

Agenda

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Date: Monday 5 March 2018
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Mezzanine 3, County Hall, Aylesbury

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3 MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 September 2017 to be confirmed.		5 - 10
4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE TABLED FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS:		
5 HS2 UPDATE Iain Williamson from Fusion working for HS2 Ltd to provide an update.	14:05	
6 BCC REPORT Updates to be provided by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julia Wise, Historic Environments Records Officer• Eliza Alqassar, Archaeological Officer• Philip Markham, Senior Archaeology Planning Officer	14:15	11 - 28
7 UPDATE FROM THE CONSERVATION OFFICERS Updates from the Conservation Officers at Chiltern and South Bucks District Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Wycombe District Council	14:25	

8	NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE Mr Gary Marshall, National Trust Archaeologist to provide an update for information.	14:35	29 - 30
9	AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY MUSEUM Ms Sue Shave, County Museum Director, to provide an update.	14:45	
10	AN UPDATE ON THE HALTON SITE An update to be provided from Ms Sue Shave, County Museum Director.	14:55	
11	JOINING THE DOTS Ms Eliza Alqassar, Archaeological Officer, to present a report called "Joining the Dots".	15:05	
12	AN UPDATE ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP Mr Chris Williams to provide an update on the Natural Environment Partnership.	15:15	
13	UPDATE FROM MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGIST Mr Nick Crank, Milton Keynes Council Archaeologist to provide an update.	15:25	
14	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	15:35	
15	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 10 September 2018 at 2.00 pm.	15:40	

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To all Members of the Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

Clive Harriss

Chris Williams

Mike Farley, Bucks Archaeological Society

Hugh McCarthy, Wycombe District Council

Gary Marshall, National Trust

Chris Welch, Historic England

Nick Crank, Milton Keynes Council

Bill Chapple OBE, 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 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2017, IN MEZZANINE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 2:00PM AND CONCLUDING AT 4:04PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Chapple OBE (Chairman), Mike Farley, Hugh McCarthy, Gary Marshall, Bill Chapple OBE (Chairman) and Clive Harriss

IN ATTENDANCE

E Alassar, P Braithwaite, JCarver, K Frost, S Newell, S Shave, D Sutherland, B Thorn, C de Carle, M Woods

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Mr Chris Williams was appointed to the committee as a member.

Apologies were received from: Mrs J Hunt, Mr N Crank, Mr C Williams, Mr P Markham, Mr P Clements, Mr R Pushman, Ms S Oborn

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr B Chapple was confirmed as Chairman and Mr C Harriss was appointed as Vice-Chairman.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr M Farley asked about progress in making maps accessible on the County Council's website. Mr Chapple would discuss this with Mr M Hall, Director of Digital.

ACTION: Mr Chapple



6 BUCKS GARDENS TRUST

Ms C de Carle, Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust was welcomed to the meeting and presented a slide show for members.

It was noted that this was a long term project to record details of the historical gardens within the County. The National Gardens Trust had an initiative to register 20th Century gardens; both large and small.

Mr J Carver asked if any of the unregistered gardens abutted the line of HS2.

Ms De Carle confirmed that they had concentrated their efforts on registering gardens close to the route.

7 HS2 AND THE IMPACT ON THE BURIAL GROUND AT STOKE MANDEVILLE

Mr Carver, Lead Archaeologist, Fusion was welcomed to the meeting.

Fusion was a joint venture between three construction companies and Mr Carver had been appointed as lead on the archaeology for the HS2 central section. The central route had been divided into nine sections or packages to enable the design to be dealt with on a holistic basis. Geophysics had been used to identify areas of interest. The work package plan was being put in place for St Mary's Churchyard at Stoke Mandeville and would include:

- Site clearance
- A comprehensive gravestone survey
- A borehole to sample the soil
- The church fabric would be recorded.

Keele University was interested in deploying a student to undertake some further research of the site. Mr Carver was keen to involve the community in recording surface remains and items on the site. Work would include the eastern boundary of the site where archaeological work would be done alongside the main construction contractor.

Mr Franklin asked if the design could be impacted by any archaeological finds.

