

Agenda

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Date: Monday 19 September 2016

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Mezzanine Room 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

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Short update by Eliza Alqassar

8 DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH WORK

9 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST

An update on the work of the Buckinghamshire Historic Buildings Trust to be provided by Mr Michael Hogan, Project Officer.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 13th March 2017.

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.

For further information please contact: James Batt on 01296 387541, email: jabatt@buckscc.gov.uk

To all Members of the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Mike Farley, Bucks Archaeological Society
Hugh McCarthy, Wycombe District Council
Gary Marshall, National Trust
Chris Welch, English Heritage
Nick Crank, Milton Keynes Council
Bill Chapple OBE, Buckinghamshire County Council
Warren Whyte, Buckinghamshire County Council
Richard Pushman, Bucks Heritage Champion
Sarah Betteley, Milton Keynes Council
Carole Paternoster, Aylesbury Vale District Council

Minutes

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 IN MEZZ 1, NCO, AYLESBURY., COMMENCING AT 2.05 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 4.30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members

Mr M Farley
Mr H McCarthy
Mr G Marshall
Mr W Chapple OBE
Mr W Whyte (Chairman)
Mr R Pushman

Organisation

Bucks Archaeological Society
Wycombe District Council
National Trust
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Bucks Heritage Champion

Officers

Mr B Thorn
Ms J Wise
Mr P Markham
Ms M Breen-Haynes
Mr P Clements

Organisation

Bucks County Museum
Buckinghamshire County Council
BCC
AVDC Heritage team

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were given from Mr M Franklin, Ms E Alqassar, Mr S Newell, Mr N Crank and Mr D Sutherland.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 4: The Chairman reported that Mr M Franklin, representing the Royal Institute of



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British Architects, would be attending meetings in future.

Item 5: See Agenda Item 5.

Item 6: Mr Farley explained that no further guidance was required at this time.

Item 9: Ms Wise had circulated the information requested.

5 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE REPORTS, OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

Appendix A

Mr P Markham introduced the report highlighting:

- that the Heritage Team had connected with over 1300 people through outreach work
- the projects currently ongoing
- that a part-time HTMLLO had been appointed
- that a lessons learned exercise from the Stocklake Road widening had been undertaken, and
- that SLA discussions with HS2 were taking place.

Mr Markham expressed concern that funding secured in relation to HS2 may not be available to the team to back-fill for capacity taken up by the project. The Chairman explained that from April 2017 when construction started, that there would be similar pressure on a number of teams within the Council.

Mr M Farley thanked the team for the work undertaken in Wing.

Appendix B

Mr Markham explained that there had been no new expenditure from the fund since the last meeting and that top-up funds had been pledged by all organisations bar AVDC.

ACTION: Ms M Breen-Haynes to progress within AVDC

Ms J Wise highlighted that the Roman casket burial found north of Whitchurch had been reported as good practice and reflected the good communication between officers, together with the importance of the Emergency Recording Fund.

ACTION: Ms Wise to investigate whether there are any outstanding issues relating to the find.

Appendix C

Ms Wise introduced the report. Concerns were raised about the accessibility of maps on the County Council's website.

ACTION: Ms Wise to seek resolution with ICT.

The issue of formatting of finds reports from officers was raised. Ms Wise explained that contractors were not consistent in grid referencing, and that the team sometimes had alternative interpretations of findings given their local expertise.

ACTION: Ms Wise to ensure all briefs for contractors included the need for shapefiles.

6 LENBOROUGH COIN HOARD UPDATE

Mr B Thorn updated the Forum on the Lenborough Hoard and made the following points:

- the Hoard was a large hoard of Anglo Saxon coins found in late 2014
- the Hoard had been declared treasure in November 2015, which meant that the Museum Trust had an opportunity to acquire
- if successful, the Hoard would be displayed by Buckingham, Milton Keynes and Bucks County Museums (although wholly owned by the County Museum)
- The full appeal would not be launched until the valuation had been agreed, but £13k had been pledged to date by local people
- The Museum Trustees had agreed to a part-purchase should the full valuation not be raised
- Should no purchase be possible, the landowner would be at liberty to sell the hoard to any interested party
- The Mint of Norway (a private company) had expressed a wish to acquire the hoard

In response to the Committee's questions, Mr Thorn confirmed that:

- Only a UK accredited museum could purchase treasure
- The Museum would have four months to raise the funds, which may be extended if funds were close to the purchase price
- In response to the trend of unapproved metal detecting on properties, Thames Valley Police had an effective heritage crimewatch officer but capacity was stretched

7 PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE NATIONAL HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS

(i) NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr G Marshall provided a report from the National Trust which has been attached to the minutes.

