NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please note:

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be preceded that morning by a tour of Cromer Museum (Church Street at Cromer) where Members will be able to view the Geology Gallery. There will also be an opportunity to view some interesting newly discovered objects at a presentation in the Education Room about recent archaeological acquisitions. Those taking part in the tour are asked to meet at Cromer Museum at 11.15am.

Date	Time	Place
Monday 10 October 2011	2pm	The Council Chamber North Norfolk District Council Holt Road Cromer Norfolk NR27 9EN

AGENDA

- Election of Chairman (PAGE)
 Election of Vice-Chairman
 To Receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 30 March (PAGE)
 2011
- 4 To Note any Apologies for Absence
- To Note whether any Items have been Proposed as Matters of Urgent Business
- 6 To Note any Declarations of Interest by Members

Please indicate whether the interest is a personal one only or one which is prejudicial. A declaration of a personal interest should indicate the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. In the case of a personal interest, the member may speak and vote on the matter. Please note that if you are exempt from declaring a personal interest because it arises solely from your position on a body to which you were nominated by the County Council or a body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority), you need only declare your interest if and when you intend to speak on a matter.

If a prejudicial interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, in which case you may attend the meeting for that purpose. You must immediately leave the room when you have finished or the meeting decides you have finished, if earlier. These declarations apply to all those members present, whether the member is part of the meeting, attending to speak as a local member on an item or simply observing the meeting from the public seating area.

7 Half-Yearly Report on the Work of the Historic Environment Service (Formerly Norfolk Landscape Archaeology)

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- 10 Date and Time of Next Meeting
- 11 To Answer Formal Questions (if any) of which Due Notice has been Given
- Any Other Item of Business that the Chairman decides should be considered as a Matter of Urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972

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Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Note by Head of Democratic Services

In connection with the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Committee will wish to note that their current membership is as follows:-

Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology

Committee Mr J Bracey

Mr P Duigan

Norfolk County Council

Mr J Ward

Borough Council of King's Lynn

and West Norfolk Mrs E Nockolds

Breckland District Council

Mr R G Kybird

Broadland District Council

Mr D Buck

Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Mr B G Coleman

North Norfolk District Council

Mr T FitzPatrick

Norwich City Council

Mr S Altman

South Norfolk District Council

Dr C Kemp

Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society

Mr R Bellinger

University of East Anglia

Ms S Spooner

Norfolk Farmers' Union (County Branch)

Mr E N Stanton

Norfolk Federation of Builders

Ms H Osgood

English Heritage

Mr W. Fletcher



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NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2011

Present:

Norfolk Joint Museums and South Norfolk Council

Archaeology Committee Dr C Kemp

Mrs H T Nelson

Mr B Collins (Chairman) Borough Council of King's Lynn and West

Norfolk

Norfolk County Council Mrs E Nockolds

Mr J Ward

Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Broadland District Council Mr J R Shrimplin

Mr J W Bracey

Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Broads Authority

Dr J S Johnson

<u>Society</u>

Mr R Bellinger Norfolk Farmers Union (County Branch)

Mr E N Stanton

1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 October 2010 were confirmed by the Advisory Committee and signed by the Chairman.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr H Cordeaux, Miss E J Collishaw, Mr W Fletcher, Mr R Kybird and Ms S Spooner.

3 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Half-Yearly Report on the Work of the Historic Environment Service (Formerly Norfolk Landscape Archaeology)

The annexed report by the Historic Environment Manager (County Archaeologist) was received.

Mr David Gurney, Historic Environment Manager (County Archaeologist) said that during the period covered by the report, Norfolk Landscape Archaeology was combined with the Heritage Team in the Heritage and Landscape Section of Environment, Transport and Development (ETD) at County Hall to form a new Historic Environment Service (HES) in ETD. He said that before the creation of the

HES (as part of ETD's strategic review) there was a change of focus with regard to the HES' future work on historic buildings. The HES would be looking to focus on the built heritage assets that were owned or managed by NCC and negotiate Service Level Agreements with District Councils for any other work on historic buildings. Mr Gurney added that the County Council had agreed at its most recent meeting to end some grant funding for work on historic buildings in order to deliver savings of £240,000 over the next three years.

Dr Johnson asked if the HES planned to support the work of historic building conservation trusts, such as the Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust, following the decision taken by NCC. In reply, Mr Gurney said that HES was looking to have a wider role than keeping the eight windmills that were in County Council ownership in "good condition", both in 2011/12, and when the NCC grant to the Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust ceased after 2011-12. The HES was already working closely with the Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust, with other historic building conservation trusts, with the District Councils, with the Broads Authority and with English Heritage to make the best possible use of what limited funding was available. In order to attract new funding from external bodies, it was important for the aims and working methods of most historic building conservation trusts to undergo a radical change and for such trusts to get the local community, through the "Big Society", more involved in supporting their work. External funding could be acquired for conservation work on historic buildings, but only if it formed part of a much bigger project incorporating outreach, events, activities, volunteers and community engagement.

Mr Gurney went on to point out that a new Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5) came into existence in March 2010. He said the new PPS5 was accompanied by an English Heritage Good Practice Guide, and represented a major overhaul of the planning system for the historic environment. In reply to questions, he said that the Planning Team in the HES was working with colleagues elsewhere in NCC, the District Councils, the Broads Authority and English Heritage to implement the new PPS5 and to ensure the continued protection and effective management of the historic environment. Mr Gurney added that a further important development was the National Heritage Protection Plan, currently in preparation by English Heritage. The NHPP would identify the threats that heritage assets faced and guide future activities.

The Advisory Committee noted that planning applications were up by more than 50%, with a slight increase in the number of briefs issued. In the year to March 2010, the HES had carried out a detailed assessment of 500 planning applications with improvements for the historic environment and issued 203 briefs for historic environment recording projects.

The Advisory Committee also noted that the Norfolk Monuments Management Project had recently won a CPRE award for its work on Kelling Heath, where Norfolk's best preserved group of Bronze Age burial mounds had been cleared for the first time in living memory. The site had been fenced so that it could be grazed and interpretation panels were being prepared.

Mr Gurney pointed out that the HES delivered Norfolk's Coastal Heritage Project on behalf of North Norfolk District Council. This project was aimed at exploring ways of helping coastal communities plan and adapt to coastal change. To this end, the HES was working initially with the residents of Happisburgh and last week 80 people (including officers from HES) attended a conference that was the first public meeting of the Happisburgh Heritage Group. The focus of the project was now being broadened out to include other coastal communities through a wide range of activities in the field, lectures, newsletters, exhibitions and events, and work on a publication was in progress.

In reply to questions, Mr Gurney said that HES was represented on a NCC Project Working Group looking at World War II USAAF airfields and preparing a bid to the HLF for a project on World War II heritage assets. A Working Group led by officers within Community Services at NCC was also exploring the possibilities for carefully selected walks round places of WWII interest in Norfolk.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

6 Half-Yearly Report of NAU Archaeology

Ms Jayne Bown, Manager of NAU Archaeology, said that during the period covered by the report NAU Archaeology had been invited to bid for 146 projects, 92 of which were Norfolk-based and undertook 90 projects (along with the post-excavation stages of ongoing projects). Of the 90 projects, 62 (69%) were projects in Norfolk. NAU Archaeology issued 56 fieldwork and desk based assessment reports of which 40 were reports on sites in Norfolk.

Ms Bown went on to outline some of the major Norfolk projects of the last six months, which included an excavation following the earlier evaluation of the site at St Andrew's Lane, Congham, where a new stable block and ménage were being constructed. A very large number of artefacts were present including a silver dress tag, an iron arrowhead and a silver penny of King Offa. In reply to questions, it was pointed out that this coin was probably lost during the course of trade and its presence did not suggest that King Offa had jurisdiction in the area in which it was found. A large amount of Early, Middle and Late Saxon and medieval pottery was found at the site along with a small number of prehistoric, Roman and postmedieval sherds. Also recovered were 20 Saxon or medieval knives, eight horse shoes and 328 nails, three Roman coins and one Saxon brooch.

Ms Bown said that the desk based assessment and archaeological evaluation that was undertaken at Stoke Road and The Street, Poringland in advance of an application for a proposed development for residential purposes could be followed up by a metal detecting survey of the site. During the archaeological evaluation, a small piece of wreckage from the engine of a Bolingbroke aircraft was found in one of the trenches.

Ms Bown agreed to let Mr Bracey have details about the findings of the reports concerning land to the north of Norwich (Report No. 2400a) and at 15-21 School Road, Drayton (Report No. 2301). Ms Bown said that she was willing to provide Members with details of the findings of any of the projects undertaken by NAU Archaeology that were listed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, on request.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

7 Half-Yearly Report of the Archaeology Department, Norwich Museum and Art Gallery

The annexed report by the Head of Museums and Archaeology was received.

Dr. John Davies, Chief Curator and Keeper of Archaeology at Norwich Museum and Art Gallery said that during the last six months the work of the Archaeology Department had focused on rationalisation, collections management, outreach activities, providing support for the wider museums community and undertaking major projects. Current proposals for NMAS included the requirement to move the Costume and Textile Collections and Services from Carrow House to the Shirehall. In order to accommodate the additional material, a substantial reorganisation of the building had been planned. Work had begun on the reorganisation and moving of Shirehall offices, collections, departmental libraries and resources. This work would continue throughout the rest of 2011. As a result of these moves, Norwich Castle Study Centre would embrace more functions and collections for public access, alongside the existing departments, which included archaeology.