Mr Carver confirmed that the detailed design would take account of any archaeological finds, including identifying any areas for preservation, although in practice this could be difficult. The route of the line at St Mary's Church was unlikely to be affected by archaeological finds as it would be built on an embankment and this would not lend itself to preserving the archaeology in situ.

Mr Farley congratulated Mr Carver on his phased approach to the archaeological investigation of this site. In response to Mr Farley's questions Mr Carver confirmed:

- That he was aware of the desire of the local community to rehome the human remains within the parish and was in discussion with relevant parties. A forum may be held on this subject before the end of the calendar year.
- The archaeological contractor would be confirmed in due course.

- The HS2 Historic Environment Research and Development Strategy document was available on line. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-historic-environment-research-and-delivery-strategy>.)
- Volunteers may be invited to dig at this and other sites at the appropriate time.

The committee discussed the following items:

- There was approximately two hundred tons of built church rubble in the churchyard and this would be removed and stored. It was hoped that this may be used at the place of storage/burial of the human remains on the site, including the church floor if it was still on site.
- Publicity regarding archaeological finds would be by newsletter, by publishing on a public website and by public events, details would be confirmed.
- It was noted that all graves and wills relating to this site had been documented and transcribed by the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society (BAS) and the information was available in the Bucks County Council (BCC) Study Centre.
- Mr Carver said he was time limited with respect to investigating this site (and others) but that this was a publicly funded project and he had no concerns on the budget.
- The Museum would need advance notice of large numbers of archaeological finds to arrange appropriate storage and or display. They would be interested in items being available on loan for temporary display (particularly those mentioned in publicity).

Mr Chapple asked if Mr Carver would return to the next meeting and he agreed.

8 QUARRENDON ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

Mr M Woods, from the Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust was welcomed to the meeting to talk about the Quarrendon Archaeological Project.

The Quarrendon Leas site was handed over to the Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust in 2015. Since this time the Trust had:

- Worked with local farmers to ensure it was appropriately grazed.
- Installed and maintained gates.
- Stabilised the remains of St Peter's Church, two villages and an Elizabethan manor house within the site.
- Undertaken hedge planting as part of a five year programme (commenced January 2016).
- Worked with Rights of Way officers at BCC to divert a path.
- Held an open day in July 2017 in conjunction with the BAS and BCC.
- The Trust had longer term plans to create a small car park and visitor centre at the site although this would require some funding.

The Trust would be interested in collaborating with other sites in Buckinghamshire and would be willing to take on further land holdings.

Mr Chapple thanked those involved in the open day and for the work undertaken by the Trust.

9 BCC REPORT

Ms E Alqassar, Historic Environments Records Officer presented the report and the following points were noted:

The officers were working with HS2, East West Rail and Heathrow regarding the possible new runway. Recent notable finds included a Roman ladder settlement at Taplow and a Neolithic site at Marlow.

10 UPDATE FROM NATIONAL TRUST

Mr G Marshall presented a report for information and an update on the Cliveden Terrace.

The Terrace was a Grade 1 listed structure, built in the 1670's for the Duke of Buckingham and acted as a retaining wall for the mansion. The terrace had undergone many changes over the years including:

- It was re-faced circa 1870, covering up the niches in the original design.
- The central staircase was added at a later date.
- Cement render and gilded gates were added.
- Inside the terrace there were two large water tanks, probably added after the fire of 1849. These are now home to bats and have had to be preserved.
- The sounding chamber had had a cement render applied which trapped moisture. When the render was removed two light wells were discovered in the ceiling to allow natural light into the chamber.
- On removal of the paving stones on the top of the terrace, two cavities were found that were thought to hold glass to allow light into the Orangeries below.

The National Trust was also undertaking a project to refurbish the generator house at Cliveden. It dated from 1890's and contained a steam boiler that was used to generate and supply electricity to the house. The roof consisted of asbestos tiles from circa 1914 and it was hoped to restore it using a similar looking product.

The Blenheim Pavilion dated from 1730's. The original lime render was removed in 1970's and replaced with cement render that was trapping moisture. This cement render had now been removed and would be replaced with a lime render in future.