8 MILTON KEYNES ARCHAEOLOGICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms Wise presented the report and asked the Committee for its views on prioritisation of the long-list for possible designation by English Heritage, which were:

- Pullingship Wood, Medmenham
- Quarrendon I and II
- Quarrendon III
- Taplow Court
- The Rye, High Wycombe
- Manor Farm, Weston Turville, and
- Common Wood, Penn

Ms Wise explained that a second tranche would be proposed in 2017.

In response to questions and discussion Ms Wise made the following points:

- The existing schedule in relation to Quarrendon was out of date, which could cause difficulties at public inquiries
- Future communications would be made clearer with the Quarrendon Trust
- The Quarrendon site could be extended both to the north and south
- Landowners were not given forward notice of potential designated sites
- Sites which may be affected by HS2 would not be progressed until the HS2 Bill had been passed
- That no sites were currently at threat from local development plans
- Reflecting the interest on the site, Boarstall Decoy would be a priority for the 2017 applications
- That the last site scheduled by English Heritage in Buckinghamshire was in 2012
- That the WW1 trenches at Whiteleaf had not been included as there were better examples

AGREED: The Committee agreed the priorities for proposing to English Heritage as set out by Ms Wise

Ms Wise brought the Committee's attention to the proposal for Ritchings Park to be placed on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr G Marshall provided a report from the National Trust.
The Chairman requested feedback on the content and format of meetings.

ACTION: All members to consider current format and identify improvements for future.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 September 2016 in Mezzanine Room 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

CHAIRMAN

Appendix A: Buckinghamshire Archaeological Officers' Report

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum
Date: 19th September 2016
Authors: Senior Archaeology Officer, Archaeology Officer, Historic Environment Record Officer, Historic Environment Record Assistant

A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

Report Summary

- HS2 Ltd discussions and advice are ongoing
- Woodlands, Aston Clinton: Evaluation has recorded at least five archaeological sites of Iron Age to Roman date, of which three are significant settlement sites.
- Eaton Leys: Evaluation south of the Roman town of Magiovinium has produced few features or finds associated with the geophysical survey; however Roman features and finds have been recorded near the river at the southern edge of the development area.
- Bishopstone Road, Stone: Excavation of a medieval 'industrial estate' made headlines when children from Stone school attended a successful open day and had a go at digging for finds.
- New Road, Weston Turville: Excavation has recorded a Roman trackway and associated field system with an area of settlement which may have been a roadside tavern due to the amount of drinking vessel bases recorded.

B. PROPOSED ACTION

- 2 The Forum is particularly invited to NOTE:
 - resources
 - strategic issues and projects
 - recent planning-related archaeological work

C. RESOURCES

- 3 The County's archaeological service forms part of the Transport Economy Environment Service's Environment Team within Environment Services. Philip Markham is the Senior Archaeology Officer, Eliza Alqassar is the

Archaeology Officer (part-time), Julia Wise is the HER Officer, Paul Clements is the HER Assistant (part time) and Simon Newell is the Environment Team Leader.

Eliza Alqassar also has a permanent part-time post with Historic England as an Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments. Eliza currently works two days a week for Bucks County Council.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4 Strategic Issues/Projects

High Speed 2 –We continue to advise HS2 Ltd on draft documents and revisions and these documents now resemble standard practice through the Planning system and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. We provide advice through the HS2 Ltd Heritage Sub-Group. HS2 Ltd historic environment documents that we have been dealing with include:

- Burial Grounds, Human Remains and Monuments Procedures
- Procedure for the unexpected discovery of archaeological remains of national importance
- Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy
- Generic Written Scheme of Investigation
- Generic Written Scheme of Investigation – Built Heritage
- Generic Written Scheme of Investigation – Archaeology
- Technical Standard: Specification for historic environment investigations
- Technical Standard: Specification for Project Plans and Location Specific Written Schemes of Investigation
- Technical Standard: For the recording of the setting of Heritage Assets
- Technical Standard: Archaeology and built heritage approach to geotechnical investigation
- Historic Environment Physical Archiving Strategy
- Technical Standard: Historic Environment Physical Archive Procedure
- Historic Environment Digital Data Management and Archiving Strategy
- Technical Standard: Historic Environment Digital Data Management and Archiving Procedure

The Heritage Sub Group has had two meetings since the last BHEF meeting and the next is scheduled for the 15th September. These alternate between London and Birmingham.

