

# NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Please note:

Members taking part in the electric boat tour from Ranworth Broad Visitor Centre (at the end of the board walk) to St Benet's Abbey and back are reminded that they will need meet up at Malthouse Staithe by no later than 9.10am on the day of the meeting. Departure from Ranworth Broad Visitor Centre will be at 9.30am and arrival at St Benet's Abbey is expected at 10.15am. It is anticipated the boat will depart from St Benet's Abbey at 11.15am to arrive back at Ranworth Broad Visitor Centre at approximately 12.00 noon. Depending on time constraints, there will then be a brief opportunity for Members to visit the Centre. For those taking part in the morning's activities, lunch will be provided at Broadland District Council's offices at 1.00pm, prior to the start of the meeting at 2.00pm.

A plan showing the location of Malthouse Staithe and Ranworth Broad Visitor Centre, together with a list of those taking part in the morning's activities, can be found with the agenda papers. Please note that there are no spare seats on the boat.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Friday 2 October 2009	2.00 pm	The Council Chamber Broadland District Council Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich

## A G E N D A

- 1. Election of Chairman**  
(Note of membership enclosed) (PAGE )
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman**
- 3. To Receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 14 May 2009** (PAGE )
- 4. To Note any Apologies for Absence**
- 5. 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 Norfolk Landscape Archaeology**  
Report by the Head of Museums and Archaeology (PAGE )
8. **Half-Yearly Report of the Archaeology Department, Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery**  
Report by the Head of Museums and Archaeology (PAGE )
9. **Half-Yearly Report of NAU Archaeology**  
Report by the Manager of NAU Archaeology (PAGE )
10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
11. **To Answer Formal Questions (if any) of which Due Notice has been Given**
12. **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 B J Collins  
Mrs H T Nelson

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 J W Bracey

Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Mr J R Shrimplin

North Norfolk District Council

Mr H C Cordeaux

Norwich City Council

Miss E J Collishaw

South Norfolk District Council

Dr C Kemp

Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society

Mr R Bellinger

University of East Anglia

Dr T N Williamson

Norfolk Farmers' Union (County Branch)

Mr E N Stanton

Norfolk Federation of Builders

Ms H Osgood

The Broads Authority

Dr J S Johnson

English Heritage

Mr W. Fletcher



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# NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2009

### Present:

Norfolk Joint Museums and  
Archaeology Committee

Mr B J Collins (Chairman)

Mrs H T Nelson

Norfolk County Council

Mr C B A Lloyd Owen

Borough Council of King's Lynn and  
West Norfolk

Mrs E Nockolds

Broadland District Council

Mr J W Bracey

Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Mr J R Shrimplin

North Norfolk District Council

Mr H C Cordeaux

Norwich City Council

Miss E J Collishaw

South Norfolk District Council

Mr C Kemp

Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society

Mr R Bellinger

### Also Present:

Mrs I E Floering Blackman – Member of the Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee

Mr G B Hemming – Member of the Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee

### Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R G Kybird, Dr J S Johnson, Mr E N Stanton and Mr P R Walker.

## 1 Chairman's Remarks

### (a) Mr Roger Bellinger

The Chairman welcomed Mr Roger Bellinger to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee. Mr Bellinger has replaced Mrs Elizabeth Rutledge of the Scole Committee as a representative of the Voluntary Sector on the Advisory Committee. He is President of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society, having served as the Society's Honorary General Secretary for 21 years. Mr Bellinger is also involved in many other local archaeological groups and activities, including the Norfolk Archaeological Trust, of which he is Vice-Chairman.

(b) Mr Christopher Lloyd Owen

Members paid tribute to the work of Mr Christopher Lloyd Owen who was not standing for re-election to the County Council and would therefore be retiring from the Advisory Committee following this meeting. Mr Lloyd Owen had served as a Member of the Advisory Committee since 2001, and had also been the County Council's "Historic Environment Champion", and made a significant contribution to a wide range of other cultural activities, particularly as Chairman of the Norfolk Records Committee.

## **2 Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 October 2008 were confirmed by the Advisory Committee and signed by the Chairman.

## **3 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **4 Declarations of Interest**

There were also no declarations of interest.

## **5 Representation of the Voluntary Sector on the Norfolk Archaeological Services Advisory Committee**

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

Members received a report that stated the Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee had appointed a representative from the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society to serve on the Advisory Committee, following the dissolution of the Scole Committee.

The Advisory Committee placed on record its appreciation of the work of the Scole Committee which in the early 1970s had helped form the County Archaeological Units in the region and for many years had organised the publication of East Anglia Archaeology. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Elizabeth Rutledge who had served as the Scole representative on the Advisory Committee.

Thanks were also placed on record to Mr Philip Walker who was due to retire shortly as the representative on the Advisory Committee for English Heritage. He had been a great supporter of archaeological services in Norfolk for many years.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

## **6 Industrial Archaeology in Norfolk**

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

The Advisory Committee received a report that asked Members to review "A Policy

*for Industrial Archaeology in Norfolk*”, last considered by the Advisory Committee in October 2000 and approved by the then Joint Museums Committee in November 2000.

Members referred to the work of the Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust in the preservation of windmills, watermills and wind pumps or their remains. This charity had a very close relationship with the County Council, which owned many of the properties maintained by the Trust. The Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust also had close links with the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society. For example, both organisations had worked together in partnership to restore Gunton sawmill which was open to the public on several occasions throughout the year, and the dates were well publicised in the local press. It was pointed out that publicity for popular events involving industrial archaeology, such as the Gunton sawmill open days did much to promote tourism in the county.

Resolved –

To recommend

That the Advisory Committee recommends the draft document entitled “*A Policy for Industrial Archaeology in Norfolk*” to the Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee for approval.

## **7 Proposal that Norfolk Landscape Archaeology should become an Institute for Archaeologists and Registered Organisation**

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

The Advisory Committee noted that the Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee had agreed that Norfolk Landscape Archaeology (NLA) should apply to be an Institute for Archaeologists Registered Organisation, and that all archaeological work of the NLA should be carried out in accordance with the Code of Conduct and other bye-laws of the Institute for Archaeologists.

It was noted that NLA was the first archaeological organisation of its kind in the country to seek membership as a Registered Organisation of the Institute for Archaeologists. NAU Archaeology had been a member since May 2006 and gained a number of benefits. These included being part of an organisation that sets standards and issues guidelines for archaeology and, at the individual level, being part of an organisation that could help archaeologists’ career prospects.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

## **8 Half-Yearly Report of the Work of Norfolk Landscape Archaeology**

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

The Advisory Committee received a report that described the work of the NLA from September 2008 to March 2009. Those Members who had not yet received a copy of the NLA Annual Review for 2008 were able to pick up a copy in the meeting.

Members were shown a copy of one of the new series of public guides that formed part of the Norfolk Health, Heritage and Biodiversity walks project, aimed at encouraging people to enjoy local walks on a regular basis. More guides were due to be published in the near future. Mr Gurney spoke about the work of NLA, in liaison with P&T, to provide information in the guides about the “heritage” aspects of the walks. Members considered the text, illustrations and photographs used in the guide booklets to be excellent.