The Flint House in the wider landscape was also being researched prior to being restored.

An article may be published on the restoration of the terrace in due course.

11 AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY MUSEUM

Ms S Shave, Museum Director was welcomed to the meeting.

Ms Shave had recently arrived at the County Museum having worked at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. Her priorities for the short term were:

- Looking at mission and vision for the Museum.
- Build on the Arts Council recognition of the Museum as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) and bid for grants aimed at expanding the agenda for diversity and community engagement.
- Arrange further fund raising events including offering the Museum as a wedding venue.
- Expand the Halton site to house a learning programme including history and science workshops.

Mr Thorn provided an update on the Lenborough Hoard;

- The Lenborough Hoard had now been purchased via funds obtained through grants and local donations, with part of it currently on display in the Museum.
- Research on the hoard would continue whilst funding was sought to employ a PHD level researcher. A recent Heritage Lottery Fund bid had not been successful but it was hoped that NPO status may help when resubmitting it in the future.

Recent successes:

- Over 8 thousand visitors attended the Lego Exhibition that was held over the summer, many of whom looked at other exhibits in the Museum at the same time.
- The outside David Bowie cinema event was a great success.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Alqassar flagged up a report from Historical England highlighting that the number of Archaeological staff employed in Local Authorities had fallen over recent years.

The BAS was preparing to celebrate its 175th anniversary – events would be organised in due course. The BAS were hoping to hold an event in 2018 on HS2.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

5 March 2018 venue County Hall

10 September 2018 venue County Hall

CHAIRMAN

Appendix A: Buckinghamshire Archaeological Officers' Report

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum
 Date: 5th March 2018
 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 (19th September 2017).

Report Summary

- HS2 Ltd: discussions and advice are ongoing with Mike Court's Team and with Fusion's (Company overseeing the archaeological field work) Director Jay Carver, over project designs and written schemes of investigation. We understand that Helen Vass has been promoted and no longer heads the historic environment team.
- East–West Rail: advice and information is being provided for their ecological mitigation sites. Due to staff changes at Atkins a number of issues have arisen and a meeting with them took place in Birmingham with their archaeologists, Eliza and Phil. This went well and we expect smoother running from now on.
- Heathrow New Runway: We have been invited to a number of meetings on this and have provided advice on a number of documents and the forthcoming environmental statement. Their proposed methodology for the historic environment chapter(s) is based on historic landscape characterisation and is currently built environment biased and does not include evaluation. These issues have been commented on.
- Oxford/Cambridge Expressway: We were invited to a meeting in December and the concerns on the historic environment were raised. We understand that BCC has been providing information and advice on this and we have tried to be proactive to support this.
- AP and LiDAR Project: proposal submitted to Historic England for a grant-funded project in north Buckinghamshire has been successful and should start in March 2019.

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.

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4 Strategic Issues/Projects

High Speed 2 – We continue to provide advice through the HS2 Ltd Heritage Sub-Group and the next meeting is scheduled for the 13th March at HS2's offices at Snow Hill. Historic England have increasingly been concerned over how the HS2 works are being undertaken, from the consultation of Schedule 17 works to fieldwork evaluation technique and following law included in the HS2 Bill. Historic England hosted a meeting on these issues at their Birmingham office on 7th February. There is a concern that if geophysical survey results are negative then no trenching will be undertaken to 'ground truth' this. Hopefully this will be fully addressed soon. Schedule 17 works have taken place at Stoke Mandeville and Doddershall, and are likely to have started at Calvert and Fleet Marston. Site monitoring has been undertaken at Stoke Mandeville and Doddershall.

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. This Service Level Agreement has now been signed.

It is expected that significant archaeological works will begin in late Spring/early Summer for the line and will continue for a number of years. This is expected to lead to a shortage of available archaeological field teams for normal planning and DMRB schemes.

We understand that 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 Fusion and HS2 Ltd and provided to us for

comment. Fusion and HS2 will ensure that all fieldwork and recording is undertaken to the same standard and format. BCC will be invited to monitor the work but comments will currently go to Fusion and 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 although this has not yet been discussed with the HER community. HS2 have recently agreed a three-year SLA for HER data and this will be supplied imminently.

