

Report on the Emergency Recording Fund

The five Councils within Buckinghamshire and Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society were approached in September 2015 for contributions to top-up the fund to £10,000, as detailed in Table 1. Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils have all pledged contributions and invoices will be sent before the end of March 2016. Buckinghamshire County Council will also contribute to the fund if all other parties agree to contribute.

The actual level of the fund is currently c. £2000, which is inadequate should an emergency recording situation arise. An additional £1600 has been pledged bringing the total to £3600. We are still seeking top up contributions from Aylesbury Vale District Council, Milton Keynes Council and Bucks Archaeological Society. Contributions will then revert to the usual amounts, detailed in Table 2 below.

Table 1. Proposed top up contribution of each authority

	% Contribution	£ Contribution
Aylesbury Vale District Council	20%	£1,600
Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society	5%	£400
Buckinghamshire County Council	40%	£3200
Chiltern District Council	5%	£400
Milton Keynes Council	15%	£1200
South Bucks District Council	5%	£400
Wycombe District Council	10%	£800

Table 2. Size and usual annual contribution of each authority (as agreed in 2001)

	Area (km ²)	% Contribution	£ Contribution (2013/14)
Aylesbury Vale District Council	903	20%	£200.00
Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society	n/a	5%	£50.00
Buckinghamshire County Council	1564	40%	£400.00
Chiltern District Council	196	5%	£50.00

Milton Keynes Council	309	15%	£150.00
South Bucks District Council	141	5%	£50.00
Wycombe District Council	325	10%	£100.00

The purpose of the fund is to enable the emergency recording of important archaeological remains (including above and below ground features, artefacts and associated environmental deposits) which are unavoidably under imminent threat of significant damage or destruction without adequate provision for their recording. The fund covers the administrative areas of Aylesbury Vale District Council, Chiltern District Council, Milton Keynes Council, South Bucks District Council and Wycombe District Council.

Eliza Alqassar

02/03/2016