Members congratulated Mr Gurney on his recent appointment as Assistant Head of the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service (County Archaeologist).

In introducing the periodic report, Mr Gurney updated Members on progress to protect and manage the historic environment, to maintain and enhance the Norfolk Historic Environment Record and Norfolk E-Photo Library, to identify and record finds, to deal with enquiries and to engage in outreach. It was pointed out that the National Mapping Programme, the Portable Antiquities Scheme and the Thetford Historic Environment Survey Projects all continued to make excellent progress.

In reply to questions, Mr Gurney said that a national survey commissioned by English Heritage had revealed that the threat to heritage posed by illegal metal detecting, or nighthawking, was high but arrest or prosecution remained at an all time low and penalties were woefully insufficient. The under-reporting of the crime, which created a false picture of its seriousness, made illegal metal detecting a low priority crime for the Police. It was also compounded by the difficulty in collecting evidence. Mr Gurney said that he had written to the Chief Constable to suggest that the NLA, Norfolk Police and a number of interested parties should work together to foster a climate of public opinion that the illegal search, removal and sale of antiquities was unacceptable. A reply was awaited from the Chief Constable; the matter would be considered further at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee if an agreement on a way forward could not be reached.

Members noted that the Heritage Protection Bill had not been included in the Queen’s Speech in December 2008 and it was now very unlikely that this legislation would be progressed.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

**9 Half-Yearly Report of the Archaeology Department, the Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery, November 2008-May 2009**

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

Dr John Davies, Chief Curator and Keeper of Archaeology, said that during the period covered by the report, the Archaeology Department had continued a balanced programme of curatorial work, which embraced acquisitions, collections management, study and outreach activities.

Dr Davies drew attention to work which had begun towards a gradual re-development of Norwich Castle Keep. Work was due to begin later in the year

towards new Prison story displays in the Keep basement. Dr Davies also pointed out that the Department was liaising with the British Museum and other partners to create a major archaeological exhibition at Norwich Castle in early 2012. The Advisory Committee considered it a major achievement that the Department rather than the British Museum would be the lead partner for the exhibition.

Members placed on record their thanks to Dr John Davies and his staff for making the tour of the Shirehall that immediately preceded the meeting to view some recent archaeological acquisitions, such an interesting one.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

## **10 Half-Yearly Report of NAU Archaeology**

The Advisory Committee received on the table a report from Ms Jayne Bown, Manager of NAU Archaeology that described the work of NAU Archaeology from September 2008 to April 2009. The report included a summary of some of field work projects that they had undertaken.

Ms Bown said that during the period covered by the report, NAU Archaeology had been appointed to undertake 59 new projects in Norfolk. NAU Archaeology had also been commissioned to undertake 20 specialists find projects for other archaeological organisations.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

## **11 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Resolved –

That the next meeting of the Advisory Committee be held in the offices of Broadland District Council at a date in October 2009 to be determined after consultation with the Chairman and be preceded in the morning by a tour of St Benet's Abbey.

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm

Chairman



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## Half-Yearly Report on the Work of Norfolk Landscape Archaeology

A Report by the Head of Museums & Archaeology

### Summary

This report describes the work of Norfolk Landscape Archaeology from April to the end of August 2009.

## 1. NEW 'HERITAGE CHAMPION' APPOINTED

- 1.1 Norfolk County Council has appointed **Councillor Tony Wright** as its new '**Heritage Champion**', replacing Christopher Lloyd Owen. It is open to all local authorities to appoint a councillor to this role. The key objective for the Heritage Champion is to ensure that the historic environment plays a central role in the development of all the authority's policies, plans, targets and strategies. Champions work to persuade colleagues in both the local authority and the wider community that the historic environment offers many opportunities to improve the quality of life for everyone.
- 1.2 For further information on Heritage Champions and the latest news on the historic environment, the **HELM (Historic Environment Local Management)** website is an invaluable resource; see [www.helm.org.uk](http://www.helm.org.uk)
- 1.3 Norfolk's current Champions are:
  - Tony Wright (Norfolk County Council)
  - Brian Iles (Broadland)
  - Barry Coleman (Great Yarmouth)
  - Bert Collins (Great Yarmouth)
  - Nicholas Daubney (King's Lynn and West Norfolk)
  - Hilary Nelson (North Norfolk)
  - David Bradford (Norwich)

## 2. NEW SPECIALIST ADVISER (ARCHAEOLOGY) AT ENGLISH HERITAGE

- 2.1 English Heritage (East of England) has appointed **Will Fletcher** as the new Specialist Adviser (Archaeology) for the East of England region, replacing Philip Walker (Inspector of Ancient Monuments).

## 3. NLA STAFFING

- 3.1 **Heather Hamilton**, Assistant Historic Record Officer, has unfortunately had to return to Canada following problems with the renewal of her visa. The post has therefore become vacant and is currently being advertised.

- 3.2 NLA are also in the process of recruiting a temporary and project-funded **Clerical Assistant**, who will assist with a range of tasks, including downloading details of planning applications from local authority websites.
- 3.3 NLA also benefited from a very successful **secondment** over the summer months, with NAU Archaeology's Becky Crawford working with Erica Darch on the Portable Antiquities Database. This enabled Hazel White to work full time in the Historic Environment Record while the HER was heavily engaged in work on characterisation work for the Greater Norwich Growth Partnership (see below).

#### 4. THE INSTITUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS



- 4.1 The national Institute for Archaeologists, the body responsible for professional standards in archaeology maintains a register of organisations committed to meeting IfA standards with regard to quality of archaeological work, employment practices, contributions to community benefits and development of the archaeological profession. The Register is a rigorous Quality Assurance scheme for archaeologists. To be accepted, an organisation must: -
- include in its constitution a resolution that it will comply with the IfA Code of conduct and meet IfA standards
  - demonstrate adherence to these standards through biennial registration and a detailed questionnaire
  - pass regular inspection visits of its offices, excavations and publication programme by a committee of its peers and IfA staff
  - be supervised by a Member of the Institute for Archaeologists (MIfA), their highest grade of membership
- 4.2 NLA was accepted as an IfA RO in August.
- 4.3 This followed a visit by an official inspection panel to the archaeology offices at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse in May, when four leading archaeologists spent a day looking at how archaeological services in Norfolk are organised, interviewing staff and asking probing questions.
- 4.4 In their report, the inspectors commented very favourably on the motivation and professionalism of staff, and the effective, rigorous and integrated systems that are in place.
- 4.5 NLA is thought to be the first purely 'curatorial' organisation to apply for and to achieve IfA RO status.

#### 5. A NEW PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT (PPS) FOR THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 Despite the absence of new legislation, many positive changes under Heritage Protection Reform can be delivered by a new policy framework. A new PPS for the historic environment will provide the overarching context of reform of the heritage protection system.
- 5.2 DCMS, CLG and English Heritage have been working on a new PPS to replace PPGs 15 (Planning & the Historic Environment) and 16 (Archaeology & Planning), the current government



planning policy guidance for the historic environment. DCMS, CLG and English Heritage are committed to producing a clear and up-to-date policy statement that brings together the various heritage protection regimes and underlines their essential place in the planning context.