- **East–West Rail:** This has been ongoing for a number of years and consultants have been in touch with us over the environmental statement and for providing advice on approximately two dozen ecological mitigation sites. These sites are now beginning to appear on the district council's planning weekly lists. Where agreed these sites will usually have a geophysical survey and trial trenching, on smaller sites a strip, map and sample excavation will take place. A service level agreement has been agreed for our input into this proposal. The HER has provided data for an updated environmental statement. Following Government intervention to reduce costs we were consulted on revised plans and documents, approximately 125 revised plans were supplied and commented on. We are expecting a stand-alone historic environment document providing more detail than the base line environmental statement currently being consulted on.
- **Heathrow New Runway:** We have been invited to a number of meetings on this and have provided advice on a number of documents and the forthcoming environmental statement. A service level agreement has been agreed for our input into this proposal. The HER has supplied data for the environmental statement. Their proposed methodology for the historic environment chapter(s) is based on historic landscape characterisation and is currently built environment biased and does not include evaluation. These issues have been commented on.
- **Aerial photo and LiDAR interpretation and mapping project:** In early December Historic England announced that it would be commissioning a limited number of AP/LiDAR projects (also known as National Mapping Projects) in 2018-19 and inviting project bids to be submitted. The following day Julia was contacted by two specialist contractors currently working on a similar project for Bedford Borough's archaeology service, to ask if we would be interested in submitting a bid for a project in Buckinghamshire. In view of the major development pressures and strategic infrastructure proposals, it was agreed to submit two bids, one centred around Buckingham and a second centred around Aylesbury. Julia worked with the consultants (Skylarkeology) to prepare the bids which were submitted to Historic

England in early January. We have just heard that Historic England has decided to commission the Buckingham project, with an expected start date in March 2019. In partnership with the consultants, we will work up a detailed project design for submission to Historic England this December. Historic England have said that they would still like to commission the larger (and costlier) Aylesbury project if their future budgets allow and will review the situation in a year's time.

The project will involve the consultants using the HER's and Historic England's AP collections and the Environment Agency's LiDAR data to identify new archaeological sites, to define and characterise the nature and extent of the archaeology and to map the sites in GIS. It is hoped that the consultants will be based at Historic England's Swindon office (where they have access to specialist software and Historic England's AP collections) but with remote access to the live HER database, our digital AP collections and the County Council's GIS. This would allow them to input directly into the HER database and mapping, avoiding double-handling of records or creating HER backlogs and making new information immediately available to the archaeology team for planning and land management advice and for HER enquiries.

- **Chalk, Cherries, Chairs** – Eliza has been developing a project called *The Mystery of Grim's Ditch* as part of the Chiltern's Conservation Board's Chalk Cherries Chairs Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS), which will be applying for HLF funding in summer 2018. The project will involve surveying gaps in the linear monument as part of the five-year LPS.
- **New National Designations** – DCMS added 6 buildings to the List between July and December 2017, all at Grade II: all are war memorials (Buckingham, Gawcott, Hitcham, Little Kingshill, Stokenchurch and Wexham). The garden at Turn End in Haddenham was added to the Register at Grade II (the buildings are already listed at Grade II*). The scheduling description for the fortified medieval manor at Grove Farm in Ashley Green has been updated and the scheduled area expanded.

5 Planning related archaeological work

Volume measures	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Total number of consultations handled	205	130
Number of planning applications handled	97	117
Planning applications responded to within 21 days (target 90%)	Target Achieved	Target Achieved
Number of development-related archaeological fieldwork projects	12	22
Success rate at appeal (target 50%)	N/A	N/A

annual success rate)		
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A full list of development-related fieldwork is provided as Appendix B.

Significant archaeological investigations include:

A previously unknown Roman settlement at Doddershall has been uncovered by HS2, currently thought to be a farmstead. Similar Roman remains have been unearthed at Cheddington by Cotswold Archaeology and some well-preserved medieval settlement remains, including stone structures, have been evaluated by KDK Archaeology at Westcott.