The BCC HS2 team has been in discussion with HS2 Ltd over a service level agreement covering BCC and the Districts. These

discussions are based on the HS2 Information paper C13: Local Authority Funding and New Burdens arising from HS2. Of the 14 activities which HS2 will provide funding for, the historic environment is included or will have an input in 6 of these. Currently HS2 Ltd are proposing to fund an additional days work per week. The Environment Team currently has a service level agreement with HS2 for the provision of information, both data and spatial, and this will probably be included in the more overarching service level agreement.

Geophysics is still being undertaken when HS2 has access. There are some interesting results from around Fleet Marston. No archaeological ground works are expected until the Bill is passed, which is expected to be in November or December this year. Geotechnical test pitting has been taking place however.

If/when the Bill is passed it is expected that significant archaeological works will begin March/April 2017 and will continue for a number of years. It is expected that this will lead to a shortage of available archaeological field teams for normal planning and DMRB schemes.

We now have the HS2 LIDAR data on the HER and it is proving useful. This complements the Environment Agency data which is also now available on the HER.

As far as we are aware the location specific written schemes of investigation will be based on the generic written scheme of investigation and on the Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy document. These will be written by the archaeological contractor, approved by HS2 and provided to us for comment. HS2 will ensure that all field work and recording is undertaken to the same standard and format. BCC will be invited to monitor the work but comments will currently go to HS2 and not the field team. HS2 say that most of the recording will be digital and available on-line quickly to inform other investigations along the route and interested individuals. Archiving has not been agreed but Historic England appears to favour a single repository for the archive, such as the Cheshire salt mines. It is envisaged that the information produced will be in an appropriate HER format for easy data entry.

Greatmoor Railway Sidings/Calvert – A Transport and Works Act application is forthcoming which is a linked proposal between HS2 Ltd, East-West Rail, FCC and is supported by the County Council. This application will be decided by a Planning Inspector and not through the normal planning procedure. The Inspector will decide if the proposal is acceptable and if so will impose conditions. The currently proposed archaeological conditions, while worded differently to normal, are acceptable and include evaluation, preservation in situ where appropriate and excavation.

New National Designations – DCMS added 8 buildings to the List between January and June 2016, all at Grade II: 7 are war memorials (Ashley Green, Great & Little Kimble, Holmer Green, Long Crendon, The Lee, Waddesdon and Weston Turville) and the other is ‘Jorrocks’, an early 19th century cottage in Oving. In addition the listing description for Lower End Farmhouse at Thornborough has been updated.

6 Planning related archaeological work

Volume measures	1st Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016
Total number of consultations handled	113	144
Number of planning applications handled	89	135
Planning applications responded to within 21 days (target 90%)	97%	96%
Number of development-related archaeological fieldwork projects	23	24
Success rate at appeal (target 50% annual success rate)	0 of 0	0 of 0

A full list of development-related fieldwork (January to June 2016) is provided as Appendix B.

Significant archaeological investigations include:

Woodlands, Aston Clinton – Archaeological evaluation in the form of a geophysical survey and now trial trenching has taken place for this proposed large-scale mixed use development. The geophysical survey identified evidence relating to at least six different archaeological sites of probable Iron Age to Roman date. These included rectilinear enclosures, possible trackways and medieval ridge and furrow. At the time of writing around two thirds of the Phase 1 trenches have been opened and these record at least three significant settlement sites within the development area, including one high status site producing imported pottery, bone and building remains (roof tiles, tesserae, patches of mortared stone) all overlain by a demolition layer. When these investigations have been complete we will be better able to assess how significant these Roman settlement sites are.