- 5.3 In August 2009, a consultation draft of the new PPS was issued, alongside a more detailed Guidance document by English Heritage.
- 5.4 The consultation period closes on 30 October 2009, giving members of the Advisory Committee an opportunity to comment on the draft. Given the technical nature of the subject matter it is not deemed necessary for this to be formally considered and approved by members, and any response to Communities and Local Government will be presented as “officer-level comments made on a without prejudice basis”.
- 5.5 The consultation draft of the PPS is available at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/consultationhistoricpps>
- 5.6 The English Heritage Guidance is available at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.21136>
- 5.7 The key points to arise from NLA’s assessment of the draft PPS, which will form the basis of the officer-level response, are:-
  - It is very important that the Introduction to the PPS includes a statement recognising the fragile, finite and non-renewable nature of the historic environment as a resource. There is a vital distinction between, for example, the natural environment which can be recreated or renewed and the historic environment which, generally speaking, cannot.
  - There should be a clearer statement about the presumption that historic assets that are of national (or greater) importance (and their settings) should be physically preserved.
  - Both documents fail to address circumstances where knowledge and understanding of the historic environment are incomplete or, in some areas, entirely lacking. Thus areas or buildings of potential should be subject to evaluations or assessments, so that informed and reasonable planning decisions can be taken. This is hidden away in the Guidance as a footnote, and must be given much greater prominence.
  - The standard requirement for pre-determination evaluation or assessment is implied, but this needs to be far more explicit.
  - It is important that the status of the Guidance (in its final form) is explicit, with a clear direction to LPAs that they are expected to implement it. The current document is described as a ‘Living Draft’, and any substantive changes should be subject to further consultation.
- 5.8 Work on the NLA response to the PPS is still in progress, but when this is completed our assessment will be shared with the County and District Councils and other heritage organisations in Norfolk, all of whom will be encouraged to respond.

## **6. GREATER NORWICH GROWTH POINT (GNGP) CHARACTERISATION**

- 6.1 As part of the GNGP project, NLA undertook a rapid characterisation and sensitivity analysis project in liaison with the Heritage and Landscape section in NCC Planning and Transportation, for Broadland and South Norfolk Councils. This work was primarily done by Historic Environment Record staff, Alice Cattermole and Heather Hamilton.

6.2 This looked at the historic environment in four areas:-

- Long Stratton
- Wymondham
- Hethersett-Easton
- North-east Norwich

6.3 Each area was characterised and divided into a number of zones based on:-

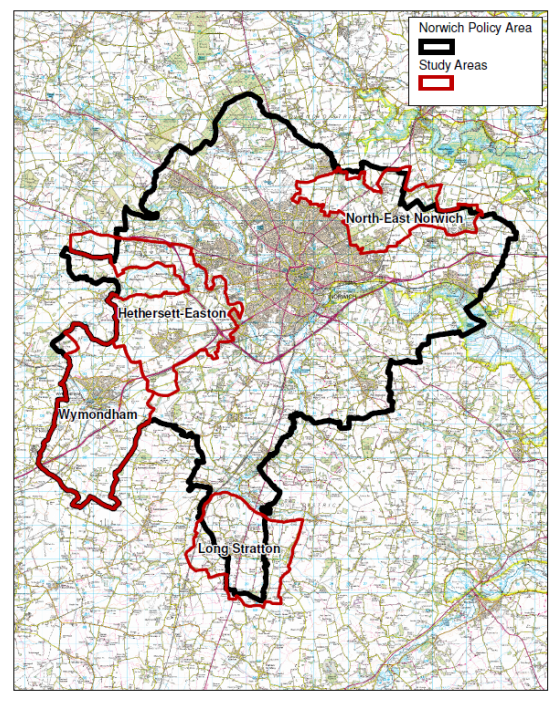
- historic landscape character
- archaeology
- historic built environment
- landscape character

6.4 Once zones were identified, an assessment was made of their sensitivity to change, based on

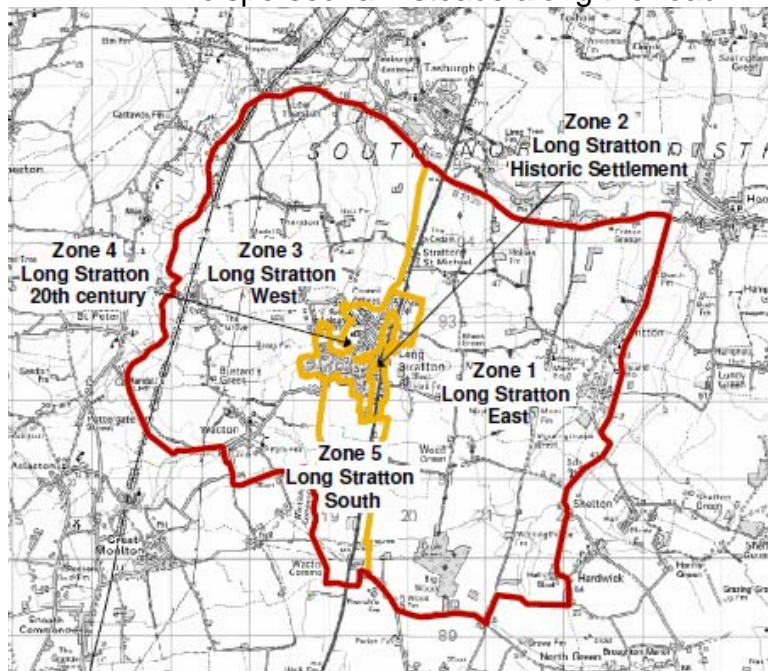
- physical landscape
- experiential landscape
- biodiversity
- historic environment
- visibility

6.5 As an example, the Long Stratton Study Area was divided into five zones:-

1. Long Stratton East, a zone characterised by 'ancient' countryside, with greens, cohesive settlements and a network of ancient lanes
2. Long Stratton historic settlement; the linear settlement and market centre
3. Long Stratton West, with dispersed farmsteads and tiny hamlets, but lacking the greens of Zone 1 and with erosion of field boundaries
4. Long Stratton 20<sup>th</sup> century settlement; minimal traces of historic character
5. Long Stratton South; 20<sup>th</sup> century agricultural landscape, with dispersed farmsteads along the road.



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6.6 This work will form part of the evidence base to inform decisions about the location and design of future development within the GNGP area.

## 7. ILLEGAL METAL DETECTING

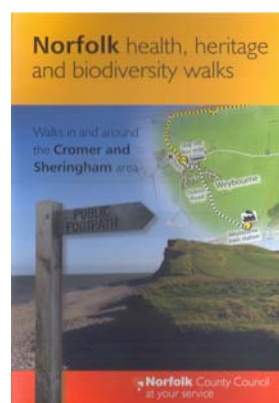
7.1 Members of the Advisory Committee will recall that following the publication of the 'Nighthawking Survey' by English Heritage a letter was written to Norfolk's Chief Constable suggesting that NLA, Norfolk Police and other countryside organisations should work together to combat this crime.