Of the larger schemes, significant discoveries have been made at the Richings Park mineral site in Langley, which is also part of the future line of the Heathrow western rail link. Stripping is being undertaken by Wessex Archaeology and so far a medieval trackway has overlain an Iron Age ditch leading towards a proposed area of settlement. Over sixty pits have so far been recorded and the edge of a probable round house has been plotted. Geophysics suggests that a future area of stripping is a site of major activity. There is a suggestion that the currently recorded features overlie a Bronze Age field system. A written scheme of investigation for the geoarchaeological mitigation of the site has also been agreed.

6 Publication update (Appendix C)

7 Outreach and Publicity

Four public outreach events took place from July to December 2017. In July Eliza represented the Archaeology team in a 'market place' event for newly-elected County Councillors, introducing them to the wide range of services provided to residents by the Planning and Environment Service.

Julia and Eliza laid on a display about Saxon and Viking Buckinghamshire with childrens' activities for the County Museum's Festival of Archaeology fun day in July and a poster display on the Medieval and Tudor earthworks at Quarrendon for the Bucks Conservation Trust's public open day. Eliza, Julia and Phil also helped with stewarding the open day, acting as expert guides on site.

Eliza attended the Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme excavation open day in September 2017. Displays were provided by Marlow Archaeological Society and Trent and Peak Archaeology, who also ran tours of the site.

The Archaeology Service also hosted a work shadowing student from John Colet School in Wendover for a week in July. The student is a member of the Aylesbury Young Archaeologists' Club and intends to

study Archaeology at university in due course. As the final part of her placement she wrote about her week with us on the team's Facebook page.

8 Historic Environment Record (HER) report

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

Performance Indicator	3rd Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2017
Historic Environment Records data inputting backlog (targets: reports < 30 by March 2018)	Reports = 13 <u>Collect = 517</u> Total = 530	Reports = 15 <u>Collect = 517</u> Total = 532

Volume measures	3rd Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2017
Number of Countryside Stewardship applications handled	87	0
Number of reports received by the HER	28	41
Number of Historic Environment Records enquiries handled: commercial	18	29
non-commercial	11	5

Countryside Stewardship Consultations

In 2017 the HER was consulted on 148 Countryside Stewardship applications covering 16,847 hectares within Buckinghamshire. Of these, 16 (11%) were for Higher Tier schemes and 132 (89%) were for Mid-tier schemes. The HER was able to provide added value to 60% of the applications and we responded to all the consultations within the 20-day period required by Natural England.

The Secretary of State for the Environment has made significant changes to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme for 2018, with a faster more-streamlined process for some Mid-tier schemes by removing the requirement to consult the HER. We are not sure what impact this will have on our workload as Natural England have estimated that it might involve 30%-70% of Mid-tier applications. There will also be new Higher Tier management options for arable, grassland, orchards and parkland and the timescale for submission of applications has been brought forward this year: we have already received our first consultations.

Staffing

Paul's contract has been extended to the end of the 2018/19 financial year and he continues to be a great asset to the team.

HER enhancement and volunteer projects

As reported at the last meeting Paul is continuing with geo-rectifying contractors' geophysical surveys and loading them into GIS. He has completed geo-rectifying the AP plots.

The HER volunteer working on the milestones project has now completed data entry of new and enhanced records and is making some small final edits in GIS. If she wishes to continue volunteering for us, we may ask her to tackle the turnpike tollhouses. The other regular volunteer has ceased working for the HER due to health problems.

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust Research and Recording Project is continuing to make good progress with 48 reports completed, 4 reports in draft and work underway on a further 10 gardens. In 2017 and 2018 the volunteers have also been researching the 16 parks and gardens where Humphrey Repton was involved, as part of the national Repton 200 festival, which will culminate in a publication on Repton's work in Buckinghamshire and a special conference at Ashridge in August.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Archaeological Reports submitted to the Buckinghamshire HER