Eaton Leys – Archaeological evaluation in the form of a geophysical survey and limited trial trenching has taken place for this proposed large scale residential development. The geophysical survey recorded potential settlement and a trackway south of the Scheduled Roman town of Magiovinium; mostly within the Milton Keynes authority area. On the southern boundary of the site further potential settlement was recorded and the trial trenching is recording a large amount of Roman pottery and tile. This area is outside of the construction area and is

likely to be preserved in situ. Surprisingly the trial trenching south of the Roman town revealed very little finds or features and the current hypothesis is that ploughing has reduced the archaeology to residual remains within the topsoil which can be recorded by geophysics but are not of any depth to excavate.

Stone – excavation of a medieval ‘industrial estate’ dating from the 11th-12th centuries took place earlier in the summer. A successful open day was held and pupils from Stone School attended and tried their hands at digging for finds.

Weston Turville – a Roman trackway and associated field system was excavated by MoLA. The trackway appeared to link up with the Roman road Akeman Street, building up our knowledge and understanding of the Roman road network around Aylesbury. The discovery of a small area of settlement alongside the road with an abundance of Roman drinking vessels suggests this may have been the site of a small roadside tavern.

7 **Publication update (Appendix C)**

8 **Outreach and Publicity**

5 public outreach events have taken place:

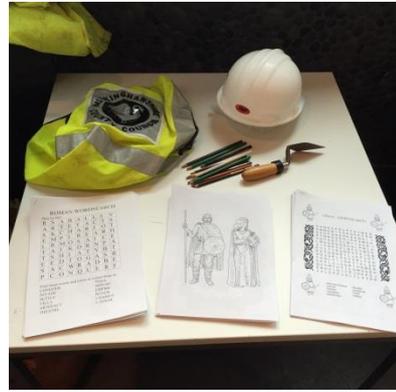
Julia gave a presentation on the Role of HERs in Planning to the national Gardens Trust in March. Following the Bucks Herald running a story on the Scheduling proposals discussed at the last BHEF meeting, Julia was involved in preparing a press release and gave a live interview on BBC 3 Counties radio.

Eliza attended a careers event at Thomas Harding Junior School (Chesham) and talked to pupils about archaeology. Julia and Eliza laid on a display about Buckinghamshire’s Horrible History at the Waterside Theatre to coincide with a week of Horrible History performances and ran childrens’ activities, with help from Arwen and Brett from the County Museum.

More recently Eliza produced a display about Romans in the Vale to celebrate the Festival of Archaeology for two weeks in County Hall, and was responsible for arranging the public open day at Stone.

Forthcoming events include a poster display and talks by Eliza at the Bucks Local History Network Conference, BAS Active Archaeology Group and Archaeology in Marlow, and a poster display and stall for a proposed Buckinghamshire History Fair.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES



Photos by Eliza Alqassar
Public open day at Stone excavations



Photos by Richard Wells, BCC



9 Historic Environment Record (HER) report

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

Performance Indicator	1st Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016
Historic Environment Records data inputting backlog (targets: reports < 30 by March 2016)	Reports = 21 Collect = 518 Total = 545	Reports = 15 Collect = 518 Total = 533

Volume measures	1st Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016
Number of Countryside Stewardship applications handled	0	0
Number of reports received by the HER	46	14
Number of Historic Environment Records enquiries handled:		
commercial	44	37
non-commercial	37	25
	7	12

Staffing

Paul's contract has been extended to the end of the 2016/17 financial year and he continues to be a great asset to the team.

HER data provision

In September 2015 we reported on possible challenges to the current HER charging policy and data supply provisions following the EU Court of Justice ruling on Environmental Information Regulation charges. This is now being dealt with at a national level by ALGAO UK.

HER enhancement and volunteer projects

Paul has loaded LiDAR data from the Environment Agency and HS2 Ltd into the HER's GIS mapping and we are now using the data to inform our planning and management advice. Paul is also geo-rectifying contractors' geophysical survey plots and loading them into GIS mapping

Progress is still being made by one of the HER volunteers on the milestones project. The other regular volunteer has returned, and having brought us up to date with entering local note buildings for recent Conservation Area appraisals, is currently inputting new records for the turnpike roads in Buckinghamshire.