7.2 A meeting was subsequently held with Inspector Sarah White, in charge of Operations and Counter Terrorism, and it was agreed that new and improved reporting procedures are necessary.

7.3 In the first instance Norfolk Constabulary are to send an officer to each of the five Norfolk metal-detecting clubs to hear at first hand about the problems encountered by responsible detectorists, farmers and landowners.

## 8. NORFOLK HEALTH, HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY WALKS

8.1 The aim of the Norfolk Health, Heritage and Biodiversity Walks project (by the Department of Planning and Transportation) is to encourage people to enjoy local walks on a regular basis. Using the guides, people will be able to discover a variety of local footpaths and explore their local environment, experiencing the wealth of heritage and wildlife Norfolk has to offer.



8.2 The project is in the process of developing 150 circular walks throughout the county in and around Norfolk's market towns and villages and surrounding countryside. These walks will provide people with opportunities for regular exercise on attractive and interesting routes of varying distance and challenge.

8.3 In liaison with P&T, NLA has been able to provide information about the 'heritage' aspects of these walks.

8.4 The latest walks booklets to be published are for Cromer/Sheringham and Dereham.

8.5 Work is currently in progress on walks around Diss/Harleston.

## 9. THE NORFOLK HERITAGE EXPLORER

9.1 In June, the EDP published an article about the Norfolk Heritage Explorer, and this resulted in the highest number of visitors to the website in any week since records began (March 2007), with an average of 63 users a day.

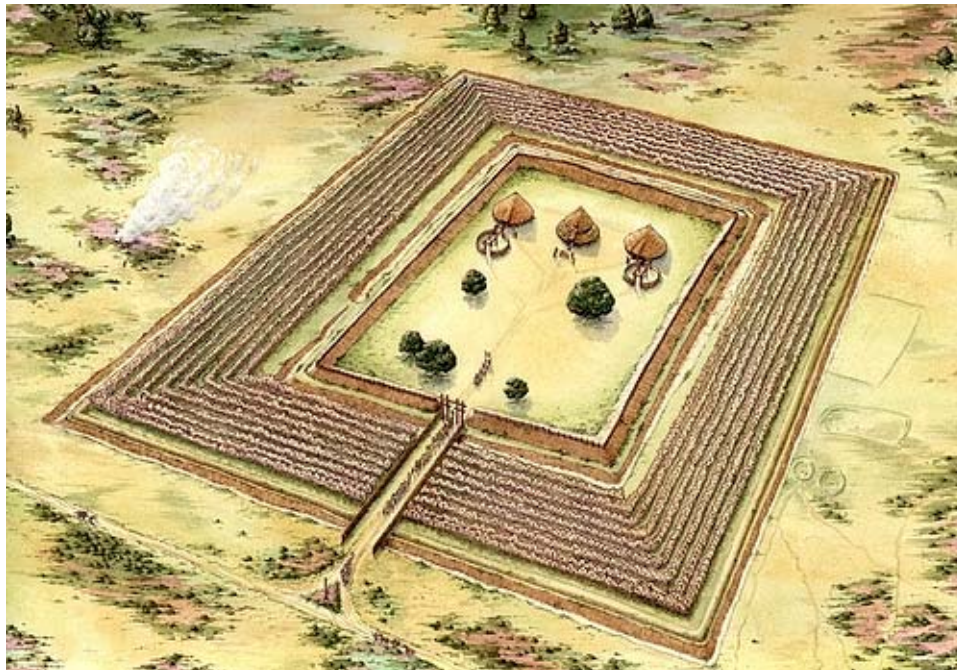
9.2 Many users of the NHE access the website via NOAH (Norfolk Online Access to Heritage [www.noah.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.noah.norfolk.gov.uk)) where users of NOAH can view a snapshot of any NHE record. In August, 1388 NOAH users viewed NHE records, although it is not known how many of these viewed the detailed records on the NHE and were therefore subsequently counted as users of the NHE website.

9.3 A feature is also in preparation for publication in the November issue of **Norfolk Suffolk Life** magazine.

## 10. CAISTOR ST EDMUND ROMAN TOWN

- 10.1 Excavations at the Roman Town have resumed after a break of more than 70 years. Following extensive surveys of the Roman town over the last few years (fieldwalking and metal-detecting, borehole surveys, geophysical surveys), a team lead by Dr William Bowden of Nottingham University are excavating small areas in the field to the south of the walled town to investigate possible pre-Roman features.
- 10.2 The research project at the Roman town is a partnership between the Norfolk Archaeological Trust, South Norfolk Council, the University of Nottingham and the Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service.
- 10.3 For more information, visit <http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/venta>

## 11. FISON WAY / GALLOWS HILL, THETFORD



Reconstruction drawing of the final phase. Drawn by Sue White.

- 11.1 One of Norfolk's most important Iron Age and early Roman sites has just been designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument by the Department for Culture Media and Sport, recognising it as a site of national importance and protecting it from the threat of future development.
- 11.2 In 1973 an aerial photograph recorded the cropmarks of a remarkable enclosure on the hilltop site at Fison Way (Gallows Hill), on the outskirts of Thetford and beside the A11 Thetford Bypass, and six years later the famous Thetford Treasure was found during the construction of the Travenol Factory (now the DHL building on Wyatt Way). This wonderful hoard of gold jewellery and silver spoons dates to the fourth century AD, and the original finds are in the British Museum with replicas and a display locally at Thetford Ancient House Museum. The Treasure may have been associated with a late Roman temple and the god Faunus, a woodland deity, and the jewellery might have been associated with a jeweller, a guild or a particularly wealthy individual or family.

- 11.3 In the early 1980s, an excavation at the site directed by the late Tony Gregory revealed a sequence of three substantial enclosures. It came as a great surprise that these enclosures were not part of a late Roman temple complex as expected, but dated around 300 years earlier, from the Late Iron Age and early Roman periods.
- 11.4 The last and most elaborate phase of enclosure consisted of a large rectangular area, around the size of a football pitch, surrounded by nine parallel palisades of closely-spaced timbers. This was perhaps an attempt to replicate the atmosphere of a huge woodland grove, and the sort of place that would have been an important place for Iron Age ceremonial or ritual activities. This was approached by a long timber corridor, which would have funnelled people into a narrow entranceway before they entered the central space. Here there were five round structures which did not appear to have been for domestic use, so perhaps they were shrines or temples. The whole complex appears to have been dismantled by Roman soldiers around AD 60 or 61, the date of Boudicca's uprising and defeat at the hands of the Romans. The most probable interpretation of the site is that it was a major religious site for the Icenii tribe, and it is probable that this site was visited by King Prasutagus and Boudicca.
- 11.5 Although there were extensive excavations in the 1980s, only 5% of the archaeological features were actually examined, so 95% of the archaeological remains are still preserved below the ploughsoil.
- 11.6 Since 1988, the Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service has been arguing that those remains are of national importance, and at long last our efforts have been successful. Although the site is now protected, its long-term future remains uncertain. Much of the area around it may be developed in the years ahead, leaving the site as a much-needed greenfield site surrounded by industrial units and houses. That is far from an ideal setting for an important archaeological monument, and careful thought now needs to be given to its future.