In reply to questions, Dr Davies said that the Department was becoming more stringent in what it collected and disposing of material that was more relevant to other museum collections, of poor quality or of limited interest. It was, however, important for the Department to continue to acquire material that was relevant to its collections (in accordance with NMAS Collecting Policy) because otherwise important objects that were only rarely on the market could be lost to the NMAS forever.

Dr Davies went on to point out that Norwich Castle had continued to acquire important objects through the workings of the Treasure Act and from the close relationship with the county's metal detector users. The Collecting Cultures Scheme, reported at previous meetings of the Advisory Committee, was enabling the enhancement of the archaeology collections and displays. This project, worth £220,000 in total, remained a major part of the Department's work programme, through to 2013.

Dr Davies went on to say that the Norman Connections Project was proving to be a great success. This project was developing a shared approach to the conservation, interpretation and display of Norman monuments, artefacts and documents. The partners were exploring the possibilities for the creation of a Norman Heritage Tourism Trail which could span both sides of the Channel.

Dr Davies said the Egyptian Collection was now considered to be one of the most important such collections in the UK. Fay Kalloniatis had continued her work on this collection, with the ultimate aims of publishing a catalogue and of increasing awareness of the collection within the local and Egyptological community. During the last six months, the main emphasis of the project had been the study of the Ancient Egyptian shroud which dated to c.1550 BC and was inscribed with hieroglyphics of chapters from the Book of the Dead; spells designed to help the deceased on their journey to the afterlife. Over the coming months, the shroud

would be fully exposed and conserved by the British Museum Textile Conservators, with assistance from the Norwich staff. During the course of the project, up-to-date progress could be followed through the blog

http://blog.britishmuseum.org/category/conservation-2/norwich-shroud/. It was worth noting that once the shroud had been fully restored and interpreted, study days would be held at both the British Museum (on 7 April 2011 and Norwich Castle on 24 May 2011). If any Members were interested in attending the event at the Norwich Castle then they should contact Dr John Davies at the Castle Museum to reserve a place.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

8 Chairman's Concluding Remarks: Date and Time of Next Meeting: Item for the Next Meeting.

The Chairman placed on record the Advisory Committee's thanks to Dr John Davies, Chief Curator, and Dr Tim Pestell, Curator of Archaeology, both at the NMAS, for conducting the tour that preceded the meeting of the round tower Church of St Peter and St Paul at Borough Castle, and the adjacent Roman Saxon Shore Fort. Members were also grateful to Great Yarmouth Borough Council for their hospitality in hosting the meeting and for providing a conducted tour around the Town Hall.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee should be held at the offices of North Norfolk District Council on Monday 10 October 2011 at 2pm and that the meeting should be preceded by a tour of Cromer Museum.

The Advisory Committee asked for a report to be brought to its next meeting about the planning system for the historic environment, following the publication and implementation of the new Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5).

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

Chairman



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Norfolk Archaeological Services Advisory Committee 10 October 2011

Item No. 7

Progress Report on the work of the Historic Environment Service, ETD.

Report by the Historic Environment Manager (County Archaeologist)

Summary

This report provides a progress report on the work of the Historic Environment Service (HES) in ETD.

Action Required

Members are asked to note the report and to review and comment on HES activities.

1. The Historic Environment Service (HES)

- 1.1 The HES exists to record, protect, manage, enhance, interpret and promote understanding of the historic environment. Its main aims are to record, protect and manage these on behalf of our own and future generations, in partnership with other local authorities, conservation organisations, farmers, landowners and local communities. The HES provides essential information and advice to anyone with responsibility for or an interest in the past.
- 1.2 The HES is funded in part by NCC and through partnerships with a range of external organisations, including Service Level Agreements with all eight Local Planning Authorities in the county.
- 1.3 The HES is a Registered Organisation (RO) with the Institute for Archaeologists, and it has just successfully re-registered for 2012-14. This represents a formal commitment to high standards of archaeological practice and provides a peer-validated benchmark against which the quality of the HES and its services can be judged. The HES was the first purely curatorial body to achieve RO status when it was first registered in 2009.

2. Historic Environment Record (HER)

2.1 Since April, 725 new monument records have been created along with 1,025 event records and 1,323 source records. HER staff have also undertaken some significant enhancement work, focusing in particular on sites recorded by the Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society, and the integration into the HER of information previously held by NCC's Buildings and Landscapes team at County Hall. All information relating to Buildings at

- Risk within the county has now been incorporated into the HER. Work has continued on UEA's *Rural Schools Survey* project, adding over 200 new records and enhancing many others.
- 2.2 Since April there have been 191 enquiries, 81 of which were from commercial companies. We have been visited by or supplied information to many local history groups, including the *Capturing our Wayland Heritage* project, the Forncett Local History Group, and others from Irstead, Upton and Gateley. We have also been consulted by several PhD students on a wide range of topics including Iron Age and Roman glass beads and the Roman to Early Saxon transition, as well as supplying information for inclusion in Durham University's *Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture*. We have received several requests to publish images from our photographic collections in various academic journals and the popular magazine *Current Archaeology*.
- 2.3 The HER is now being regularly consulted by English Heritage on current designation applications (Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments), and has been able to supply additional information for several applications in the last few months.
- 2.4 We have continued to involve a large number of volunteers in the work of the HER and Air Photo Library. We have hosted numerous work experience placements, including Year 10 school pupils, sixth formers, undergraduates and older learners seeking employment within the heritage sector. We have also worked with UEA to set up a series of formal work placements as part of the vocational learning element of the Landscape History undergraduate course which is due to start this autumn.

3. Planning

- 3.1 At the last meeting, Members asked for a report setting out the implications for the historic environment of changes to the planning system. Members will be aware that both the National Planning Policy Framework and Localism Bill (see below) are not yet finalised and enacted, so it is perhaps premature to look at this matter in any detail. By the time of the next meeting, the situation should be much clearer
- 3.2 The HES has commented on 304 applications and issued 130 briefs in the period between 1/3/11 and 31/8/11. This puts us on track to be nearly as busy as 2008 2009 (our busiest year ever) and reflects a general, if slow, upturn in development. Disappointingly only 17 of these new cases were in advance of the submission of an application (in line with national planning policy). We continue to comment on Local Development Framework documents as the consultations are issued.
- 3.3 The planning team has been involved in consultation on the Localism Bill and the draft National Planning Policy Framework. The Localism bill includes the setting up of neighbourhood development plans. The effect of these plans on the historic environment is as yet unclear. The most worrying implication of the Bill as published was that it appears to remove much of the protection afforded to listed buildings and conservation areas. However, this is being challenged at every level, including in the House of Lords.

3.4 The draft National Planning Policy Framework will replace Planning Policy Statement 5 and its associated guidance. While most elements of PPS5 are represented almost verbatim in the draft NPPF, the draft NPPF places less emphasis on undesignated heritage assets. The presumption in favour of development present throughout the document may, therefore, place undesignated assets such as historic landscapes at risk. However, smaller scale assets are adequately protected through similar measures to those in PPS5.

4. Historic Landscapes

- 4.1 The HES has been involved in two Landscape Partnership bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The first, led by the Broads Authority, was unsuccessful, and the second, led by the Brecks Partnership, is in progress and aiming to submit a bid early in 2012.
- 4.2 Work is underway on the integration of the historic parks and gardens data, previously held by the Heritage and Landscape team, into the HER. This is likely to continue for the rest of this year and is a task that UEA placement students may assist with.
- 4.3 We are also carrying out a parish-by-parish audit of HER records to identify other unrecorded historic landscape and built heritage sites and ensuring all former Heritage and Landscape team data is fully integrated. In Acle, for example, 19 records have been enhanced and new records created for a medieval deer park, a windmill, tunnel, chapel and toll house.

5. Historic Buildings

- 5.1 Several briefs have been issued for the recording of designated and undesignated historic buildings threatened with alteration or in some cases demolition, on behalf of the local planning authorities.
- 5.2 The HES has also advised on major restoration schemes such as High House, West Acre and Little Dunham Estate.
- 5.3 Externally-funded reports have been prepared on churches which are receiving grants from English Heritage, including Necton, Cranwich, Little Ellingham, Great Ellingham, Croxton (Thetford), Swainsthorpe, Threxton, Scoulton, Foulden and Holme Hale. These are intended to inform the architect, the parish and the grant-giving authority of the history and significance of the church building and the particular parts which are being repaired.

6. Norfolk Monuments Management Project

- 6.1 The project was established in 1990 to promote the positive management and conservation of Norfolk's most important and best-preserved archaeological sites and ruined buildings. It has been involved with more than 9000 sites, and is recognised nationally as a leader in the field of heritage asset management.
- 6.2 In 2010-11, thirteen new conservation agreements were set up and £25,000 of funding from English Heritage was issued in grants to farmers and landowners. The project has recently been successful in securing £23,245

- of EH funding for this work in 2011-12. The great majority of project conservation agreements and grants cover land and vegetation management, but in 2010-11 for the first time grant aid was provided to help with the repair and consolidation of a historic building, the ruined church of St Saviour's Surlingham.
- 6.3 A number of articles have been published to mark the twentieth anniversary of the project. These include articles in *Norfolk Archaeology*, *The Archaeologist* (the magazine of the Institute for Archaeologists) and *British Farmer and Grower* (East Anglia Edition).