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Appendix B - FIELDWORK

PROJECT	TYPE	CONTRACTOR	START DATE	RESULTS	REPORT TO HER?
July 2017					
1-3 Priory Avenue, High Wycombe	Excavation	KDK Archaeology	06/07/2017	Negative	No
Land Parcels 6232 & 7428, Longwick	Excavation	Oxford Archaeology	27/06/2017	Roman trackway	No
Marlow Flood alleviation scheme (ongoing)	Excavation	Trent and Peak Archaeology	05/07/2017	Neolithic/Bronze Age ditches, pits, cremations, burial	No
Rear of Buckingham Street, Aylesbury	Excavation	Wessex Archaeology	19/06/2017	No significant archaeology	Yes
August 2017					
Land adj. Winslow Road, Granborough	Evaluation	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	10/08/2017	Negative	Yes
Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme (ongoing)	Excavation	Trent and Peak Archaeology	05/07/2017	Neolithic/Bronze Age ditches, pits, cremations, burial	No
Haddenham Airfield	Excavation	Heritage Network	01/08/2017	Ditches and pits	No
Rear of Buckingham Street, Aylesbury	Excavation	Wessex Archaeology	19/06/2017	No significant archaeology - 19 th century truncation	Yes
September 2017					
Bicester-East Claydon, 132 kv underground cable	Watching Brief	Wessex Archaeology	01/09/2017		No
Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme	Excavation	Trent and Peak Archaeology	05/07/2017	Neolithic/Bronze Age ditches, pits, cremations, burial	No
Former BPC Hazels, Aylesbury	Evaluation	Pre-Construct Archaeology	04/09/2017	A few IA/RB linears/pits? – on line of Akeman St	Yes
Madges Farm, Long Crendon	Excavation	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	24/04/2017	Predominantly IA archaeology	No
15 Market Square, Amersham	Watching Brief	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	13/09/2017	Med pottery, post-med layers	Yes
George Green Quarry, Wexham	Excavation	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	27/09/2017	RB trackway and agricultural/settlement evidence	No
October 2017					
Land at Mursley Road, Swanbourne	Evaluation	Archaeological Solutions	02/10/2017	Mostly R&F	No
1 Mursley Road, Swanbourne	Evaluation	Archaeological Solutions	02/10/2017	Medieval features	No
Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville	Watching brief	Cotswold Archaeology	01/10/2017	Iron Age features	No
Gawcott Fields, Buckingham	Evaluation	Pre-Construct Archaeology	09/10/2017	RB ditches and horncore-filled drainage ditches	Yes
Calvert Depot, Steeple Claydon	Evaluation	COPA/HS2	16/10/2017	Negative	No
Doddershall Embankment, Quainton	Evaluation	COPA/HS2	16/10/2017	RB settlement	No
Ivinghoe Aston	Geophysical survey	Bucks Archaeological Society	15/10/2017	Roman cremations	No
Land Adj to Sunnymeade,, Marsh Gibbon	Watching brief	John Moore Heritage Services	23/10/2017	Medieval ditches, post-med foundations	Yes
CEMEX Langley/Richings Park, Iver	Strip & Record	Wessex Archaeology	09/10/2017	Prehistoric pit clusters	
George Green Quarry, Wexham	Strip & Record	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	09/10/2017	RB trackway and agricultural/settlement evidence	
November 2017					
Lawn Farm, Grendon Underwood	Evaluation	Museum of London Archaeology	07/11/2017	No significant archaeology	Yes
CEMEX Langley/Richings Par, Iver	Strip & Record	Wessex Archaeology	09/10/2017	IA/RB linear features & pits	No
Bierton Crematorium	Evaluation	John Moore Heritage Services	06/11/2017	1 poss medieval linear & furrow bases	No
George Green Quarry, Wexham	Strip & Record	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	09/10/2017	RB trackway and agricultural/settlement evidence	No
Gawcott Fields, Buckingham	Evaluation	Pre-Construct Archaeology	09/10/2017	RB ditches and horncore-filled drainage ditches	No
Land South of Aylesbury Rd, Aston Clinton	Strip & Record	Thames Valley Archaeological Services	15/11/2017	BA ditch	No
Land west of Cheddington	Evaluation	Cotswold Archaeology	20/11/2017	RB settlement remains	Yes
Tingewick Triangle, Buckingham	Excavation	Albion Archaeology	23/11/2017	IA/RB ditches and possible enclosure	No
Land East of Ashendon Rd, Westcott	Evaluation	KDK Archaeology	27/11/2017	Medieval settlement remains	No
December 2017					
Quarrendon School, Aylesbury	Evaluation	Cotswold Archaeology	04/12/2017	Prehistoric posthole, Roman ditch, post-medieval pits & ditches	Yes
Land West of Ashendon Road, Westcott	Evaluation	KDK Archaeology	27/11/2017	Medieval settlement remains	