## **12. NORFOLK HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD (NHER) AND NORFOLK AIR PHOTO LIBRARY (NAPL) (Alice Cattermole, Heather Hamilton and Hazel White)**

- 12.1 Since April 2009 360 new monument records have been added to the HER and 1375 records have been modified.
- 12.2 Since April 2009 we have dealt with 143 enquiries, 68 of which were commercial enquiries.
- 12.3 We recently completed a joint project with colleagues from Heritage and Landscape (Planning & Transportation) to characterise the historic environment within the Greater Norwich Growth Point area (see 6. above).
- 12.4 Local history groups from seven parishes in the Wayland area have visited Gressenhall over the last six months and have been introduced to the HER and the Air Photo Library (NAPL). These groups are part of the Wayland Heritage Project, and will be using our resources to inform their research. We also had visits from members of Garboldisham, Methwold and Weybourne Local History Groups, and much useful information has been added to the HER as a result.
- 12.5 Several volunteers have continued their work with the HER and NAPL. Current projects include digitisation of our film registers and reorganisation and repackaging of some of our secondary files.

### **13. ARCHAEOLOGY AND PLANNING and COUNTRYSIDE ADVICE (Ken Hamilton, David Robertson, James Albone)**

#### Archaeology and Planning

- 13.1 With the economic slowdown, planning application numbers have dropped nationally by about 33%, and this has been reflected in a drop in the number of applications published on weekly lists by the district, borough and city councils. However, as well as a drop in numbers of applications, we have also seen a change in the type of application, with more smaller developments. Local planning departments have used the time gained by the reduced number of applications to catch up on some of the strategic work that is required as part of the LDF processes. These trends are reflected in the archaeological planning departments of neighbouring counties. These factors, together with the Norfolk Growth points and proposed eco-town, mean that the workload of the planning team within NLA has not been reduced, but has changed slightly, in line with local, regional and national trends.

#### Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) Consultations

- 13.2 To date Norfolk Landscape Archaeology has received 333 HLS consultations, one of the highest numbers for any county in the country.
- 13.3 Since April 2009 30 consultations have been received. This represents a decrease in requests (compared to 41 requests received between October 2008 and the end of March 2009). Despite this decrease, it is believed Norfolk remains the busiest county in the Eastern Region. Twenty-seven consultation reports have been issued so far this half-year (compared to 29 in the previous 6 months).
- 13.4 Important and interesting consultations received include those for holdings at Thetford (Breckland), Stratton Strawless (Broadland), Colby, Pensthorpe, Stiffkey (North Norfolk), Wymondham (South Norfolk) and Gayton (West Norfolk). One holding in North Norfolk contains ninety-nine HER records, of which a third are suitable for management under HLS.

#### Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE)

- 13.5 When a land manager approaches Natural England to discuss an application for Environment Stewardship (either Entry Level Stewardship or HLS) they are provided with Farm Environment Record maps. These show all Scheduled Monuments and, from mid 2009, the SHINE dataset.
- 13.6 The SHINE dataset is based on local authorities' Historic Environment Record data. It is hoped its introduction will greatly increase the number of archaeological features being managed under Environment Stewardship. NLA submitted its first data (153 records) to ALGAO and Natural England in May 2009. It is expected that local authorities will be asked to supply enhanced data every six months; NLA staff are currently working towards submitting a larger dataset in September 2009.

#### Norfolk Monuments Management Project

- 13.7 Since April 2009 many site visits have been carried out to examine the condition of archaeological sites and provide advice on beneficial



management. Sites visited include Narborough hillfort, a fortified manor site at Marham, Shouldham deserted village, Wormegay Castle (West Norfolk), St William's Chapel (Norwich), Bronze Age barrows on Salthouse Heath (North Norfolk), Kenningham deserted village, Bronze Age barrows at Carleton Forehoe (South Norfolk), Hautbois Castle, St Peter's Church Stanninghall (Broadland), an Iron Age or Saxon linear earthwork at Ashill, an Roman settlement with associated forts at Threxton and medieval town defences at New Buckenham (Breckland).

- 13.8 Since April one Section 17 agreement has been set-up and an associated grant issued. This covers management works on fishponds at Hindringham Hall (North Norfolk). The project has been successful in securing increased Section 17 funding from English Heritage for the financial year 2009-2010 (£18000, compared to a usual sum of £10000). This will be used to set up a number of new agreements and to renew fourteen existing agreements.
- 13.9 The Forestry Commission has consulted NLA on a number of occasions since April. These consultations have covered a range of archaeological issues and sites including a possible warren bank at Croxton and a medieval moat at West Harling (Breckland). Consultation with Defence Estates on the Integrated Land Management Plan for the Stanford Training Area (STANTA) continues.

#### Coastal Change Pathfinder Project

- 13.10 Between June and September 2009 DEFRA is consulting the public on coastal change policy. The consultation sets out DEFRA's ideas for how coastal communities can successfully adapt to coastal change and the Government's role in supporting this. It is part of a wider programme of work that looks at supporting communities adapting to increasing risks of both flooding and coastal erosion.
- 13.11 In parallel to the consultation, DEFRA is inviting bids from local authorities interested in becoming 'Coastal Change Pathfinders'. Pathfinders will actively engage with local communities and explore DEFRA's ideas by piloting a new £11 million coastal change fund. The deadline for bids is 11<sup>th</sup> September, and projects must complete by the end of March 2011.
- 13.12 NLA has worked with officers in North Norfolk Council to develop a Pathfinder bid which makes provision for a project working with local communities whose historic environment is at risk.
- 13.13 Our proposed project, *Norfolk's Coastal Heritage*, will inform, engage and empower local communities, allowing them to take an active part in preparing for the impact coastal change will have on their heritage. The project will do this by supporting local communities to investigate their heritage and will involve public meetings, training sessions, publicity, a website, equipment and reports on its work. Initially the project will focus on a single community where coastal change is currently having a significant impact, with additional communities involved in the second stage. The project will be an exemplar, with a methodology that will be applicable to coastal communities elsewhere.

#### **14. NORFOLK NATIONAL MAPPING PROGRAMME** (Sophie Tremlett, Sarah Horlock, Ellen Bales)

- 14.1 In the last five months, the NMP team has been making steady progress with its project covering Norwich, Thetford and the A11 corridor (**Norwich, Broadland, South Norfolk and Breckland**), funded by English Heritage's Historic Environment Enablement Programme. Work has so far focused on

Norwich itself and the area to its east and south. In terms of the density and complexity of the archaeological sites encountered, the area has proved to be exceedingly busy, with the NMP mapping both revealing new facets of previously known sites — such as Arminghall Henge and the Roman town of *Venta Icenorum*, Caistor St Edmund (**South Norfolk**) — and making many new discoveries; in one area to the east of Norwich, 91% of all sites identified were new discoveries.