7. Environmental Stewardship

- 7.1 The HES continues to work with Natural England and with farmers and landowners and their agents to provide the historic environment content for Environmental Stewardship schemes. These represent a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to manage the landscape to benefit heritage assets, particularly through Higher Level Stewardship.
- 7.2 In 2011-11 the HES received 104 HLS consultations, one of the highest numbers of any county. Along with Suffolk, Norfolk continues to be in the busiest part of the Eastern Region.
- 7.3 As a result of the HES's work many important archaeological sites are under enhanced and beneficial management. Key historic assets now managed under Environment Stewardship include Grimes Graves, Salthouse Heath Bronze Age barrow cemetery, Gayton Thorpe Roman villa, Burgh Castle Roman fort, Langley Abbey and Felbrigg Park.
- 7.4 Having received funding from Natural England in 2010-11 to enhance the Historic Environment Record specifically for use in Entry Level Stewardship schemes, the HES continues to develop the relevant dataset. It is hoped that external funding can be secured to undertake further enhancement in 2011-12.

8. Norfolk's Coastal Heritage Project

- 8.1 Since January 2010 the HES has been working with North Norfolk District Council to deliver the community heritage element of the £3m Norfolk Coastal Change Pathfinder programme. The project was developed to inform, engage and empower local communities, allowing them to play an active role in preparing for the impact of coastal erosion on their heritage.
- 8.2 The project initially worked with the community of Happisburgh, an area where coastal erosion is particularly extreme, before broadening its focus to work with other coastal communities. Workshops and training sessions were offered on a range of heritage-based research skills, and in the process brought together a group of like-minded individuals who have now founded the Happisburgh Heritage Group to carry on the work begun by the project. The Project Officer has also co-written *The Book of Happisburgh*, which incorporates several decades of research undertaken by local historian Mary Trett and which is due to be published in November 2011.
- 8.3 During the course of the project, the Project Officer has given over 30 talks about the county's coastal heritage to local groups and in libraries, addressing over 1,500 people and promoting the work of the County

- Council's Historic Environment Service. In March 2011, a very successful one-day conference was held in Happisburgh at which invited speakers and members of the local community gave talks about the county's coastal heritage.
- 8.4 The Pathfinder element of the project is currently drawing to a close, and a project evaluation report has been written for North Norfolk District Council and Defra. Further meetings with central government representatives are due to be held in the coming weeks to consolidate the lessons which can be learned from the project. A number of popular and academic articles describing the methodology and results of the project are currently in preparation for publication in regional and national journals and magazines.
- 8.5 As the project enters its second phase, the Project Officer continues to develop additional links with other interested individuals, groups and societies. For example, close links have been developed with RSPB staff and volunteers at Titchwell and Snettisham and National Trust volunteers at Sheringham Park, all of whom are keen to learn more about the archaeological remains in the areas under their management so that they can be promoted and interpreted for the public. The Project Officer is also working closely with the Paston Heritage Society, which has received a £3,000 grant from the Norfolk Coast Partnership to provide a series of heritage-themed training events for local residents and school children.
- 8.6 In addition to this report, the Project Officer will also give a short powerpoint presentation on the work of the Coastal Heritage Project to the Advisory Committee.

9. Coastal Access

- 9.1 After the passing of the *Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009*, Natural England are currently engaged in the implementation of the England Coast Path, a new National Trail around all of England's open coast. In Norfolk, this work involves linking up the existing stretches of coast path, and a new path is being planned for the county's north-easterly coast running from Weybourne to Sea Palling.
- 9.2 The HES has been working closely with colleagues in the NCC Countryside Access team and Natural England to ensure that the heritage assets which lie along the proposed route are identified at an early stage of the route-mapping process with the twofold aim of protecting those assets which are vulnerable to public access and promoting those assets which are of significant interest and importance to the public understanding of the county's coastal heritage. To date this has taken the form of a desk-based assessment of the affected assets, but as the work progresses the HES will have a greater input into management and interpretation.

10. Coast Alive!

10.1 For the last year, the HES has been participating in the European Interreg IVB North Sea Region *Coast Alive!* project, the aim of which is to develop a set of strategies and procedures for mobilizing more people to use local paths and outdoor facilities for recreation and for fitness.

- 10.2 The HES has been assisting with the delivery of the heritage work package by producing a methodology for identifying and significance scoring heritage assets in the coastal zone vulnerable to climate change impacts and coastal path use. This methodology has already been used to great effect with regard to the Coastal Access work discussed above, and it is the intention to build upon this work during the winter to provide an integrated package of interpretation and management options to Norfolk's Countryside Access team.
- 10.3 This work is also being shared with the project's European partners, many of whom are interested in adapting and applying the new methodologies developed in Norfolk to their own heritage assets. To this end, several of the European partners will be visiting Norfolk in late September to workshadow County Council officers and HES staff.

11. Work on NCC-owned heritage assets

- 11.1 Burnham Norton Carmelite friary has been transferred from NCC guardianship to the Norfolk Archaeological Trust, and some final repairs to put the remains into good order prior to transfer have recently been completed.
- 11.2 Fiddler's Hill Bronze Age burial mound at Warham/Binham has been declared surplus to NCC requirements, and is in the process of being transferred to the Norfolk Archaeological Trust who will take on future management of the site.
- 11.3 Bawburgh Monuments and Ranworth Porch are both to be inspected by the end of 2011.
- 11.4 NCC owns or leases 16 mills and work has continued in partnership with the Norfolk Windmills Trust to maintain these properties.
- 11.5 Health and Safety work has included work on guardrails, floors, ladders and the removal of guano at Old Buckenham, Neave's and Turf Fen Mills. Old Buckenham Mill has reopened to the public this year following Health and Safety works. Asbestos surveys and fire insurance valuations have been completed on all NCC buildings.
- 11.6 An application for listed building consent has been made for the replacement of the sails and the repair or replacement of the stocks at Old Buckenham Mill. HES is working with the local committee, who open the mill to the public, to put together a funding package for the new sails.
- 11.7 Kerrison's Level Mill has been declared surplus to requirements by NCC and the paperwork is in the process of being handed over to NPS for them to begin negotiations with the owner.
- 11.8 Polkey's Mill and Reedham Marsh Steam Engine House, were opened as part of National Mills weekend in May and 42 people, including a walking tour organised by the Broads Authority, visited.

12. World War Two

12.1 The HES continues to work on preparing a 'Your Heritage' bid to the HLF. It will be a community based project to engage local communities in the recording, conservation, management and interpretation of WWII Heritage

in Norfolk. A pre-application form has been submitted to the HLF and we have been encouraged to make a full application, which is in progress.

13. The National Mapping Programme (NMP)

- 13.1 The NMP is part of an English Heritage initiative to identify, map and interpret archaeological sites visible on aerial photographs. The resulting data are used to inform and facilitate planning, conservation and research decisions concerning the historic environment.
- 13.2 Since March the team has completed the report on the results of NMP mapping in the area covering Thetford and its environs, part of the current Norwich-Thetford-A11 Corridor 'Growth Points' project. Within this 92.2 sq km area, the project identified 116 new archaeological sites, and enhanced the record for a further 66. Significant themes within the mapping include the relatively high number of prehistoric enclosures encountered when compared to funerary monuments, the coherence of remains relating to the medieval and post medieval landscape, including warrening, and the relatively high number of earthworks recorded.
- 13.3 Work has now commenced on mapping the A11 Corridor, with the area to the southwest of Norwich, between the parishes of Deopham and Swardeston, now partially complete. The character of the archaeology encountered is markedly different from that seen to the south of Norwich, with relatively few cropmark sites but a preponderance of medieval moats. Cropmarks relating to probable medieval and post medieval common-edge settlement are a notable feature.
- 13.4 The sites encountered thus far within the A11 Corridor are very much a reflection of the underlying clay geology, which is as evident in the existing pattern of settlement and enclosure as it is in the archaeological record. Nevertheless, under the right conditions the boulder clay notoriously difficult from an aerial archaeologist's perspective is capable of producing good cropmarks, the RAF vertical photographs from July 1946 appearing to have been taken at a particularly fortuitous time. At Wramplingham these show a fairly large, previously unrecorded, trapezoidal enclosure thought to be of Iron Age and/or Roman date. It appears to overlie what may be fragments of an earlier, possibly Bronze Age, field system.

14. The Identification and Recording Service for Archaeological Finds

- 14.1 The team continues to attend six metal-detecting clubs on a monthly basis in addition to dealing with large numbers of individual finders. As well as the usual talks on latest finds presented at club meetings, a variety of supplementary lectures have been delivered on such subjects as *Religious cults in Roman Norfolk*.
- 14.2 The HES continues to liaise with *Discovery Tours*, a group of American metal detectorists who visit Norfolk every year. A talk was given on *Recordable Rubbish*, to encourage the reporting of finds that might otherwise escape attention.
- 14.3 Notable recent finds include :-
 - An Iron Age hoard comprising two terrets and a vessel mount in the form of a stylised bull's head from Whinburgh and Westfield

- A Romano-British phallic gold pendant from Hillington
- An unusual Continental Early Saxon version of a crossbow brooch from Alderford, only the second example noted from the country and dating to the late 4th or early 5th century
- A substantial buckle plate of Hispano-Visigothic origin dating from the end of the 6th century to the early 8th century, the third such to have been recorded in England, found in Caistor St Edmund
- An enamelled mount of Irish origin belonging to the 8th to 9th century, possibly from a hanging bowl
- A small hoard of groats of Henry VIII found in Wymondham. This area was connected to Kett's Rebellion in 1549 and this hoard, with its latest coin dating to 1544-7, must surely be connected with that uprising.

