



Archaeology & Heritage Guidance

Guidance

Working on listed buildings, finding archaeologically important finds, and near or on scheduled monuments all needs planning correctly, to avoid damage.

Activities near or likely to affect such assets often require a consent / licence from the relevant regulator (see below).



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Protected assets include:

- Scheduled monuments
- Listed buildings
- Conservation areas
- Registered historic parks, gardens & battlefields
- Protected wrecks

Protection

Protection of heritage assets such as scheduled monuments, statues, historic buildings etc. is critical.

Prior to the start of works on-site all heritage assets will have been identified through appropriate surveys, and where required, consents / licences obtained. Any asset identified must be protected.

Sites must:

- ✓ Install suitable, adequate, and effective means of segregating heritage assets from works activities e.g., heras fencing
- ✓ Provide clear signage to highlight the presence or suspected presence of heritage assets
- ✓ Ensure that activities likely to cause vibration do not result in structural damage
- ✓ Assess whether dewatering might cause draw-down of water that could affect the preservation of heritage assets within or near the works
- ✓ Ensure that all relevant site personnel are informed about the importance of protecting known or suspected heritage assets e.g., using site inductions and Toolbox Talks

Unexpected finds

Even if an investigation has been carried out, there may still be a potential for unexpected finds to be uncovered, particularly during ground works.

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Previously unknown well dating to the dark ages



Ongoing archaeological dig

What to do if there is an unexpected find?

- Immediately **stop work** in the area
- Leave find in situ and **undisturbed**
- **Protect the find** by fencing or blocking it off
- Contact the local **Archaeological Officer** at the Local Authority
- Consider seeking **specialist archaeological advice** on how to proceed
- If human remains are discovered **contact the police**