- 14.2 The main impetus for the project comes from the increased pressure from development in this area following the award of New Growth Point status to both Norwich and Thetford. With this in mind, the NMP team are already feeding their results into archaeological assessments and excavations undertaken as part of the development process. In particular, the results are being used in the ongoing assessment and evaluation being carried out by NAU Archaeology along the proposed line of the Norwich Northern Distributor Route (**Broadland**). In addition, the NMP results are informing archaeological research being undertaken in the area, such as the Caistor Roman Town Project, led by Nottingham University with the support of **South Norfolk** District Council.



The medieval village at Bixley. The red lines depict banks and platforms and the green lines indicate ditched features, such as boundaries and hollow-ways. NMP mapping © English Heritage/Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service. Background map reproduced from Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission of the Controller of HMSO © Crown Copyright. Licence number 100019340.

- 14.3 Highlights so far have included new information (and new sites) adding to our understanding of the prehistoric ceremonial/funerary landscape surrounding Arminghall Henge (**South Norfolk**); new detail of the prehistoric phases of Harford Farm, excavated in advance of the construction of Norwich Southern Bypass (**South Norfolk**); new details added to our knowledge of the landscape surrounding Caistor Roman town, including its road network and a possible kite-shaped triple-ditched enclosure around the town (**South**

**Norfolk**); further detail added to the plan of the earthworks of Bixley deserted medieval village (**South Norfolk**); and many new World War One and World War Two military sites identified within and surrounding Norwich (**Norwich, Broadland, South Norfolk**).

- 14.4 Following the very successful NMP Steering and Liaison Group meeting held in January of this year, the team has presented the project's results at a number of different forums, notably: a seminar of the UEA Landscape Studies Group; the University of Nottingham Knowledge Exchange Showcase, for which Caistor Roman town (**South Norfolk**) was the focus; the Archaeology Day held at Norwich Castle Museum; and the Archaeology Weeks held at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. In addition, a paper summarising and assessing the Norfolk NMP's results for the Iron Age was submitted for inclusion in a new edition of *Land of the Iceni* (Davies and Williamson 1999), while an article summarising highlights so far for the Thetford-Norwich-A11 project has been prepared for publication in *The Annual*, the journal of the Norfolk Archaeological and Historic Research Group (NAHRG).
- 14.5 In addition to the Thetford-Norwich-A11 project, work has begun on funding proposals for three further projects for the Norfolk NMP team: a project covering the parish of Fransham (**Breckland**), to be undertaken in 2010 to support the work of Dr Andrew Rogerson of NLA's Finds Identification and Recording Service; an enhanced assessment project (including NMP) for the Tottenhill Gravels and sandstone (**King's Lynn and West Norfolk**), to be undertaken in 2010–11, building upon the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund project completed last year; and a project covering the whole of the Breckland region (**King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Breckland**, parts of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire), for which NMP may be only one component.

## 15. IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING SERVICE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS AND PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME (Andrew Rogerson, Steven Ashley, Erica Darch, Hazel White, Adrian Marsden)

### Recent outstanding finds

- Archer's wrist guard of stone, Beaker period, the 6<sup>th</sup> example from Norfolk, Hainford (**Broadland**)
- Ninth example of a probably Middle Bronze Age enigmatic moustache-shaped object from Norfolk (Shernbourne; **West Norfolk**); records of only 12 others in the rest of England
- Roman coin hoard of Icenian silver & Roman denarii, Mattishall (**Breckland**)
- Roman figurine of Mercury in crude native style, Gimingham (**North Norfolk**)
- Roman ferrule or staff cap in the form of a stag, Attleborough (**Breckland**)
- Roman cauldron containing many iron objects, Saham Toney (**Breckland**)
- Roman Colchester-derivative brooch with pseudo-spring arrangement, a very unusual type, the third from Norfolk, Beighton (**Broadland**)
- Early Saxon gold pendant set with Roman mosaic glass, Gayton (**West Norfolk**)
- Early Saxon Frankish silver rosette brooch with garnet inlay, Congham (**West Norfolk**)

- Early Saxon silver mount with niello inlay, in the form of a pike, East Walton (**West Norfolk**)
- Middle Saxon silver pin with head in the form of a bird pecking its breast, Congham (**West Norfolk**)
- Medieval stylus with all four faces of the handle covered with garbled inscriptions in crude black-letter script, Binham (**North Norfolk**)

## 16. OTHER NLA ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

Other activities and outreach not referred to in the sections above include:-

- Negotiating the deposition of the Lynford excavation archive with the NM&AS (in progress)(**Breckland**)
- Negotiating the loan of handaxes dredged from the North Sea (in progress)
- NLA 'Awayday' in April, to plan for the future
- NLA hosted a meeting of the Norfolk Conservation Officers
- Liaison meetings with colleagues in NCC Planning & Transportation
- NLA hosted a meeting of the Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society committee
- Audit of NLA project management (in progress)
- Meeting of the archives/digital archives working group
- Liaison with the Sedgeford Project (**West Norfolk**)
- Fison Way, Thetford **designation (Breckland)**
- **Meeting with RSPB (North Norfolk)**
- Advising NAHRG on a HLF bid
- Meeting with researchers from 'Coast' (**Great Yarmouth**)
- EDP – recent finds in **North Norfolk**
- Archaeology Weeks 2009 – 10 lunchtime talks on archaeological themes at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse and a display in the chapel (**Breckland**)
- **Breckland** Area Museums Committee
- **Great Yarmouth** Area Museums Committee
- Friends of **King's Lynn** Museum – Roman Norfolk
- **Norwich** Detectors – Roman Norfolk
- EDP – NLA achieves IfA RO status
- Norwich U3A – tour of Caistor Roman town (**South Norfolk**)
- NMMP tour of Salthouse Heath (**North Norfolk**)
- North Norfolk U3A – **Great Yarmouth** Archaeological Map
- UEA Landscape Studies Group – NMP
- Wymondham Abbey meadows – open day (**South Norfolk**)
- **King's Lynn** Museum Bronze Age course – Seahenge
- Thetford Castle – guided tour (**Breckland**)
- University of Nottingham Knowledge Transfer Showcase – NMP and Caistor Roman town (**South Norfolk**)
- Norfolk Show – NMMP display
- Display at West Acre Archaeology Open Day (**West Norfolk**)
- Talk on Roman finds at Mile Cross Primary School (**Norwich**)
- Lecture at Intaglio Conference at the British Museum
- Lecture at Dragon Hall (**Norwich**)
- Lecture at Ipswich Detector Club
- Lecture at **King's Lynn** Detector Club
- Activities at Cromer Museum Stone Age Day (**North Norfolk**)

## **17. COMMITTEES**

NLA staff continue to sit on the following external committees:

- Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society Council
- CBA East Anglia
- ALGAO England
- ALGAO East
- ALGAO Maritime Committee
- ALGAO Planning and Legislation Committee
- ALGAO Countryside Committee
- Caistor Roman Town Joint Advisory Board (**South Norfolk**)
- Society for Medieval Archaeology
- Norfolk Heraldry Society
- Diocesan Advisory Committees
- Stanford Training Area Conservation Group
- Centre of East Anglian Studies Committee
- IfA Geophysics Special Interest Group
- ALGAO East of England East Anglian Archaeology Sub-Committee
- International Society for Archaeological Prospection
- Norfolk Conservation Officers Group
- Norwich Young Archaeologists Club
- Norfolk Archaeological and Historical Research Group
- Norfolk Archaeological Trust

## **18. CONCLUSION**

18.1 During the period covered by this report, Norfolk Landscape Archaeology has continued to work with the County and District Councils and other agencies to protect and manage the historic environment, to maintain and enhance the Norfolk Historic Environment Record and Norfolk Air Photo Library, to identify and record finds, to deal with enquiries and to engage in outreach. The National Mapping Programme, Portable Antiquities Scheme and Thetford Historic Environment Survey projects all continue to make excellent progress.