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust Research and Recording Project is continuing to make good progress with 31 reports completed, 6 reports in draft and work underway on a further 9 gardens. The Gardens Trust volunteers are again helping our team and District planners with casework by researching the gardens at Alderbourne Manor in South Bucks.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Archaeological Reports submitted to the Bucks HER

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AND PAUL CLEMENTS 01296 382624**

Appendix B - FIELDWORK

PROJECT	TYPE	CONTRACTOR	START DATE	RESULTS
January 2016				
23 High Street Haddenham	Excavation	TVAS	12/01/2016	Medieval ditch, palaeochannel.
Stocklake Urban Improvements	Watching Brief	Cotswold	18/01/2016	Romano-British ditches with high-status finds
St. Annes Grange Newton Longville	Evaluation	John Moore	12/01/2016	Post-medieval features and pottery
Clifden Road Worminghall	Evaluation	Heritageplan	25/01/2016	Negative
Aston Clinton, Park Farm	Evaluation	Cotswold Archaeology	18/01/2016	Romano-British ditches close to Akeman Street.
Land off Furze Lane Winslow	Evaluation	Mola	18/01/2016	Negative
Land off Winslow Road Padbury	Evaluation	Mola	26/01/2016	Negative
Wing, Dormer Avenue	Excavation	Foundations/BSA	07/09/2015	Roman, Saxon and medieval ditches and pits
February 2016				
23 High Street, Haddenham	Excavation	TVAS	01/02/2016	Medieval ditch, palaeochannel
Stony Lane Little Chalfont	Evaluation	Albion	08/02/2016	Prehistoric pit, undated ditches and gullies
Aylesbury, Stocklake Road	Watching brief	Cotswold Archaeology	01/02/2016	Romano-British ditches and pits
Buckingham, 24 West Street	Watching brief	CFA Archaeology	17/02/2016	Medieval town ditch
Lower Road Stoke Mandeville	Evaluation	CgMs/Cotswold	22/02/2016	Possible Saxon pit
Chalfont St Peter, Holy Cross Grange	Evaluation	Wessex Archaeology	22/02/2016	Medieval basement & undated ditches
Wing, Dormer Avenue	Excavation	Foundations/BSA	07/09/2016	Roman, Saxon and medieval ditches and pits
March 2016				
Gerrards Cross Golf Course	Evaluation	Foundations/BSA	07/03/2016	Negative
Denham, Falcon Cottage, Village Road	HBR and WB	Albion Archaeology	02/03/2016	Foundations of brick outbuilding
Wing, Dormer Avenue	Excavation & WB	Foundations/BSA	07/09/2016	Roman, Saxon and medieval ditches and pits
Soulbury, The Cottage, Church Lane	Watching brief	Albion Archaeology	08/03/2016	Victorian pits and ditches
East of Lower Road Stoke Mandeville	Evaluation	CgMs/Cotswold	01/03/2016	Prehistoric settlement remains, medieval furrows
Land East of New Road Weston Turville	Evaluation	CFA	14/03/2016	Negative
Aylesbury, Lloyd Berkeley Place, Pebble Lane	Watching brief	Benchmark Archaeology	16/03/2016	Garden soil with pottery, bone and some human bone
Aston Clinton, Land at Stratford Close	Evaluation	Cotswold Archaeology	14/03/2016	Iron Age ditches
Ludgershall, Kiln House, Duck Lane	Evaluation	JMHS	17/03/2016	Negative
Stowe, Gardener's Compound	Evaluation	Network Archaeology	10/03/2016	Romano-British remains
April 2016				
Chalfont St Peter, Holy Cross Grange	Excavation	Wessex Archaeology	11/04/2016	Prehistoric pits/ditches
Aston Clinton, Chapel Drive	Geophysics	MoLA	19/04/2016	Undated ditches
Taplow, Berry Hill	Excavation	Wessex Archaeology	11/04/2016	Bronze Age collared urn, possible remains of barrow
Stowe, Boys Boarding School and West House	Evaluation	Network Archaeology	13/04/2016	Post-medieval garden features
Beaconsfield, A355 relief road	Geophysics	Jacobs	25/04/2016	Ring ditch
East Burnham Quarry	Excavation	Wessex Archaeology	18/04/2016	Field boundary ditches - medieval?
Ivy Cottage Singleborough	Watching Brief	Icknield Archaeology	27/04/2016	Negative
Medmenham, Danesfield House	Evaluation	Oxford Archaeology	27/04/2016	One prehistoric pit, garden features
May 2016				
Weston Turville, Land off Aston Clinton Road	Excavation	MoLA	09/05/2016	Romano-British trackway and enclosure
Aston Clinton, Chapel Drive	Evaluation	MoLA	09/05/2016	Ten ditches, mostly undated
36-56 London End Beaconsfield	Evaluation	CgMs	09/05/2016	Negative
Marlow, Portland Gardens	Excavation	Archaeology South-East	03/05/2016	Post-med post-holes, pits and ditches
Wendover, Land north of Aylesbury Rd	Evaluation	Cotswold	09/05/2016	Prehistoric enclosure
Buckingham Road Winslow	Evaluation	CgMs	16/05/2016	Medieval headland

