

# Useful Contacts

## Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO)

ALGAO is the forum representing archaeologists working for local authorities and national parks throughout the UK. They can provide advice on archaeological conservation and management of the historic environment.

Website: <https://algao.org.uk>

Contact: <https://algao.org.uk/contact>

## Archaeological Archives in Europe (AAE)

This is the working name of the EAC (Europae Archaeologiae Consilium) Working Group for Archaeological Archives. Comprised of archaeological archive specialists from several European countries, the group meets to share issues and perspectives and undertake various projects, including the ARCHES (Archaeological Resources in Cultural Heritage: a European Standard) *Standard for Archaeological Archiving in Europe*.

Website: <https://www.europae-archaeologiae-consilium.org/archaeological-archives>

Contact: [aae@e-a-c.org](mailto:aae@e-a-c.org)

## Archaeological Archives Forum (AAF)

The Forum was established in 2002 to: link together in partnership all major parties with an interest in archaeological archives in order that common policies and practice can be developed and applied; identify the courses of action necessary to further best practice in the field of archaeological archives and to affect the means to achieve this action. Its membership consists of designated representatives of all the major stakeholder organisations involved in archaeological practice in the UK.

Website: <http://archives.archaeologyuk.org/>

Contact: [claire.tsang@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:claire.tsang@historicengland.org.uk) (secretary)

## Archaeological Archives Group (AAG)

The AAG is the special interest group for archaeological archives within ClfA. The AAG can provide professional standard advice for archaeological archiving as well as information on best practice, advocacy and access.

Website: <https://www.archaeologists.net/groups/archives>

Contact: [groups@archaeologists.net](mailto:groups@archaeologists.net)

## Archaeology Data Service (ADS)

The ADS is a trusted digital repository for archaeological and heritage data. It can provide advice on digital archiving best practice as well as on how to deposit digital archives with the ADS itself.

Website: <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk>

General Enquiries: [help@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk](mailto:help@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk)

ADS-easy enquiries: [adseasy@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk](mailto:adseasy@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk)

Data deposition costs/info: [collections@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk](mailto:collections@archaeologydataservice.ac.uk)

Collections Areas Database and Map:

[http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/sma\\_map/map.cfm](http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/sma_map/map.cfm)

### **Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA)**

CIfA is the leading professional body representing archaeologists working in the UK, setting standards and issuing guidelines.

Website: <https://www.archaeologists.net>

Contact: [admin@archaeologists.net](mailto:admin@archaeologists.net); 0118 9662841

### **Collections Trust**

Collections Trust helps museums capture and share the information that gives their objects meaning, producing standards and advice used across the UK and around the world to make museum collections more accessible.

Website: <https://collectionstrust.org.uk>

Contact: [office@collectionstrust.org.uk](mailto:office@collectionstrust.org.uk)

### **Finds Group (FG)**

The Finds Group is the special interest group within CIfA providing advice on the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials.

Website: <https://www.archaeologists.net/groups/finds>

Contact: [groups@archaeologists.net](mailto:groups@archaeologists.net)

### **Historic England (HE)**

Historic England is the public body which helps people care for, enjoy and celebrate England's historic environment. Archaeological advice and support can be sought from the (regionally-based) HE Science Advisors (SAs), and/or from HE's in-house specialists.

Website: <https://historicengland.org.uk/>

Advice: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/archaeological-science/>

### **Information Management Special Interest Group (IMSIG)**

IMSIG is a group within CIfA promoting standards and good practice relevant to the management of all aspects of historic environment and wider heritage sector information.

Website: <https://www.archaeologists.net/groups/imsig>

Contact: [groups@archaeologists.net](mailto:groups@archaeologists.net)

### **Institute of Conservation (Icon)**

Icon raises awareness of the cultural, social and economic value of caring for heritage and champions high standards of conservation. It can provide advice on the conservation of archaeological materials and hosts the Conservation Register.

Website: <https://icon.org.uk>

Contact: [admin@icon.org.uk](mailto:admin@icon.org.uk)

## **Museums Association**

The Museums Association is the professional body representing museum professionals, institutions and corporate members.

Website: <https://www.museumsassociation.org>

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## **Society for Museum Archaeology (SMA)**

The SMA works to promote museum involvement in all aspects of archaeology and emphasises the unique contribution of museums to the essential unity of the archaeological profession. The SMA Collections Areas Database Map is hosted by the ADS.

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