

Communicating and consulting over the next year

We have been working hard on Chartered Archaeologist since the AGM last November where members voted, after considerable debate, to continue work to take forward proposals which had been laid before the meeting.

As the proposals develop further, we will be continuing to consult and debate in order to achieve a situation where we have given members every opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, and shape developments.

The timetable below sets out our current aspirations for progress towards a final vote on a formal Chartered Archaeologist proposal:

Chartered Archaeologist development timeline

2015-2016

- Research, initial workshops, member survey

Apr-Jul 2017

- Development of outline proposal for a Chartered Archaeologist grade

Aug-Sep 2017

- Informal consultation on outline with members and stakeholders
- Informal consultation with Privy Council Office

Oct 2017

- ClfA AGM approved outline proposal for further development

Nov 17-Apr 18

- Detailed drafting of assessment criteria and processes
- Consultation draft to be launched at ClfA Conference 25-27 April

May-Oct 18

- Consultation with members and key stakeholders
- Development of costing models
- Start work on draft amended by-law and regulations

ClfA AGM Oct 2018

- Opportunity to present assessment process and costs to members at AGM -(for information and feedback, not decision, at this stage)

Jan 19

- Launch of formal consultation

Apr 18

- ClfA members asked to approve wording of a formal petition to amend Royal Charter

We are looking forward to opportunities for informal debate at Conference 2018 as well as wider consultations and feedback opportunities on detailed aspects of the plan, leading to a formal consultation on a draft proposal in early 2019.

We also wish to explore concerns with the basic proposed model of individual charter, outlined in the draft proposals, on an ongoing basis. And we accept that if there are significant challenges which remain to be solved, that this timetable can be extended to allow for more consultation and changes to the proposals. We will be instituting a system to allow all members to vote on the proposals, without having to attend the meeting.

We are confident that the proposals set out a model for individual chartership which fits the requirements of the archaeological profession and that Chartered Archaeologist will be a new mark of professionalism in the sector, which will be instantly recognised outside the profession. Progress towards designing the details will ensure that it will be both rigorous in assessing competence and also accessible to a wide range of archaeologists from across the sector who are committed to advancing their career in archaeology.”

If you have any questions, please contact anna.welch@archaeologists.net.

Updated FAQs published

We have been asked a lot of questions about Chartered Archaeologist over the past year. We have collated and updated all of these and published them on our website. [You can read them here.](#)



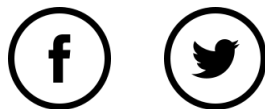
Take our mini satisfaction survey!

We want to start keeping closer track of people's perceptions of Chartered Archaeologist plans and progress. Each month, with this bulletin, we'll be including a short survey to track overall feeling of our members or to assess particular issues.

This month we're keeping it simple, with a benchmark test:

- How do you currently feel about the development of Chartered Archaeologist?
- What are your main reasons for this choice?

[Please complete the survey via SurveyMonkey here.](#)



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