Scotts Farm Maids Moreton	Evaluation	KDK	23/05/2016	Negative
11 The Green Aston Abbots	Eval/Exc	KDK	25/05/2016	Negative
Stone, Bishopstone Road	Excavation	Archaeological Solutions	18/05/2016	Medieval pits and ditches, kiln
Aston Clinton, Land at Stratford Close	Excavation	Cotswold	16/05/2016	Iron Age enclosure
June 2016				
Denham Park Farm, Denham	Excavation	AS	01/06/2016	Some IA/Romano-British features
18 Chearsley Road Long Crendon	Evaluation	TVAS	07/06/2016	Two medieval ditches, undated pits
Preston Bissett, Church Farm	Watching brief	Icknield Archaeology	06/06/2016	Negative
Granborough, 4 Marston Road	Evaluation	MoLA	29/06/2016	Post-med ditches
Marlow, 79-81 High Street	Evaluation	AS	29/06/2016	Post-med basements
Stone, Bishopstone Road	Excavation	AS	18/05/2016	Medieval pits and ditches, kiln
Weston Turville, Land off Aston Clinton Road	Excavation	MoLA	09/05/2016	Romano-British trackway and enclosure
Stowe School Gardeners Compound	Excavation	Network	27/06/2016	Romano-British ditches

Appendix C: List of major archaeological excavation projects at the post excavation stage (September 2016)

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. Consultant pursued February, May and July 2015. Report received 28 th August 2015.	No further action. Publication report received. Remove from list.
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.	Archive held at County Museum but planning case not recoverable. Emailed Andy Richmond about producing a report.
Bierton, 80 Aylesbury Road	Network Archaeology (2004)	AVDC	Medieval boundaries and prehistoric crouched inhumation	AVDC requested to initiate enforcement action (March 2007). November 2014 AVDC advised planning case not recoverable.	Pursued contractor August 2015. Network claim that AVDC discharged the full condition prior to start of post-ex work. Client not willing to pay for report.
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	Find alternative source of funding for archive deposition.

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
				summary March 2009. Contractor pursued June 2016 – willing to progress publication and archive deposition but no funding for archive.	
Denham, Former Sanderson Site	MoLAS (2005) Cotswold Archaeology (2014-15)	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, February 2011 and May 2014. Meeting with SBDC, applicant and Cotswold held on 18 th November 2014, further fieldwork at site completed April 2015. Cotswold Archaeology may undertake post-excavation publication for whole site. Chased up June, July and September 2016 – no response.	Continue to pursue and monitor to publication.
Denham, The Lea Quarry	Cotswold Archaeology	Bucks CC	Bronze Age and Romano-	Post excavation assessment due July	Continue to pursue through BCC.

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
	(2010) TVAS (2014)		British field systems and bustum burials	2011. Informed in Sept 2012 that developer not commissioned PX work. Highlighted to BCC planning Sept 2013 & Planning Compliance Notice issued Dec 2013. Thames Valley Archaeological Services commissioned to publish report and archive all supplied by Cotswold in January 2015.	Planning. Emailed TVAS for an update.
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. Environment Agency pursued April 2014. Contractor pursued August 2015 – expected final volume publication March 2016. Contractor chased up June, July and September 2016 - no response to date.	Monitor progress with publication and deposition of archive.
Great Missenden, Bury	Network Archaeology	Chiltern DC	Medieval moat and pottery	Report received by HER and comments sent	Pursue agreed publication of