15. The Portable Antiquities Scheme and Treasure

15.1 There have been 28 cases of Treasure reported between March and August, the most interesting of which are probably a fragment of silver paten from Cranworth with cut marks indicating its use as a dish for dividing the Host and a maker's mark for William Cobbold 1565 - 70, and a hoard of Iron Age terrets and a mount from the Shipdham area. This included an unusual terret with a rectangular 'skirt' protecting the loop, and a vessel mount in the form of a cow or bull's head. Both cases are being claimed by Norwich Castle Museum.

16. East Anglian Archaeology

- 16.1 East Anglian Archaeology, the regional monograph series based in HES continues to flourish, with new titles in print and further work in press describing a range of archaeological discoveries
- 16.2 Recently published volumes include:-
 - a report on the Roman town at Billingford, the site of the largest Roman cemetery so far excavated in Norfolk, and where evidence has also been found for occupation continuing into the 5th and 6th centuries, after Britain ceased to be a Roman province.
 - a report on the archaeology of the Newland in King's Lynn, where excavations on the site of the Vancouver Centre explored the processes of land reclamation and the gradual building of tenements along the banks of the Purfleet and Broad Street fleet in the 13th century.
- 16.3 Reports in press include:-
 - a study of the Roman town at Scole and a nearby Roman temple.
 - an account of the discoveries along the route of the Bacton to King's Lynn gas pipeline. This construction project provided a rare and valuable window on a long transect through the archaeological landscape. Twenty-four sites in the path of the pipeline were excavated; the early Saxon inhumation cemetery at Tittleshall and the

contemporary settlement in Foulsham were among the most significant discoveries.

17. Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage

17.1 NCC is now a member of ARCH, and has signed the Memorandum of Understanding. The HES has been involved in recent heritage crimes at Billingford, Burgh Castle and Bromholme Priory. We have also brought this initiative to the attention of District Council Conservation Officers, and there is to be a countywide meeting on 20th October.

18. Moving Thetford Forward

18.1 The HES continues to support the MTF project, offering advice on the Feasibility Study by Norwich HEART and more recently MTF's work on heritage branding.

19. UEA Work Placements

19.1 As part of a new UEA Landscape History unit entitled 'Working in the Historic Environment' the HES is to host two third year undergraduate student placements working in the HER team for six weeks from this October. The unit is designed to provide practical project-based work experience to those intending to work in the historic environment sector.

20. Bradford Placement

20.1 The HES has been hosting a placement student from the University of Bradford. Our first student, Wayne Arnold, was with us from September 2010 until July 2011, and he worked with teams across the service. Wayne worked as a planning assistant for two days a week, integrated Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society records into the HER and assisted the Identification and Recording Service with the identification, photographing and recording of objects. Wayne has now returned to university to complete his degree. His final year dissertation will use GIS and the Norfolk Aerial Photographic Library to look at the impact of the 1953 floods on the historic environment of Norfolk. Our second placement student, Daniel Holburn, started on 5th September.

21. Community Archaeology Bursary

21.1 In August it was announced that the HES will host a Council for British Archaeology funded trainee community archaeology placement for a year starting in April 2012. The HES was one of just 12 organisations to be awarded a bursary, and it was the only one to be awarded to a local authority.

22. Outreach

- HES staff represent Norfolk on 24 external committees at national, regional and local levels, present academic papers at conferences, give talks to local groups, publish papers and reports in academic journals, liaise with the media over stories of local and regional interest, lead archaeological tours and walks and support the work of the NM&AS.
- On average HES staff are involved in at least two outreach activities each week, including local metal-detector club meetings, media interviews, making NCC's own historic buildings and mills accessible, health walks, lectures to local societies and events in museums and libraries.
- The Council for British Archaeology Festival of British Archaeology Open Day was held in July with over 200 people visiting the HES offices and enjoying activities including flint knapping demonstrations, tours of the former workhouse, artefact handling and Bronze Age beaker pot Art Attack sessions for children.

Recent HES outreach activities include:-

- Historic environment talk to a Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group farm walk at High Ash Farm, Caistor St Edmund
- A stall in the 'One Stop Countryside Shop' at the Royal Norfolk Show
- Lecture to The Norfolk Heraldry Society: on 'Eurasian Influences on the Origins of Heraldry'
- Lecture to the Reepham Society
- Lecture to The Norfolk and Norwich Numismatic Society
- BBC Look East Caistor Roman town
- Mills Open Weekend (Polkey's, Reedham)
- BBC Radio 4 In Living Memory The Thetford Treasure
- BBC Radio 4 Making History Iron Age trackway at Geldeston
- EDP Iron Age trackway at Geldeston
- Lecture to Sedgeford Project Recent Research on Roman Norfolk
- Norwich Rotarians Caistor Roman Town
- A lecture on Irregular Coinage in Roman Britain: Recent Research at the Moneta Britannia conference in York
- Talks on Recent Finds at Time and Tide Museum, King's Lynn Museum, The Friends of King's Lynn Museum, Great Yarmouth U3A, Harleston U3A and Norwich Coin and Medal Society.
- Talk to the Methwold History Group on A quick guide to the last million (nearly) years and flint identification workshop.
- Norfolk History Fair at Gressenhall Museum
- Festival of British Archaeology
- King's Lynn Museum Archaeology Day.

23. Publications

- 23.1 Recent publications include:-
 - Early medieval fish weirs at Holme-next-the-Sea in *Medieval Archaeology*.
 - Four articles in *Norfolk Archaeology*, on Excavations and Surveys in 2009, Recent Finds, Recent Coin Finds and Seal Matrices.

- 'A zoomorphic shield mount from Hindringham' and 'Some medieval gaping-mouth beast buckles from Norfolk and elsewhere' in *Medieval* Archaeology.
- 'Rhineland Lava in Norfolk Churches' in Church Archaeology:
- 'Five medieval armorial sword pommels from Norfolk' in *The Coat of Arms*.
- 'A Trial strike of an irregular Carausian reverse in lead' in *Numismatic Circular*.

24. Resource Implications

Finance: None Staff: None Property: None

IT: None

25. Other Implications

Legal implications: None Human Rights: None

Equality Impact Assessment: Not applicable

Communications: None Any other implications: None

26. Section 17 - Crime and Disorder Act: None

27. Risk Implications/Assessment

The HES ensures that NCC fulfils its statutory duties with regard to the historic environment. Non-delivery of externally-funded projects could lead to reductions in funding. The HES's Project Management systems were subject to internal audit in 2010, and the report made no recommendations.

The very challenging financial climate is recognised. The HES continues to review all its activities to ensure that the service is delivered efficiently, costs are recovered through charging whereever possible and external funding maximised.

28. Alternative Options: None

29. Conclusion

The HES has continued to make excellent progress, delivering core historic environment services and a number of externally-funded projects.

Background Papers: None

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Norfolk's Coastal Heritage Project



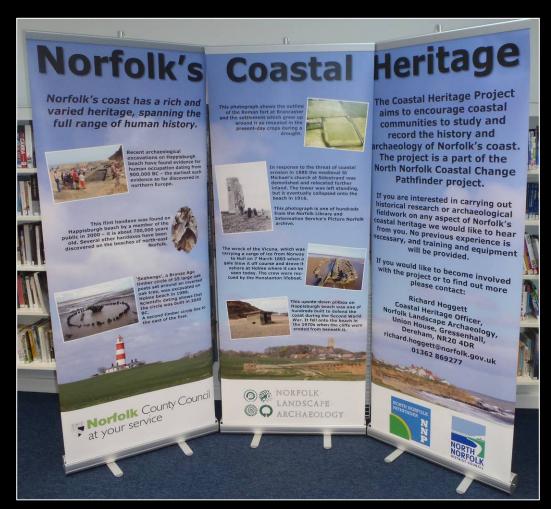
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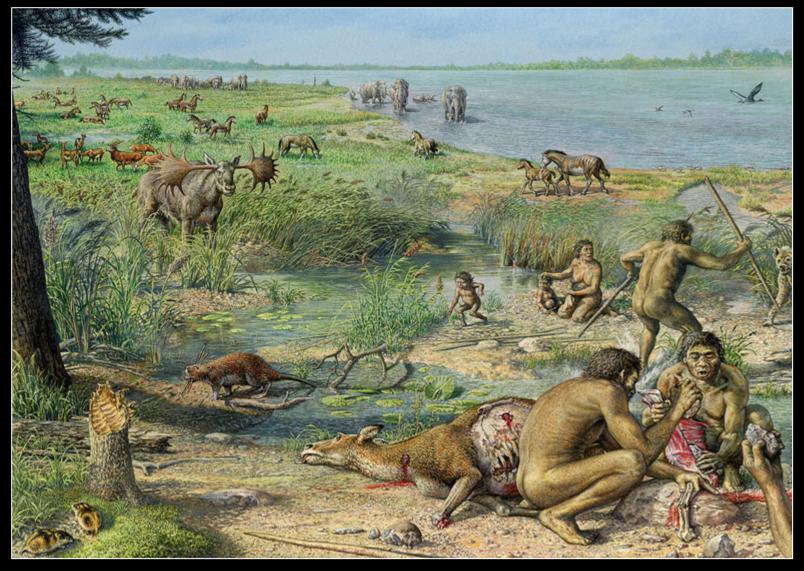