Appendix C: List of major archaeological excavation projects at the post excavation stage (February 2018)

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
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. Chased up June, July and September 2016 – no response. Cotswold Archaeology commissioned to undertake post-excavation publication for whole site – July 2017	The applicant is keen to discharge their planning condition and Cotswold Archaeology has now been commissioned to complete this work. They are obtaining the archive from MoLA. We will continue to monitor to publication. Email from CA 12/10/2017 advising that archive transfer is in progress and a programme forthcoming.
Denham, The Lea Quarry	Cotswold Archaeology (2010)	Bucks CC	Bronze Age and Romano-British field systems	Post excavation assessment due July 2011. Informed in Sept	A draft report has been submitted and comments supplied

Site	Archaeological Contractor (Date fieldwork completed)	Local Planning Authority	Principal Archaeological Interest	Situation	Action required
	TVAS (2014)		and bustum burials	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.	Sept 2017. Publication is in preparation and to be submitted 2018. Likely to be TVAS monograph.
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, September and November 2016 – expected draft finalised Christmas 2016 and copy editing in New	Monitor progress with publication and deposition of archive. Contractor pursued for update May and August 2017. Email from OA 12/10/2017 advising that publication likely summer 2018.

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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. Network advise they will look into it 12/10/2017.
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. Timetable agreed, with progress report November 2016 and draft report December 2016, with submission to PPS in December 2017.	Monitor progress of agreed timetable with contractor. Contractor pursued August 2017.

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Taplow, Berry Hill Farm	Wessex Archaeology (2017)	Bucks CC	Early Iron Age and Roman ladder settlement	HER reports submitted. Further mineral extraction consented. Fieldwork completed summer 2017. Awaiting PXA.	Monitor to PXA/UPD and eventual publication.
Dormer Avenue, Wing	Foundations Archaeology (2016)	AVDC	Saxon and medieval settlement	Fieldwork concluded March 2016. No interim or assessment report received, despite being assured we would receive it in April 2017.	Continuing to pursue Foundations Archaeology through their consultant, Ben Stephenson. Chase up letter sent to Roy King 12/10/2017. Assessment report promised mid November 2017 but following computer problems now promised March 2018.
Arla megadairy, College Road, Aston Clinton	MoLA (2012)	AVDC	Romano-British settlement	Fieldwork concluded 2012. Final excavation report received 2015. Amended and revised version received July 2017.	Pursue consultant (Prospect Archaeology) and contractor (MoLA) for final publication date. Chased up December 2017.

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Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton	ULAS (2014)	ACDC	Roman road and Iron Age and Roman settlement	Fieldwork concluded Sept 2014. Draft excavation report received April 2017.	Comments on draft report sent October 2017. Final report due Christmas 2017. Publication work to commence in New Year 2018.
New Road, Weston Turville	MoLA (2016)	AVDC	Romano-British trackway and settlement	Fieldwork concluded July 2016. MoLA working on final report.	Pursue consultant (Phoenix Archaeology) and contractor (MoLA) for final publication. Chased October 2017. Draft report promised by MOLA for Nov 2017. Delayed to March 2018.
Berryfields, Quarrendon	Oxford Archaeology (2016)	AVDC	Iron Age and Roman settlement	Fieldwork 2007-2016. Draft PXA received Sept 2017.	Comments sent on PXA 06/10/2017. Pursue to publication.