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
Farm	(2002)		production. Post-medieval barns.	November 2009	summary in Records of Bucks. Pursued contractor August 2015...They will look into why this has not yet happened.
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. Client raised with contractor in 2014. Oxford Archaeology chased up November 2015, June, July and September 2016 - no response to date.	Pursue with contractor.
Taplow, Berry Hill Farm	Wessex Archaeology	Bucks CC	Early Iron Age and Roman boundaries	HER reports submitted. Further mineral extraction consented. Fieldwork ongoing, 2016.	Work to date only merits illustrated summary report. Project not at post-ex stage – remove from list.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CONSERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM**For Bucks Historic Environment Forum, September 2016****DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Conservation & Archaeology Team received 478 planning consultations during the first half of 2016, 252 of which were for the Senior Archaeological Officer. Overall team performance for the period was on target with 81% of consultations returned within the 21 day window (target is 80%). Performance in relation to archaeological consultations was 95% and 63% for conservation consultations. The lower Conservation performance was caused by a lack of capacity due to a vacant conservation officer post, now filled by Christopher Hooper.

FIELDWORK

Ten development-related fieldwork projects were undertaken in Milton Keynes borough between January and June 2016, see attached list.

BUILDING CONSERVATION

In January, two sculptures: Octo (1978-79) by Wendy Taylor; and 2MS Series No.1 by Bernard Schottlander (1970) were listed at Grade II as a consequence of the Historic England project 'Post-War Public Art: Sculpture (1945-1985)'. It is also worth noting that Octo was listed after a request for a review of the decision to not list the adjacent and contemporary Norfolk and Ashton House. Conversely, in April a Certificate of Immunity (COI) was issued for the now largely unoccupied Food Centre (1986) in Central Milton Keynes. This should grant it protection from designation until 2021.

The team will shortly be tendering for the first phase of a rolling programme of conservation area reviews.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

In March the Historic England sponsored revisit of the 2011 HER Audit was completed and an HER Action Plan for 2016 – 2019 produced and adopted. The plan includes a number of targets and activities including the drafting or revision of a number of policies and enhancement to incorporate key elements of post-1967 New Town heritage.

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Milton Keynes Council Event/Activity Summary Report

07/09/2016

Number of records: 10

Event Ref, Type	Name	Dates	Organisation
(EMK1264) Event - Survey	46 High Street, North Crawley Between the 18th and 22nd of December 2015, an 'as found' record was made of a derelict 19th century timber-framed outbuilding at No. 46 High Street, North Crawley, Buckinghamshire. The report provides a descriptive and illustrative account of observations, including photographs and scale elevations and plans. It identifies the owners of the property throughout the period (including some of its tenants/users) and how they have contributed to the development and changes made to its structure. The timber-framed structure, a box-frame with rafter roof, appears to have been one of a pair of domestic sheds, which were probably purpose-built to serve a row of terraced cottages built in 1864 by a local carpenter / builder. The structure was in already existence by 1881. The original structure, built of hand-hewn timber, also utilised timbers reclaimed from a medieval/post-medieval building. The structure has been extensively restored and repaired in either the late 19th century or first half of the 20th century. Four main phases of development or repair are identified.	18/12/2015 - 11/01/2016	Souterrain Archaeological Services Ltd
(EMK1266) Event - Intervention	Land adjacent to The Hollow Tree, 19 High Street, Stoke Goldington	11/01/2016	MOLA Northampton
(EMK1267) Event - Intervention	Mercure Parkside Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton-on-the-Green	06/01/2016	Cotswold Archaeology
(EMK1269) Event - Survey	36 High Street, North Crawley - Historic Building Record Between the 18th and 29th of February 2016, a predetermination 'as found' record was made of a derelict 19th century timber-framed outbuilding at No. 36 High Street, North Crawley, Buckinghamshire. The report provides a descriptive and illustrative account of observations, including photographs and scale elevations and plans. It identifies the owners of the property in the 19th and 20th century (including some of its tenants/users) and how they have contributed to the development and use of the building. The structure is built of hand-hewn timber, consists of two adjoining box-framed timber structures, one with a rafter roof, the other re-roofed in asbestos sheets. It is comprised of five bay, two of which are likely to have been cart/wagon sheds, while the other three served as domestic sheds (and a possible workshop) for a row of terraced cottages built in 1864. The building was erected by a professional carpenter/builder and was in existence by 1881. Part of the building was extensively restored and repaired in the 20th century	18/02/2016 - 29/02/2016	Souterrain Archaeological Services Ltd
(EMK1270) Event - Survey	Yew Tree Farm, Ravenstone	16/02/2016 - 17/02/2016	Bancroft Heritage Services