Public Events



Happisburgh Excavations



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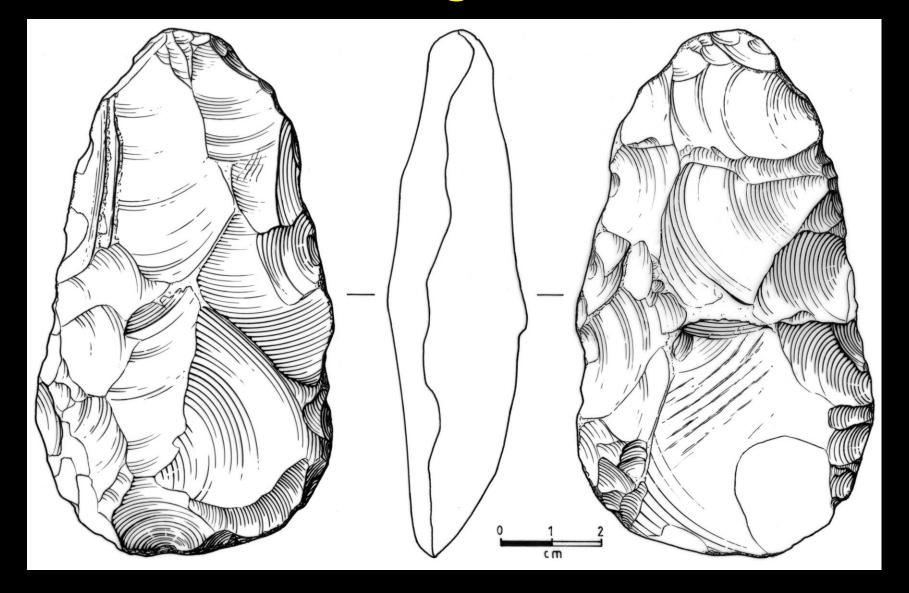




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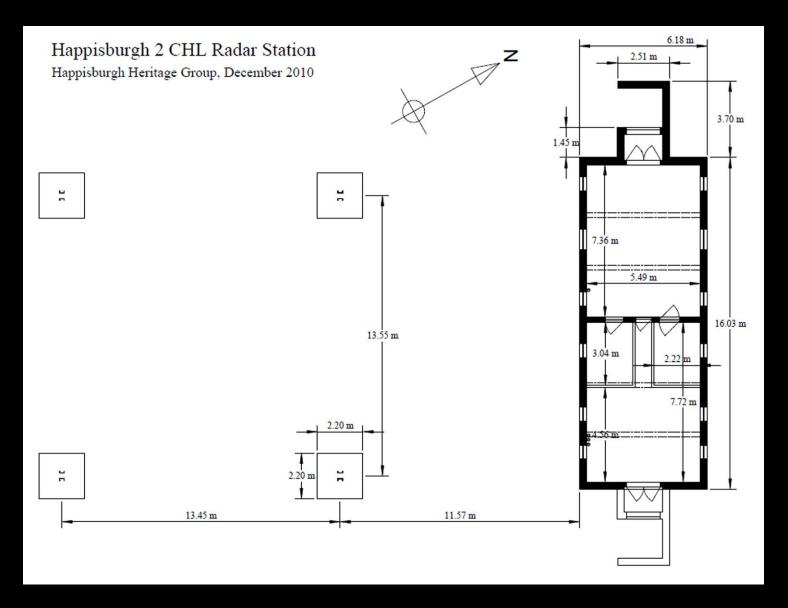




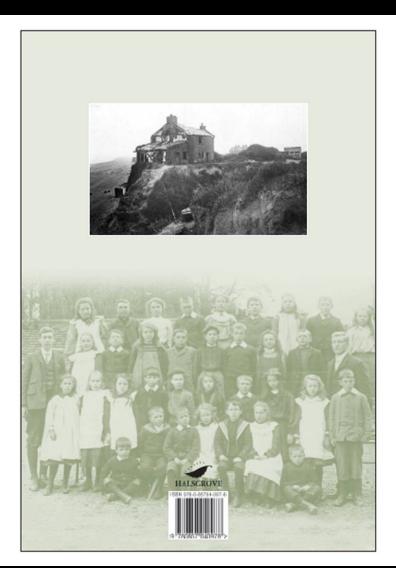
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Report to Norfolk Archaeological Services Advisory Committee 10 October 2011 Item No. 8

Half-Year Report of the Archaeology Department, Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery, April – October 2011

Report by Head of Museums and Archaeology

Summary

This report reviews and provides information about the range of duties and activities undertaken by Norwich Castle Archaeology Department, which is part of the Curatorial and Display Section of Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service.

1. The Archaeology Department, April to October 2011

- 1.1 The work of the Archaeology Department during the last six months has been steered by the current key priorities within NMAS; the rationalisation of office space and collections. Archaeology staff and volunteers have been involved in the wider Norwich programme of moving offices and stores. Alongside this work, the Archaeology Department has maintained a balanced programme of curatorial activities and public services.
- 1.2 Regular volunteers support the ongoing work of the core staff. In addition two Honorary Research Associates continue to provide their voluntary specialist assistance. Dr Peter Robins continues his work on the lithics collection. Faye Kalloniatis continues her work on the Ancient Egyptian collection (Section 10).
- 1.3 Long-term intern Eileen Jahnke completed her seven month placement in the Department, as part of the EU's 'Leonardo Programme'. Eileen is a history graduate at Potsdam University, where she has now returned to complete her MA. In September, she was replaced by William Wallis, who is a Cambridge Classics graduate. William will work in the Department as an intern for a full year, while undertaking a Choral Scholarship at Norwich Cathedral. William's role will enable a continuation of our programme of accessioning and documentation enhancement.

2. The Rationalisation Project and Office Moves

- 2.1 Current priorities within NMAS include the movement of the Costume and Textile collections and services from Carrow House to the Shirehall. In order to accommodate the additional material, a substantial reorganisation of the building has been undertaken, which involves all existing staff. Significant work has been undertaken during the period to move Archaeology offices, stores, books and records within the Shirehall. Staff have benefited from the contribution of volunteers for this purpose.
- 2.2 Due to pressure of space in the county stores, considerable work is also being undertaken to scrutinise collections and centralise bulk material at Gressenhall. Where appropriate, collections are also being designated for rationalisation.

3. Collections management

- 3.1 The movement of collections and records, as part of the reorganisation of space within the Shirehall complex, has provided the opportunity for the improved organisation of Department stores and records.
- 3.2 The contribution of interns within the Department has resulted in significant progress in accessioning old material and supplementing existing records and for identifying material for disposal and rationalisation.

4. Treasure Act and Acquisitions

- 4.1 There have been a number of important acquisitions made by the Department since the last report, including several very generous donations of finds by members of the public.
- 11.1 Among the donations, the Department has received:
 - A rare and unusual 8th century Irish bronze mount
 - A base silver 8th century Irish hanging bowl escutcheon
 - A number of prehistoric flint tools
- 4.3 The most significant acquisition has involved the securing £14,250 of external funding to purchase a large collection of Treasure material found on a significant Iron Age site in north-west Norfolk. This comes from fieldwork at the site during the 2000s, which has yielded a substantial assemblage of gold, silver and bronze objects dating from the Bronze Age to the Roman periods. Most are Iron Age in date, including fragments of torc, brooches and 118 Iron Age coins. The most unusual and significant items are five fragments of iron chain mail, which are especially rare from this period. Roman items include coins and some religious items, including miniature votive axes. The

- Bronze Age material includes a hoard of 30 axes and an extremely rare antler bridle cheek piece.
- 4.4 Thanks to the positive relationship established with metal-detector users and to their generosity, many of their items acquired have been gifts to the museum.
- 4.5 The Collecting Cultures Scheme, reported at previous NASAC meetings, is enabling the enhancement of the archaeology collections and displays. The project, worth £220,000 in total, remains a major part of the Department's work programme, into 2013. 'Collecting Cultures' funding, derived from an HLF scheme and supported by the Friends of the Norwich Museums, has allowed the purchase of a number of acquisitions. It has also allowed the development of the website to include 'star object' trails. An education programme associated with the archaeology collections has also begun to be rolled out.
- 4.6 Staff continue to see a large number of Treasure cases. 34 cases have been seen so far this year, which is slightly down on the total for the same period last year.

