposed. Briefs have been sent to the consultant working on behalf of the Environment Agency, and project designs for the excavation of the flood storage area at Lower Pound Lane and other sites have been commented on (not approved). The viability of the scheme is now being reconsidered.

7 **Publication update (Appendix B)**

Oxford Archaeology recently published the second of three volumes on their excavations at the Dorney Rowing Lake and the Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton Flood Alleviation Scheme.

8 **Historic Environment Record (HER) report**

The HER performance indicator statistics are shown in the tables below:

Performance Indicator	3rd Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2013
Historic Environment Records data inputting backlog (targets: reports < 30 by March 2014)	Reports = 44 Collect = 518 Total = 562	Reports = 51 Collect = 518 Total = 569

Volume measures	3rd Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2013
Number of Higher Level Stewardship applications handled	0	0
Number of reports received by the HER	20	40
Number of Historic Environment Records enquiries handled:		
commercial	18	25
non-commercial	16	19
	2	6

HER enhancement and volunteer projects

Due other commitments, the HER volunteers have only been able to make very limited progress with the condition surveys of war memorials in the county, however it may be possible to recruit additional volunteers to provide more flexibility over this stage of the project. Steady progress is being made on the milestones project and hopefully the volunteer will be able to move onto inputting HER records for the associated turnpike roads before too long. Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust is currently piloting a research and recording project in partnership with the HER, which will build on the initial research for a review of historic parks and gardens carried out for English Heritage by the County Archaeological Service in 1998. In January Julia gave a talk to a meeting of the SE regional County Gardens Trusts on HERs and partnership working with gardens trusts.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Archaeological Reports submitted to the Bucks HER

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Appendix A: Development-related Archaeological Fieldwork in Buckinghamshire July 2013 – February 2014

Site	Project type	Contractor	Summary	Report to HER
Jul-13				
Monks Risborough, churchyard extension	Excavation	Chiltern Archaeology	Iron Age, Roman, late Saxon and medieval features and finds	No
Iver, Chandlers Hill	SMS Excavation and watching brief	Foundations Archaeology	Saxon sunken-featured building and associated finds	No
Aston Clinton, Chapel Drive	Geophysical survey	Stratascan	Two possible archaeological anomalies	Yes
Aug-13				
Taplow, Taplow Quarry	Watching Brief	Wessex		
Bierton, Land NE Aylesbury	Evaluation	OA		
Waddesdon, Bail car park	Evaluation	ASC	Medieval ditches	Yes
Waddesdon, Access Road & Bail car park	Watching Brief	ASC		
Sep-13				
Gerrards Cross, 12 Camp Road	Evaluation	JMHS	Possible remains of post-hole	Yes
Aston Clinton, Land at Chapel Drive	Evaluation	Northants	Pit and pottery, ploughed out ridge & furrow	Yes
Slapton, Holy Cross Church	Watching Brief	JMHS	Brick foundation, single grave cut. WB phase 1	Yes
Turville, Church of St Mary the Virgin	Excavation	JMHS	20 skeletons. Graveyard clearance method.	Yes
Oct-13				
Dinton, Marsh Mead Farm	Excavation	JMHS	RB enclosure ditches and quarry evidence	
Chardon, Lower Greatmoor Farm, Calvert	SMS Excavation	SLR Consulting	Late/post-medieval gullies/enclosure	
Nov-13				
Winslow, Rands Farm, Shipton	Watching Brief	Albion Archaeology	Post-medieval ditch. Undated post-holes.	Yes

Haddenham, Fern Lane	Excavation	TVAS	Medieval plot boundaries and pits	
Stowe , Stowe School	Evaluation and Excavation	Network Archaeology	Roman farmstead complex (work ongoing)	
Dec-13				
Stowe, Stowe School (ongoing)	Excavation	Network Archaeology	Roman farmstead complex (work ongoing)	
Winslow, Land East of Furze Lane	Geophysical survey	TVAS	Ridge & furrow	Yes
Jan-14				
Cuddington, Holywell Farm	Excavation	TVAS	Roman settlement	
Denham, Denham Preferred Area 4C	Test Pitting	Wessex	tbc	
Quainton, Grange Farm	Watching brief	JMHS	Post-medieval - modern farm buildings	Yes
Feb-14				
Cuddington, Holywell Farm (ongoing)	Excavation	TVAS	Roman settlement (work ongoing)	
Dagnall, Dagnall Farm, Main Street North	Watching brief	The Heritage Network Ltd		
Princes Risborough, 1 High Street	Excavation	ASC	One post-medieval pit, one undated pit	
Bierton, Badricks Farm	Watching brief	TVAS		No
Long Crendon, 18C Chearsley Road	Evaluation	TVAS	Negative	No
Hulcott, All Saints Church	Watching brief	JMHS		
Boarstall, Magnolia Park	Evaluation	Network	Negative	No
Chesham, The Cock Tavern	Watching Brief	TVAS	Negative	No