## **19. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Finance – None

Staff – None

Property – None

IT – None

Legal – None

Human Rights – None

Equality Impact Assessment – Not applicable

Communications – None

Section 17 – Crime and Disorder Act – None

## **20. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Report be noted.

## **Background Papers**

None

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## **Some commonly-used archaeological acronyms**

ALGAO	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers
ALGAOEE	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers for the East of England
AP	Aerial photograph
BM	British Museum
CBA	Council for British Archaeology
CEAS	Centre for East Anglian Studies
CLG	Communities and Local Government
DAC	Diocesan Advisory Committee
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
DCS	Department of Cultural Services
DEFRA	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EAA	East Anglian Archaeology
EH	English Heritage
ES	Environmental Stewardship
FC/FE	Forestry Commission/Forest Enterprise
FLO	Finds Liaison Officer
GIS	Geographical Information System
GYAM	Great Yarmouth Archaeological Map
H&L	Heritage and Landscape (NCC Planning & Transportation)
HE	Historic environment
HELM	Historic Environment Local Management
HEMT	Historic Environment Management Team
HER	Historic Environment Record
HLC	Historic Landscape Characterisation

HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HLS	Higher Level Stewardship
I&RS	Identification & Recording Service for Archaeological Finds
IfA	Institute for Archaeologists
IfA RO	Institute for Archaeologists Registered Organisation
LB	Listed building
LGAO	Local Government Archaeological Officer
LHI	Local Heritage Initiative
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MLA	Museums Libraries and Archives Council
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MPP	Monument Protection Programme
NAHRG	Norfolk Archaeological and Historical Research Group
NAPL	Norfolk Air Photo Library
NASAC	Norfolk Archaeological Services Advisory Committee
NAUA	NAU Archaeology
NCC	Norfolk County Council
NE	Natural England
NHE	Norfolk Heritage Explorer
NIAS	Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society
NLA	Norfolk Landscape Archaeology
NM&AS	Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service
NMMP	Norfolk Monuments Management Project
NMP	National Mapping Programme
NMR	National Monuments Record
NNAS	Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society
NOAH	Norfolk On-line Access to Heritage
NRO	Norfolk Record Office
NT	National Trust
OASIS	On-line AccesS to archaeological InvestigationS
P&T	Planning and Transportation
PAS	Portable Antiquities Scheme
PPG15	Planning Policy Guidance Note 15
PPG16	Planning Policy Guidance Note 16
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
SAM	Scheduled Ancient Monument
SHINE	Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England
SMR	Sites and Monuments Record (now superseded by HER)
STANTA	Stanford Training Area
U3A	University of the Third Age
UAD	Urban Archaeological Database
UEA	University of East Anglia

**Report to Norfolk Archaeological Services Advisory  
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**Half-Year Report of the Archaeology Department,  
Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery,  
May – October 2009**

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, May to October 2009**

- 1.1 Norwich Castle Archaeology Department has continued a forward-looking and balanced programme of curatorial work, which embraces acquisition, collections management, study and outreach.
- 1.2 Staff are working on initiatives for a range of new displays and exhibitions, in Norfolk and elsewhere in the county.
- 1.2 The Department has continued to scrutinise and achieve an important range of new acquisitions. Other potential acquisitions are also being monitored.
- 1.3 The Department continues to receive numerous requests for loans and study.
- 1.4 Members of staff continue a range of outreach activities and to be involved in exhibition and display projects.

**2. Volunteers**

- 2.1 Volunteers continue to supplement the work of the curators, tackling areas of work in which staff are not able to make such rapid progress.
- 2.2 The Department continues to benefit from the voluntary work of two Research Associates. Long-term volunteer Dr Peter Robins continues



his regular work on the lithics collection. Faye Kalloniatis continues her work on the Ancient Egyptian collection (section 9 below).

### **3. Offices and collections management**

- 3.1 Work continues towards the improved layout of the Archaeology stores at Shirehall.

### **4. The Treasure Act and Acquisitions**

- 4.1 Requirements of the 1996 Treasure Act continue to exert pressure on the Department. Norfolk continues to see more cases of Treasure than any other county in the UK. These cases are all scrutinised for potential acquisition.
- 4.2 In 2009, Norfolk had 109 Treasure cases, about one fifth of all English cases and nearly double the number of the second highest county (Essex). This was the first time any county in the UK had exceeded 100 Treasure cases in one year. 2009 is looking slightly lower, with 45 cases so far, compared with 66 at this stage last year.

### **5. Fundraising**

- 5.1 The Department continues to work hard at fundraising for the acquisition of new objects and the development of galleries. Major successes to date have been two Heritage Lottery Funded projects.
- 5.2 The Collecting Cultures project has been reported to previous NASAC meetings. This is now involving the expansion of archaeological displays, acquisition of objects, development of a website, staff development and educational outputs. The project, worth £220,000 in total, will remain a major part of the work programme until 2013.
- 5.3 A £32,000 project, under the HLF 'Your Heritage' scheme has enabled the acquisition, conservation, curation and dissemination of a collection of material recovered from a Romano-British temple site at Hockwold cum Wilton. A group of Roman glass vessels and pewter objects have already been conserved. A related education programme is being implemented. Schools have taken advantage of this programme and some are already making repeat visits.

## 6. Loans

6.1 The Department continues to receive regular requests for loans from its collection. The following material has been loaned during the period:

- To Ipswich Museum, for the *Anglo-Saxon Art in the Round* exhibition.  
*Anglo-Saxon coins and objects*
- To Sutton Hoo, for the summer exhibition, '*Feasting*'.  
*Iron Age drinking horn terminal*

6.2 Requests for future loans have come from:

- The Museum of Normandy, Caen, for artefacts associated with Caen stone.
- Falaise Castle, Calvados, for artefacts of the Norman period.

## 7. Exhibitions and Galleries

7.1 Work has begun towards a gradual re-development of Norwich Castle Keep. Work will begin later this year towards new prison story displays in the Keep basement and displays of medieval objects are planned on the Keep main floor. Additional funding to improve the interpretation is being sought through an EU Interreg application. This project will be a major component of the Department's work in the coming months.