5. Loans

- 11.1 The standing of the archaeology collections both nationally and internationally is reflected in the regular and frequent requests for loans of objects from a range of institutions. The Department is currently working towards providing loans for the following:
 - A national exhibition at Goldsmiths' Hall, City of London, on the use of gold through history, entitled 'The Glory of Gold: The Story of Britain and Gold'. A range of prehistoric and Anglo-Saxon objects have been requested.
 - A Viking exhibition at Peterborough Museum in 2012.
 - An exhibition about hoards at Colchester Museum.
 - A partnership touring exhibition, with Ipswich Museum and the Fitzwilliam Museum, on the Dallinghoo hoard of Iron Age coins.
- 11.1 Material from the collection is currently being loaned to the following institutions:
 - Nottingham University. Samian ware pottery from Caistor St Edmund
 - Swaffham Museum. Anglo-Saxon objects from the Paddocks excavation.
 - Falaise Castle, Calvados, **Normandy**, for artefacts of the Norman period, for a new display in their Keep.
 - The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, for the Iron Age electrum torc from south-west Norfolk.
 - National Trust Sutton Hoo, for the Balthild matrix and Anglo-Saxon female accessories.

6. Norwich Castle Keep Redevelopment Project and the British Museum Partnership

- 6.1 Norwich Castle Keep has been identified through the Service Planning process as the next substantial display priority within NMAS. The phased approach to this project has previously been reported to NASAC.
- On the 16th February 2011, NMAS and the British Museum launched a new partnership with the aim of creating major new displays in Norwich Castle Keep. The event was held in London, at the British Museum. The project is titled: 'Norwich Castle: Gateway to Medieval England'. The plan is bring together some of the outstanding collections from London and Norwich in major new displays at Norwich Castle. Together, the Designated archaeology collections at Norwich Castle and the medieval collections of the British Museum will enable an unparalleled insight into life, work and faith in East Anglia in the medieval period.
- 6.4 At the British Museum event, the new design vision was presented. Ideas for major partnership object-rich displays, setting Norwich and Norfolk in the context of wider themes of life in medieval England, are being developed.

7. The Norman Connections Project

- 7.1 Funding for the Norman Connections project has now been secured. A £160,000 grant comes from the Interreg IVa France (Channel) England Programme, and the project will last until September 2013. The project is based on a partnership which has been established between Norwich Castle Museum and communities in the south of England and in Normandy to explore and develop some of the historical, intellectual and physical links between our historic sites, relating to the Norman period. The partners represent: Norwich Castle, Colchester Castle, Rochester Castle, Hastings Castle, Caen Castle, Falaise Castle, Bayeux Tapestry Centre, Calvados Tourism Department.
- 7.2 Ten years on and over a million visitors after the previous development, the displays in Norwich Castle Keep are in need of refreshing. Norman Connections will provide the initial elements in a major Keep re-display. Areas such as the Bigod Arch and chapel will be enhanced and re-interpreted and more objects displayed. These are key Norman features of the Keep but are easily missed by visitors. The new displays will appeal to a range of audiences, including adult learners, teenagers and language students.

7.3 Future Norman Connections initiatives will include a conference on the subject of Norman Castles, to be held at Norwich Castle in May 2012.

8. Displays at Norwich Castle

8.1 New holster information cards have been produced for the Boudica Gallery. Similar new information sheets are also being completed for the Anglo-Saxon & Viking Galleries. A number of interesting and important new finds have been placed on display in both galleries and in the Keep.

9. Norwich Castle Study Centre

- 9.1 The Department continues to invest time to support researchers who request to study the outstanding Designated collections.
- 11.1 Researchers and students have continued to visit the Study Centre from across Britain and the world. Collections studied during the six months include:

Prehistoric

Reffley Wood barrow archive and collection Flint daggers

Anglo-Saxon objects

Early Anglo-Saxon objects

Runic objects

Medieval objects

Skeletal material

Ancient Egyptian objects

The Norwich shroud Demotic mummy tablet Cuneiform tablets

Archives

Boardman papers

11.1 Researchers on the collections have come from the following institutions and places:

From institutions within the United Kingdom

- Universty of Reading
- University of Durham
- University of York
- University of Oxford

- University of Cambridge
- British Museum
- University of East Anglia

From other institutions Worldwide

- Eichstatt University, Germany
- Munich University
- GermanyNationalmuseet, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Bonn University, Germany
- 9.4 There have been two 3-day visits by three scholars from Eichstatt University working on a new project on the subject of runes, which aims to provide a comprehensive description and analysis of runic writing. The Anglo-Saxon alphabet system is still a controversial subject and Norwich Castle holds the largest British collection of items with runes outside the British Museum. The German team plan to revisit Norwich again in 2012 to continue their work.
- 9.5 The Department has been in correspondence with American scholar Dr Doung Strong about its important early medieval bascinet (helmet). This is now appreciated to be a highly rare and very significant object.

10. The Egyptian Collection Project

- 10.1 The Honorary Research Associate, Faye Kalloniatis, has continued to work on this project. She is currently undertaking the preparation of a catalogue of the Egyptian collection. As part of this work, the availability of good quality images is essential and photography of the collection continues. The reserve collection is now nearly completed and the images incorporated into the MODES database. The next stage, currently being planned, is photography of the objects on display. Work in relation to the mummies, in particular, requires careful planning.
- 10.2 Work is currently underway to complete research into the history of the Norwich collection for the catalogue. The catalogue will also benefit from a contribution on specific artefacts from Norwich castle by Dr John Taylor, Assistant Keeper at the British Museum and expert in funerary practices.
- 10.3 Work also continues on a steady flow on identifications and enquiries. Although numbers are small, there has been a slight increase over the period.
- 10.4 The Egyptian Shroud project was described in the last report to NASAC. This has represented a major collaboration between Norwich Castle and the British Museum. Once the shroud was fully opened it was possible to see that the surface was covered with hieroglyphic inscriptions from the Book of the Dead. These are ancient Egyptian

spells designed to help the deceased negotiate their way safely to the afterlife. The study has shown this to be a rare 18th dynasty shroud (c1550 BC), of which only a few are known worldwide. A second phase of study is planned and papers are currently being written by the Research Associate and the BM project team.

11. Education, Outreach and Media

- 11.1 Members of the Department have given the following presentations:
 - <u>Faye Kalloniatis</u> 'The Norwich Shroud' to Oxford Ancient Egypt Conference, June
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> Talk at the British Museum on 'Coin Collections at Norwich Castle', for Numismatic Partner Day, August
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> Guided tour of the Norwich Castle archaeology galleries for Discovery Tours American metal-detectorists, August
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> Talk on recent archaeological finds from Norfolk for Discovery Tours American metal-detectorists, August
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> Guided tour of St Benet's Abbey for the Norfolk and Suffolk Art Fund members, September
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> Contribution to the RAF Lakenheath Anglo-Saxon Cemeteries project group seminar (invitation), September
 - <u>Tim Pestell</u> 'Monasticism in East Anglia' to Ludham Archives Group, September
- 11.2 The Department has had a significant input into the following television programmes, broadcast on BBC:
 - Cold Case
 - Digging for Britain
 - Tim Pestell was interviewed at Sedgeford with Michael Wood for his new BBC documentary on the history of England.

12. Conferences

- 12.1 A workshop on the subject of 'Fakes' was held on the 6 May at Norwich Castle, and hosted by the Egyptian Project Research Associate. Ancient Egyptian specialists from the British Museum, Fitzwilliam Museum and across the UK attended this event, held jointly with the Association of Curators of Egypt and the Sudan. Presentations were followed by a hands-on workshop looking at the Norwich Castle collection.
- 12.2 A seminar will be held at Norwich Castle in conjunction with the Egypt Exploration Society, in April 2012. The theme will be 'Ancient Egyptian Funerary Practices'. The Norwich Egyptian shroud (see previous NASAC report) will be featured during this event.

- 12.3 An international conference on the theme of '**Norman Castles**' is being developed and will be held at Norwich Castle in May 2012, involving contributions from prominent scholars in England and Normandy.
- 12.4 Work on the publication of the volume entitled: 'The Iron Age in Northern East Anglia: New Work in the Land of the Iceni' has been completed and the volume has been forwarded to the publisher. This work represents the proceedings of a conference organised by the Archaeology Department in May, 2008. It includes contributions from a series of national scholars.

13. Publications and Committees

- 13.1 Tim Pestell continues to serve on the Bury St Edmunds Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee, and the Council of the Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society, and continues to sit on the Department of Culture, Media and Sport *Treasure Valuation Committee*.
- 13.2 Tim Pestell undertakes the role of Curatorial Advisor for the 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum at Thorpe Abbots, south Norfolk.
- 13.3 Staff have undertaken the following writings for publication:
 - John Davies contributed a section and catalogue on 'Coins', in the publication 'St Peter's Barton-upon-Humber: A Parish Church and its Community'.
 - Tim Pestell contributed a section on 'The Papal Bulla', in the publication 'St Peter's Barton-upon-Humber: A Parish Church and its Community'.
 - John Davies and Tim Pestell are writing a history of Norfolk, to be completed in November 2011.
 - Tim Pestell has provided contributions towards the forthcoming volume on Winchester Excavations: Winchester Mint. These are a chapter on the papal bullae and a chapter on three repoussee foils that imitate Arabic coins.
 - Tim Pestell has completed a synthetic account of Anglo-Saxon Paganism in East Anglia for the forthcoming 'Art of Faith' conference volume.

14. Metal-detecting liaison

14.1 Members of the Archaeology Department continue to have an active relationship with metal-detecting in the county. Tim Pestell has attended metal-detector club meetings and worked alongside staff from

the Finds Identification and Recording Service at these events. Staff also contribute specialist reports on objects for finders and for the HER.