Abbreviations: AA = Albion Archaeology; AOC = AOC Archaeology; APS = Archaeological Project Services; AS = Archaeological Solutions; ASC = Archaeological Services and Consultancy; ASE = Archaeology South-East; CA = Chiltern Archaeology; CAT = Cotswold Archaeology; FA = Foundations Archaeology; GSB = Geophysical Surveys of Bradford; JMHS = John Moore Heritage Services; NA = Northamptonshire Archaeology; Network = Network Archaeology; OA = Oxford Archaeology; OA East = Oxford Archaeology East; PG + Pre-construct Geophysics; TVAS = Thames Valley Archaeological Services; Wessex = Wessex Archaeology

Appendix B: List of major archaeological excavation projects at the post excavation stage (March 2014)

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
Aston Clinton, Arla Dairy	Northamptonshire Archaeology (2012)	AVDC	Roman settlement	Post-excavation assessment received August 2013.	Monitor to publication.
Bierton, Church Farm	Tempus Reparatum (1996)	AVDC	Bronze Age and Saxon to Medieval settlement	Contractor bankrupt. Developer unwilling to take responsibility. Planning enforcement case referred to AVDC but no progress.	None - Archive held at County Museum but planning case not recoverable.
Bierton, 80 Aylesbury Road	Network Archaeology (2004)	AVDC	Medieval boundaries and prehistoric crouched inhumation	AVDC requested to initiate enforcement action (Mar 07)	No action taken. Pursue with contractor.
Chesham, Sainsbury's sites	Lindsey Archaeological Services (1998)	Chiltern DC	Medieval/Post-medieval urban tannery	Draft report submitted to Records of Bucks. LAS gone out of business. Discussed publication of summary March 2009.	Uncertain – may be irrecoverable.
Denham, Former Sanderson Site	MoLAS (2005)	South Bucks DC	In-situ Early Mesolithic occupation site and environmental deposits	Post-excavation assessment & updated project design agreed but no progress and new developer querying Px requirement. Requested SBDC support on seeking compliance July 2009 and February	Pursue

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
				2011.	
Denham, The Lea Quarry	Cotswold Archaeology (2010)	Bucks CC	Bronze Age and Romano-British field systems and bustum burials	Post excavation assessment due July 2011. Informed in Sept 2012 that developer not commissioned PX work. Highlighted to BCC planning Sept 2013 & Planning Compliance Notice issued Dec. 2013	Continue to pursue through BCC planning.
Dorney Rowing Lake & Maidenhead Windsor and Eton Flood Relief Scheme	Oxford Archaeology	Bucks CC	Multi-period sites	Draft publication reports received and agreed November 2012. Second volume (of 3) formally published December 2013.	Monitor progress with publication and deposition of archive.
Great Missenden, Bury Farm	Network Archaeology (2002)	Chiltern DC	Medieval moat and pottery production. Post-medieval barns.	Report received by HER and comments sent November 2009	Pursue agreed publication of summary in Records of Bucks.
Hardwick-Marsh Gibbon Transco Pipeline	Network Archaeology and Cambridge Archaeology (2007)	Statutory Undertaker	Iron Age and Roman settlements	Post-ex assessments from Cambridge and Network agreed.	Monitor to publication. Needs follow up to ensure progressing.

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
Princes Risborough, Whiteleaf Hill	Oxford Archaeology (2006)	Non-planning HLF project with BCC as client	Re-excavation and restoration of scheduled Neolithic oval barrow	Partly published in Records of Buckinghamshire 2007. Proposed publication in PPS – progress uncertain.	Pursue with contractor.
Taplow, Berry Hill Farm	Wessex Archaeology	Bucks CC	Early Iron Age and Roman boundaries	HER reports submitted. Further mineral extraction consented.	Work to date only merits illustrated summary report. May be appropriate to combine with any further investigation.

EMERGENCY ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDING FUND

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Date: 7 March 2014

Authors: Report of the Acting Treasurer

A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1 To review the operation of the emergency recording fund.