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Market Hill, Buckingham	CFA Archaeology (2015)	AVDC	Saxon/medieval town ditch	Fieldwork completed 2015 but watching brief element outstanding. WB completed 2016. Instructed CFA to proceed with report July 2017.	Pursue Mark Roberts (CFA Archaeology). Letter sent 12/10/2017. Reply promising PXA and UPD by mid-November 2017. Draft report received December 2017. Comments sent, awaiting revised report March 2018.
Former BOCM site, Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville	Network Archaeology (2013)	AVDC	Roman camp/settlement	Fieldwork completed 2013. AVDC discharged condition without consulting us.	Escalate to AVDC team leader: letter sent to Bill Nicholson. Chase up David Bonner.
Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme, Marlow	Trent and Peak Archaeology	WDC	Neolithic/Bronze Age site	Fieldwork completed September 2017.	Await PXA. Chased up Feb 2018.
Bishopstone Road, Stone	Archaeological Solutions	AVDC	Medieval agricultural site	Fieldwork completed August 2016. Final report approved August 2017. Publication draft approved Sept 2017 and submitted to Recs of Bucks.	Publication submitted to Recs of Bucks Sept 2017.

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Chandlers Hill, Iver	Foundations Archaeology (2013)	SBDC (Utility scheme)	Saxon settlement	Fieldwork completed ?September 2013.	Pursue Roy King (Foundations). Chase up letter sent 12/10/2017. Report 'lost' following computer failure. To be re-written and submitted early 2018.

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Cliveden

Works are drawing to a close on the restoration of the South Terrace at Cliveden which has seen 5 years of painstaking restoration work. The final task for completion is the re-application of the render to the central staircase of the grade I listed terrace. Throughout the work we have employed the services of Oxford Archaeology to maintain an architectural and archaeological recording brief over the works and they have now submitted their draft report for these works. This amounts to a substantial 330 pages (!) but reflects the depth of recording and level of understanding that has been achieved. As a consequence of the recording we now have a better understanding of the phased development of the terrace which illustrates that though the terrace may have been built in the 1670s its current appearance reflects changes and alterations made by successive owners as a response to changing tastes and sometimes drastic circumstances i.e. fire! A condensed version of the report will appear in Records of Bucks (2018).

A further piece of work that Oxford Archaeology have reported on is their research and investigation of the 1890s generator house. Again a condensed version of their report will appear in records of Bucks (2017). Visitors to Cliveden in 2018 will be able to see the generator house and read about its history from a strategically placed viewing platform overlooking the building. Unfortunately proposed conservation works to reinstate the roof are currently on hold as tenders received for these have exceeded the Trust's original budget for the works, however, it is hoped that these will be able to progress in the next 12-18 months.

As I write excavations are taking place for cabling across the southern end of the Grand Drive and these have revealed foundations and brick flooring for a late 17th or early 18th c. building close to NW corner of the North Forecourt. Again these are being recorded by Oxford Archaeology.

Hughenden

We currently have a watching brief being maintained over a new sewer main at Cliveden, running from the stables to the NW corner of the mansion and then across arable fields to a mains about 1km way. A watching brief is being maintained by Oxford Archaeology but has failed to reveal anything of archaeological interest as the ground is made up and the chalk lies at a shallow depth below the ground surface.

West Wycombe Park

An archaeological watching brief maintained by the National trust over excavations into the stream banks below the cascade for retaining walls (Jan 2018) has revealed evidence of an infilled bypass channel of possible 18th c. date. This may relate to works carried out in the mid 18th century when the appearance of the cascade was altered and the stream channel needed to be temporarily diverted.

Bradenham

We are currently working with the Princes Risborough Countryside Group to record and monitor the condition of a number of earthworks in Park Wood. This has led to the discovery of a metal gun mounting close to the RAF base and advice from Historic England suggests this is a mounting for a 20mm anti-aircraft gun, of which only several examples are known to survive in-situ. So what was thought to be rusty old scrap metal has now become an item of national significance (!) relating to WII activities when the base housed RAF Bomber Command. We hope to work with the RAF to record and uncover several former hut bases from the former camp that the Trust owns. Other news from Bradenham is that in March we will be working with the Risborough Group to take samples of charcoal for radio-carbon dating from a suspected medieval charcoal burner's platform at the Homestead site in Park Wood.

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