15. Recommendation

15.1 Recommendation - that the report be noted.

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NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10 October 2011 Item No. 9

Half-Yearly Report of NPS Archaeology

Report by the Archaeology Manager of NPS Archaeology

This report describes the work of NPS Archaeology from March 2011 to August 2011 inclusive

1 Introduction

1.1 This report summarises the work of NPS Archaeology during the six months between March and August 2011.

During this period the organisation was invited to bid for 173 projects of which 106 (61%) were in Norfolk. We were commissioned to undertake 92 new projects during the reporting period (59 (64%) were Norfolk projects) – some of these projects are yet to start. We undertook 92 projects (along with the post-excavation stages of ongoing projects) of which 65 (71%) were Norfolk projects.

A list of Norfolk projects is shown in Appendix 1 and summaries of some of those projects are presented below in Section 2.

2. Norfolk Projects

2.1 Brancaster, Land Off Cross Lane

Evaluation took place prior to the construction of a new residential dwelling, within what was an area of allotments and gardens.

The site lies close to the Roman fort of Branodunum, which is known to have been surrounded by large areas of civilian settlement, these having been revealed through both excavation and cropmarks recorded by aerial photography.

This evaluation revealed a number of well-preserved archaeological features. The majority of these remains were of likely or probable Roman date, including a partially clay-lined flue (associated with some form of agricultural or light industrial process), several substantial ditches and a pit. The work provided clear evidence that remains found elsewhere in the vicinity of the fort continue into the Cross Lane area. Although there was no evidence to suggest that the main areas of habitation extended this far, the presence of the clay-lined feature provides evidence that the site lies within a Roman activity area of some kind. At least some of the ditches revealed are likely to

represent a continuation of the patterns of trackways and enclosures seen closer to the fort.

2.2 Caister Castle

A silver disc was found during metal detecting in moat deposits at Caister Castle in July 2011.

The disc measures 36mm across with a thickness of 1mm and is inscribed on both sides with lettering and decoration. Both faces have an incised border, around which are transverse lines. One face has the wording 'M.H Sharpe, Proprietor', with the other side reading 'Norwich Theatre 1786, 5'. The disc is pierced near to one edge; so that it would have hung with the writing the correct way up from a chain, either around the neck or from a fob chain.

These 'tickets' were originally created by Thomas Ivory in 1768, who was the sole owner of the Theatre Royal at this time. The name on this ticket appears to be M.H. Sharpe and may refer to the musician and composer, Michael Sharp, who has close associations with Norwich at this period. Sharp was admitted to the Royal Society of Musicians in 1778. After the 1783 Sharp resigned his post in the Covent Garden Theatre to join his wife in Norwich (she was performing at the Theatre Royal) and became associated with theatre at this point. Five other examples (with the date 1768) have been identified in Norfolk.



2.3 <u>East Harling, St Peter's and St Paul's Church</u>

Improvement works at the church of St Peter and St Paul entailed monitoring works during the excavation of several service trenches and a pit for the installation of a water tank within the graveyard and the excavation of a test pit inside the church to replace the floor within the northern aisle.

The excavation of the service trenches in the graveyard revealed little of interest beyond the presence of graveyard soils however the greater depth required for a water tank uncovered a possible charnel pit containing the long bones of numerous individuals.

The internal alterations uncovered remnants of a possible wall footing on an east-west alignment with what may have been an associated floor surface to the north. Excavations to the south of these deposits revealed a soft ?post-medieval back fill material filling a large cut feature that probably extended across the length of the trench cutting graveyard soil to the north. At the base of this excavation a single grave was encountered containing a skeleton that (from its body position) appeared to have been buried in a shroud.

2.4 Field Dalling, Holt Road

Archaeological features were present in all five of the evaluation trenches. The overwhelming majority of the features, which largely consisted of pits and ditches, were dated to the medieval period and the pottery revealed little beyond the 14th-century. However the remains within Trench 1 appeared to represent the sort of 'backyard' activity typical at the rear of a medieval tenement and there seemed to be a recurring land division present in the ditches and quarry pits. A large ditch orientated east-west and observed in three of the north-south trenches, probably represented a medieval field boundary which may have marked a change from the tenements closer to Holt Road and agricultural land further south.

2.5 <u>Hainford, Land off Old Church Road</u>

An archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken ahead of the proposed development of a site of 5.3 hectares at Old Church Road in Hainford, Norfolk. The evaluation consisted of 31 trenches each measuring 30m in length and 1.80m in width. Trench locations were in part informed by the results of a geophysical survey of the proposed development area. Eighteen trenches contained archaeological remains blank.

A small number of prehistoric artefacts recovered from the site hint at a background level of activity during this period, though several prehistoric findspots are known from the locality.

The most significant remains recorded by the evaluation were of early Roman date (1st-2nd century AD) and comprised a small pit, possibly an oven or dryer in broadly the centre of the site. This feature contained a small assemblage of Roman pottery thought to be locally produced. Part of an amber bead also of early Roman date was recovered as a residual find from the site. The geophysical survey indicated other archaeological features might be present in the vicinity of Trench 18.

2.6 Hillington, Norfolk Hospice site

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks at the site of a new hospice to be built at Hillington. Although the works were undertaken adjacent to an area of known Roman remains, deposits at the site contained a number of metal finds of Saxon date however any features that may have been associated with these finds were limited in number.

2.7 Norwich, Former Canary Public House, Watling Road

An archaeological evaluation was conducted ahead of work to redevelop the site of the former Canary Public House at Watling Road.

A pit filled with pottery on the western side of the site appeared to have been the remains of a Roman pottery kiln. There was also a large ditch crossing the eastern side of the site (probably a medieval or post-medieval boundary, noted on post-medieval maps).

2.8 Poringland, South of Carr Lane and North of Shotesham Road,

Ninety-four trenches were excavated across two fields at the southwestern edge of Poringland. Archaeological remains were identified in fifty-two of the trenches.

The two fields exhibited quite different geology and possible former land uses. The northern field drained poorly and had no subsoil; historic mapping suggests that this field formed part of Poringland Heath in the post-medieval period. In comparison the southern field was relatively well-drained and had a layer of subsoil present, often associated with intensive arable agriculture.

There were two main areas of interest - a spread of prehistoric potboiler material with associated features and a possible Roman farmstead consisting of a corn-dryer, ditches and a pit. The pot-boiler spread was located in the poor-draining northern field, while the putative farmstead was located within a patch of well-draining land on a slight rise on the edge of the northern and southern fields.

Other features present were ditches of possible prehistoric date, putative structural remains in the area of the Roman farmstead, medieval enclosures (perhaps representing intakes into the common land of the heath) and post-medieval enclosures dating to the enclosure of the heath in the early 19th century.

3. Contracts

During the reporting period NPS Archaeology produced 173 Project Designs and fee quotes for potential projects. Of this total, 149 were fieldwork projects; Excavation (13), Evaluation (62), Watching Brief (56), Historic Building Recording (5), Geophysics (6), Other (7). The remaining project bids were made up of Desk-based Assessment/ Environmental Impact Assessment/Heritage Statement (18) and Prehistoric Pottery research and analysis (6).

Our success rate is for winning projects in the last six months is 57%.

4. Post-excavation, Publication and Reports

4.1 This organisation issued 70 reports between March and August 2011 inclusive (see Appendix 2) of which 47 (67%) are reports on sites in Norfolk.

5. Outreach

5.1 The annual community project at Acle has attracted much interest again this year and it is hoped to develop it further.

NPS archaeology staff were involved in the recent Hands on History event at The Forum in Norwich.

Talks about archaeology have been given to several interested groups across the county and also to a couple of regional RICs meetings.

6. Staffing

6.1 The number of staff currently employed is 16; we are actively recruiting new members of staff.

Andy Phelps, Pete Watkins and Suzie Westall left during the summer to take up Masters degree places at University. Sarah Percival left to become freelance and to complete her PhD.

7. Resource Implications

8.1	Finance	None
	Property	None
	Staff	None
	Information Technology	None
	Legal	None
	Human Rights	None
	Equal Opportunities	None
	Communications	None
	Section 17 – Crime and Disorder Act	None

8. Recommendation

9.1 That this report be noted

Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1
Projects undertaken between March and August 2011