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(EMK1271) Event - Intervention	Land off Daubeney Gate, Shenley Church End CFA Archaeology Ltd carried out an archaeological evaluation on a proposed development at Daubeney Gate, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes. The work was undertaken on the 3rd of March 2016. Five 30m trenches were excavated. In the western part of the site the trenches exposed three post holes, a single furrow of likely Medieval or post-medieval date, and a linear feature filled with cobbles. The latter feature is associated with a track shown on the 1840 Tithe map. The eastern part of the site had been truncated by recent activity associated with the construction of nearby housing estates.	03/03/2016 - 03/03/2016	CFA Archaeology Ltd
(EMK1281) Event - Intervention	Priory Lade, North End, Ravenstone	11/04/2016	Albion Archaeology
(EMK1282) Event - Intervention	8 Olney Road, Lavendon A watching brief was undertaken during the restoration and conversion of an abandoned 19th century house, at No. 8, Olney Road, Lavendon, Buckinghamshire. The report follows on from a Historic Building Record made in 2015, in which it was surmised that the building, a village store and post office from about 1882 until c.1920, was in existence prior to 1856. Subsequent stripping of plaster and lathe wall coverings revealed evidence of bond timbers in the brickwork, a building technique which had generally ceased by the mid 1840s. This, together with cartographic evidence which shows a dwelling occupying more or less the same footprint in 1801, suggests that the house is late Georgian in origin. Plaster and lathe removed from the first floor ceiling revealed the ceiling and roof structure to have been constructed of waney edge timber throughout. Foundation trenches for a new rear extension located two wells. The earliest of these was stone-built and probably belonged to the original house, while the other, a brick-built structure, is thought to have been constructed in the late 19th / early 20th century. Groundwork within the building revealed a low stone wall foundation on which the house was constructed. A small number of medieval pottery sherds recovered from 18th / 19th century floor make-up deposits are considered to have derived from an earlier tenement at the site. A wall safe, observed during the 2105 building survey, was opened, revealing a birth certificate (1915) and a marriage certificate (1939) which has belonged to a former owner/occupant. The report provides a descriptive and illustrative account of observations, augmenting the findings of the Historic Building Report.	27/04/2016 - 19/05/2016	Souterrain Archaeological Services Ltd
(EMK1284) Event - Intervention	Maltings 2, Castlethorpe	01/06/2016 - 02/06/2016, throughout	CFA Archaeology Ltd
(EMK1285) Event - Intervention	Stony Stratford Community Church, Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford	06/06/2016	Oxford Archaeology

Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Meeting 19th September 2016

National Trust report

Cliveden

Restoration of the 17th century south terrace at Cliveden has continued throughout 2016 and the recent works have involved major drainage works on the top of the terrace, across the two lawns at the ends of the terrace and on the parterre below the terrace. Oxford Archaeology have continued to maintain a watching brief over these works, leading to the discovery of a number of brick walls at both levels of the terrace. Perhaps most interesting on the parterre is the uncovering of some massive 17th century brick foundations extending down at least 2 metres, suggesting a massive built structure extending the length of the terrace. Three sides of this structure have been unearthed and the most likely explanation is that this is a retaining wall in front of the main terrace. Its length corresponds with the existing terrace so a further plausible explanation is that it could represent an earlier siting of the terrace but it was soon rebuilt. Several brick foundations found within the two gardens at the end of the terrace suggest that these were formerly sunken gardens, overlooked from the terrace, but raised to their current level in the late 19th century.

Several other current projects at Cliveden currently involve archaeological watching briefs – these include clearance works in and around the 1890s generator house and trenching for a new IT cable along the north front. Clearance works at the generator house have led to the recovery of a number of interesting fittings used for the glass cell batteries in the accumulator house.

Stowe

Current evaluation excavations for Stowe School projects have led to the uncovering of a well preserved Roman pottery kiln surrounded by a number of pits and ditches. A separate site for a new boarding house had led to the uncovering of a pits, ditches and a possible well, also of Roman date. Some high status pottery including Samian Ware has been recovered from the latter site.