B. PROPOSED ACTION

2 The Forum is invited to:

a) NOTE the current status of the fund

C. RESOURCES

3 The current balance is £7, 267.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. There have been no calls on the fund in the period November 2013 to March 2014.

5. The November 2013 meeting re- confirmed the 2012 agreement that £1000 annual funding would be requested until 2017 as follows:

Aylesbury Vale District Council	£200	20%
Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society	£50	5%
Buckinghamshire County Council	£400	40%
Chiltern District Council	£50	5%
Milton Keynes Council	£150	15%
South Bucks District Council	£50	5%
Wycombe District Council	£100	10%

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum - March 2014

County Museum Report

The county museum is, like much of local government, in a state of change at the moment. Since the last meeting of the forum the long standing curator, Sarah Gray, has retired and we are moving towards becoming an independent charitable trust. A new museum director has been appointed, Richard de Peyer, currently manager at Wycombe museum, and he will be starting with us on 1st April. An early priority will be to recruit a new Trust board to work with the director.

Applications for Trustees are open, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in the role. Please pass the details on if you know of any other possible candidates.

Details of the role are available here online :

<http://www.xchangebucks.org.uk/volunteering/county-museum-trustee/>

- **Recent archaeological site archives notifications September 2013 to March 2014**

Since September 2013 the intention to deposit 23 archives has been notified to the County Museum, of which 11 are from the Milton Keynes Council area

AYBCM : 2013.96	Oxford Archaeology	notification of archive of evaluation from land north east of Bierton ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.97	Albion Archaeology	notification of archive of watching brief from Winslow ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.98	John Moore Heritage Services	notification of archive of watching brief from St Mary the Virgin church, Turville ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.99	John Moore Heritage Services	notification of archive of watching brief from All Saints church, Hulcott ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.100	Northamptonshire Archaeology	notification of archive from watching brief at Sutcliffe baptist church, Olney ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.101	Northamptonshire Archaeology	notification of archive from evaluation at land at Chapel Drive, Aston Clinton ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.107	Albion Archaeology	notification of archive from watching brief at Nash ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.108	Northamptonshire Archaeology	notification of archive of watching brief from Lavendon ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.109	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of watching brief from Little Brickhill ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.110	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of watching brief from Loughton ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.111	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of excavation from Milton Keynes Village ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.112	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of earthwork survey at Newport Pagnell ; archive not yet received

AYBCM : 2013.113	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of watching brief at Stoke Goldington ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2013.114	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of evaluation at Waddesdon ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.5	Archaeological Services & Consultancy	notification of archive of trial trenching from Stanton Low Country Park ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.6	Cotswold Archaeology	notification of archive of building survey from Bugle Horn public house, Stone ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.7	Northamptonshire Archaeology	notification of archive of trenching from land at Home farm, Warrington; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.8	Northamptonshire Archaeology	notification of archive of trenching from MK Magna Park, Wavendon; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.23	Heritage Network Ltd	notification of archive from watching brief at Dagnall Farm, Edlesborough; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.24	Museum of London Archaeology	notification of archive from building survey at North Crawley ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.25	Wessex Archaeology	notification of archive from building survey at Thorney Lane road bridge, Iver ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.26	Cotswold Archaeology	notification of archive from watching brief at The Old Chapel, Newport Pagnell ; archive not yet received
AYBCM : 2014.27	Souterrain Archaeological Services	notification of archive from watching brief at Olney ; archive not yet received

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County Museum Trustee – role description

Buckinghamshire County Council is extremely proud of its heritage.

Its museum, art gallery and resource centre promotes the County's rich history.

The County is committed to increasing the appreciation and awareness of heritage in the area and is exploring opportunities to manage the County's museum in a more dynamic, entrepreneurial and accessible way.

The Council is proposing to work in partnership with a new charitable trust to manage and operate the County Museum, the Halton Resource Centre and associated stores.

This is a hugely exciting initiative.

It is, however, also a challenge.

Trustees are needed with knowledge and expertise to support the existing management team.

We would welcome applications from trustees throughout the County and beyond who are not only committed to promoting arts and heritage in Buckinghamshire but who also have the following specialist skills in particular:

- Finance
- Fundraising
- Marketing/ PR
- Tourism
- HR
- Education
- Legal
- Business
- Property development
- Arts, culture, heritage

All positions are unpaid but expenses are available.

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