Norfolk			
Project Name	Туре	District	
Acle Community Excavation	EXC	Broadland	
Aylmerton, S101a Water main	WB	North Norfolk	
Aylsham, Land off Cawston Road	EVAL	Broadland	
Brancaster, Choseley Rd & Main Road	EVAL	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
Brancaster, Land North of Half Acre	EVAL	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
Bowthorpe, Youth & Community Centre	WB	Norwich	
Caister Castle Moat Restoration Phase II	WB	Great Yarmouth	
Carbrooke, St Peter & St Paul's School	WB	Breckland	
Congham, St Andrews Lane,	WB	West Norfolk	
Cringleford, Newfound Farm	GEO/FS	South Norfolk	
Dereham, Greenfield Rd/Wheatman Way,	DBA	Breckland	
Downham Market, Addaya	EVAL	West Norfolk	
Drayton, Canham's Hill Cemetery	DBA	Broadland	
Drayton, Canham's Hill Cemetery	EVAL	Broadland	
Easton Quarry	EXC	South Norfolk	
Felthorpe, Blakes Farm	EXC	Broadland	
Field Dalling, Holt Road	EVAL	North Norfolk	
Fincham, Hall Farm, Main Road	WB	West Norfolk	
Gayton, Wells Wondy Lane	WB	West Norfolk	
Gorleston, Former Cap and Gown PH	WB	Great Yarmouth	
Hainford, Old Church Road	EVAL	Broadland	
Hardingham Church	WB	Breckland	
Hemsby, Former Pontins	EVAL	Great Yarmouth	
Hethersett, St Remigius Church	WB	South Norfolk	
Hickling, New Village Hall	WB	North Norfolk	
Hillington Hospice	WB	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
Holt Quarry	WB	North Norfolk	
Horsford, Holt Road	EVAL	Broadland	
Ingoldisthorpe, Manor Close	EVAL	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
King's Lynn, 47 Gayton Road	WB	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
King's Lynn, Greyfriars House	EVAL	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
Martham, Kooky Burrow, Black Street	WB	Great Yarmouth	
Methwold, Wissington, Beet Factory	EVAL	K Lynn and W Norfolk	
Mileham, Earlsmead	EVAL	Breckland	
Norwich, Bishopgate, The Great Hospital	EVAL	Norwich	
Norwich, Castle Mound paving	WB	Norwich	
Norwich Cathedral Close, elec. cable	WB	Norwich	
Norwich Cathedral Close, fire hydrant	WB	Norwich	
Norwich Cathedral Close, water main	WB	Norwich	
Norwich, Family Life Church, Heartsease Rd	EVAL	Norwich	
Norwich, Great Hospital	EVAL	Norwich	
Norwich, Griffin Lane	DBA	Norwich	
Norwich, King Street, Ferry Boat	EVAL	Norwich	

Norfolk		
Project Name	Туре	District
Norwich, Market Avenue Tree Planting	WB	Norwich
Norwich, St Stephens Church	EXC	Norwich
Norwich, Kings House, Surrey Street	WB	Norwich
Norwich, The Canary, Watling Road	EVAL	Norwich
Norwich, The Canary, Watling Road	WB	Norwich
Norwich, Yarmouth Road	EVAL	Norwich
Poringland, Carr Lane & Shotesham Road	EVAL	South Norfolk
Shipdham, Park Estate RM Scheme	EVAL	Breckland
Smallburgh, St Peter's Church	EVAL	North Norfolk
St Olaves, Bridge Close	WB	Great Yarmouth
Terrington St Clement church	WB	K Lynn and W Norfolk
Thetford, Queensway Infant School	EXC	Breckland
Thetford, 22 Raymond Street	EXC	Breckland
Thetford, Redcastle bollards	WB	Breckland
Tibenham Church	WB	South Norfolk
Tibenham, Pristow Green	EVAL	South Norfolk
Walpole St Peter, 33kV cable	WB	K Lynn and W Norfolk
Watton, Stokes Avenue	WB	Breckland
West Caister, Stone Cottage	WB	Great Yarmouth
Wymondham, Land N of Norwich Common	EVAL	South Norfolk
Wells Next The Sea, East End Boat Yard	EXC	North Norfolk
West Acre, Abbey Farmhouse	DBA	K Lynn and W Norfolk

Outside Norfolk	
Project Name	Туре
Bardwell, Spring Road	WB
Barrow, The Green	DBA
Botesdale, Nan Hazel Lodge	WB
Brockley, Brockley Place, Bury Road	EVAL
Campsea Ashe, Ash Road	HBR
Canterbury, Chislet School	WB
Colne, Land Adjacent to 4 Old Church Lane	EVAL
Cratfield, School Farm	EVAL
East Bergholt Replacement Scheme	EVAL
East Week Barn, Devon	HBR
Groton Compound, Groton Street	WB
Haringey, Lordship Lane Recreation Ground	WB
Ilketshall, St Andrews Hall Barn	DBA
Kendal, Chapel Lane	WB
Leverington, 55 Dowgate Road	EVAL
Leyton, Stanley Road Car Park	DBA
Long Melford Reservoir	EVAL
Lowestoft, South Lowestoft Industrial Estate	DBA
March, 14 Market Place	EVAL
Matching Tye, Smallways Farm, Newman's End	HBR
Nocton Heath Dairy (NHDE10), Lincolnshire	SREP

Outside Norfolk		
Project Name	Type	
Sudbury, Radiator Road	DBA	
Thorpe Morieux, Bury Road	EVAL	
Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford, Land off Hockey Hill	EVAL	
Wickham Market, former Parma Site	DBA	
Wisbech, 4a Cannon Street/17-19 West Street	EVAL	
Witnesham, Whitehouse Farm, Wash Lane	EVAL	

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Appendix 2
Reports issued between March and August 2011 inclusive

Norfolk reports			
No.	Title	Type	
1922	Church Rd, Postwick, Norfolk	WB	
2186	Tree planting, Market Avenue, Norwich	WB	
2259	New Norwich Fire Station, Bracondale	WB	
2340	St Peter and St Paul's Church, East Harling	WB	
2392	Bridewell Museum, Norwich	WB	
2420	St Clement Church, Terrington St Clement	WB	
2434	Land North of Norwich Common, Wymondham	EVAL	
2479	Kooky Burrow, Black Street, Martham	WB	
2485	Manor Lodge, Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk	EVAL	
2491	The Lodge Garden, The Great Hospital, Norwich	EXC	
2511	Greyfriars, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk	WB	
2513	St John the Baptist Church, Garboldisham, Norfolk	WB	
2554	Earlsmead, The Street, Mileham	EVAL	
2557a	Aylmerton S101a water scheme	WB	
2577	Replacement paving at Norwich Castle Mound	WB	
2578	Hall Farm Barn, Thorpe Market	HBR	
2585	Newfound Farm, Cringleford	FS/MD	
2586	Land Between Carr Lane and Shotesham Road, Poringland	EVAL	
2593	Holt Road, Field Dalling	WB	
2624	Land off Cawston Road, Aylsham,	EVAL	
2632	Grandcourt Farm, Middleton Iron Age pottery	SREP	
2633	Grange Farm, Colegate, Pulham Market	HBR	
2636	Stokes Avenue, Watton,	WB	
2649	Addaya, St Edmunds Road, Downham Market	EVAL	
2659	Land off Greenfields Road and Wheatcroft Way, Dereham	DBA	
2665	Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norfolk	EVAL	
2669	Wells Wondy Lane, Gayton	EVAL	
2673	Hall Farm, Fincham	WB	
2674	Bowthorpe Youth and Community Centre, Bowthorpe Hall	WB	
2675	Water main repair at Norwich School, Norwich	WB	
2682	Pigot Lane, Framingham Earl	DBA	
2685	West Drove Road (North) Walpole St Peter	WB	
2688	Wissington Beet Factory	EVAL	
2697	The Canary Public House, Watling Road, Norwich	EVAL	
2699	Land South of the Dog Inn, Holt Road, Horsford	EVAL	
2700	The Former Cap and Gown Public House, Gorleston-on-Sea	WB	
2712	Land North of Half Acre, Cross Lane, Brancaster	EVAL	
2719	Land Off Old Church Road, Hainford	EVAL	
2727	East Garth Building, St Georges Street, Norwich	WB	
2735	Kings Lynn Academy	DBA	
2736	Thetford Academy, Croxton Road, Thetford	DBA	
2740	St Peter and St Paul's School, Carbrooke	WB	
2749	Bridge Close, St Olaves, Great Yarmouth	WB	

Norfolk reports		
No.	Title	Type
2756	The Ferry Boat, 191 King Street Norwich	EVAL
2770	Land between Choseley Road and Main Road, Brancaster	EVAL
2772	Shipdham Manor Care Home	EVAL
2782	Land off Watlington Road, Tottenhill	DBA

Other C	Other Counties reports		
No.	Title	Туре	
2325	Kessingland Wind Farm, Suffolk	WB	
2343	St Edmunds House, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	WB	
2395	Pottery from Nocton Heath Dairy (NHDE10), Lincolnshire	SREP	
2477	4a Cannon Street/17-19 West Street, Wisbech, Cambs	EVAL	
2480	Brockley Place, Bury Road, Brockley, Suffolk	EVAL	
2500	Southwold Reinforcement Main, Suffolk	WB	
2597	Africa Live (Kessingland Windfarm Grid Connection)	EVAL	
2606	Rear of Bay House, 22 Market Place, Saxmundham, Suffolk	EVAL	
2618	Long Melford Reservoir, Suffolk	EVAL	
2627	East Bergholt Replacement Scheme	EVAL	
2635	Land Adjacent to 4 Old Church Lane, Colne, Cambridgeshire	EVAL	
2650	Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk	EVAL	
2709	East Week Barn, Devon	HBR	
2724	School Farm, Cratfield, Suffolk	EVAL	
2726	South Lowestoft Ind Estate, Suffolk	DBA	
2734	55 Dowgate Road, Leverington, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	EVAL	
2742	Stanley Road Car Park, Leyton, London	DBA	
2743	Groton Compound, Groton Street, Groton, Suffolk	WB	
2744	Whitehouse Farm, Wash Lane, Witnesham, Suffolk	EVAL	
2758	Land off Hockey Hill, Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford, Suffolk	EVAL	
2761	Smallways Farm, Newman's End, Matching Tye, Essex	HBR	
2787	Radiator Road, Sudbury, Suffolk	DBA	
2802	Spring Road, Bardwell, Suffolk	WB	

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