7.2 The application for European funding to assist with the Keep development is being made under the Interreg IVa programme. This is being prepared with partners in southern counties of England and in Calvados in Normandy. Benefits will be the improved display, interpretation and promotion of the Keep and our Norman heritage.

7.3 Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service has an existing formal partnership with the British Museum. During August and September, the national museum has been speaking to the Archaeology Department about the possibility of developing a major ongoing exhibition of significant medieval collections in the Keep.

7.4 The Department has participated in the creation of The Art Fund Trail, which features a range of objects and paintings in Norwich Castle which were acquired through support from The Art Fund. Relevant objects have been highlighted in the Boudica Gallery and in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking Gallery, and a trail leaflet has been produced.

7.5 The Department has participated as a partner in the touring exhibition *Anglo-Saxon Art in the Round*. This exhibition has toured the East

Anglia region, at Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge, Norwich Castle and recently completed its run at Ipswich Museum, on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Dr Tim Pestell assisted with the associated lecture programme by giving a well-attended lunchtime talk at Ipswich Museum.

- 7.6 Loans were provided to Sutton Hoo for their summer exhibition, which is on the theme of feasting. The loans included the recently acquired Iron Age drinking horn terminal, which has made its first appearance in public.

## **8. Norwich Castle Study Centre**

- 8.1 The Department continues to invest time to support researchers who request to study the outstanding collections.
- 8.2 Students have continued to visit the Study Centre. Those undertaking formal structured research over the last six months have come from the Universities of:
- Cambridge
  - York
  - Duke University USA
  - Southampton
  - Bradford
  - Birmingham
  - Cardiff
- 8.3 Collections studied during the six months include:
- Spong Hill Anglo-Saxon cemetery finds
  - West Harling Iron Age ceramics
  - Castle manuscripts/Helmingham Breviary
  - Spong Hill antler and bone
  - Early Neolithic pottery
  - North Elmham skeleton
- 8.4 Staff continue to provide professional knowledge and expertise to visiting students through discussion.

## **9. The Egyptian Collection**

- 9.1 Since 2008 the Egyptian collection has had a volunteer Research Associate, Faye Kalloniatis, working on the collection for one day every week.
- 9.2 A significant development has been on the project to conserve the 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty , inscribed, mummy shroud, which has been identified as an artefact of international importance. The British Museum, as part of its partnership working, has agreed to help with the conservation. As a result, two staff from the national museum (a conservator and a scientist) will visit the Castle during October to make an initial assessment of the condition and determine what future work needs to be undertaken.
- 9.3 The Department has benefited from a volunteer photographer who has undertaken to record the entire Egyptian collection. Each object is being photographed several times, showing all views. Composite photographs, showing all angles of each object, together with a scale, are being produced. This will considerably enhance the documentation of the collection.
- 9.4 Through the current project, the Archaeology Department is now a member of ACCESS (Association of Curators for Collections from Egypt and Sudan). Benefits include access to a wide programme of events and workshops, designed to support staff in the UK working with Egyptian collections. The Department is also now subscribing to two annual publications, enabling us to keep abreast of developments within the field of Egyptology.
- 9.5 A small number of enquiries and identifications are received and are dealt with by the specialist Research Associate.

## **10. Education, Outreach and Media**

- 10.1 Staff have given the following presentations, interviews and sessions to students, members of the public, specialist academic audiences and the media:
  - John Davies 28 May 'The Roman Town at Brampton', for BBC Radio 4 programme 'Making History' (broadcast 9<sup>th</sup> June).
  - John Davies 14 July 'The Roman Town at Brampton' for BBC TV 'Look East'.
  - John Davies 14 July 'Favourite Art Funded Treasures in My Care', Presentation to The Art Fund at Norwich Castle.

- John Davies 30<sup>th</sup> July 'Stone Age Day' at Cromer Museum.
- John Davies 11<sup>th</sup> August 'Late Iron Age to Late Roman Norfolk', Sedgeford.
- John Davies 16<sup>th</sup> August 'Prehistoric Norfolk', to Discovery Tours, Norwich.
- John Davies 24<sup>th</sup> September 'Roman Archaeology in Norfolk', to Great Yarmouth U3A group.
- John Davies 16<sup>th</sup> September 'Norfolk at the time of Boudica', for BBC Radio 4 programme 'Making History'.
- Tim Pestell 11<sup>th</sup> June 'Life in Anglo-Saxon England', at Ipswich Town Hall, for Ipswich Museum's 'Art in the Round' exhibition.
- Tim Pestell 25<sup>th</sup> June 'Collections, Collecting and Research at Norwich castle', Nottingham University seminar on research at Caistor St Edmund.
- Tim Pestell 6<sup>th</sup> July 'St Benet's Abbey' – Guided field trip to the abbey site for members of The Art Fund.
- Tim Pestell 14 July 'Favourite Art Funded Treasures in My Care', Presentation to The Art Fund at Norwich Castle.
- Tim Pestell 13<sup>th</sup> August 'Anglo-Saxon England' U3A lecture in Norwich Castle Study Centre.

## **11. Land of the Iceni Conference Publication**

- 11.1 Work continues towards the publication of the major conference entitled '*Land of the Iceni: Current Work on the Iron Age in Northern East Anglia*', which was organised through the Archaeology Department in May, 2008.
- 11.2 The final papers for inclusion in the volume are expected during September.

## **12. Publications and Committees**

- 12.1 Tim Pestell continues to serve on the Bury St Edmunds Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee, and the Council of the Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society.

- 12.2 Tim Pestell continues to sit on the Department of Culture, Media and Sport *Treasure Valuation Committee*.
- 12.3 Tim Pestell and Alan West both undertake the role of Curatorial Advisor for local independent museums in Norfolk:
- The 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Museum at Thorpe Abbots (TP)
  - The Norwich Aviation Museum (AW)
- 12.4 John Davies' book *'The Land of Boudica: Prehistoric and Roman Norfolk'* was published (by Oxbow Books) in August.
- 12.5 John Davies' forthcoming book *'Boudica: Life, Times, Legacy'* has been submitted for publication.

### **13. Metal-detecting liaison**

- 13.1 Staff from the Archaeology Department continue to have an active relationship with metal-detecting in the county. Tim Pestell has attended metal-detector club meetings and assisted members of the Finds Identification and Recording Service. Staff also contribute specialist reports on objects for finders and for the HER.
- 13.2 Staff gave time to attend fieldwork involving the 'Discovery Tours' metal detector group and provided evening talks.

### **14. Portable Antiquities Scheme exhibition**

- 14.1 The Department continues to plan for a major archaeology exhibition to be held at Norwich Castle in Spring 2012. Partners for the exhibition are The British Museum and museums in Lincoln, Cardiff, Tyne & Wear, Exeter and Wrexham. This will be the first large-scale archaeology exhibition at Norwich Castle since 'Buried Treasure', which closed in 2005.
- 14.2 The theme of the exhibition will be the work of the national Portable Antiquities Scheme. The working title is **'Britain's History Retold'**.
- 14.3 Norwich Castle has been designated the 'lead partner' for this exhibition. The exhibition will open at Norwich Castle in January 2012 and then elements of the show will tour to the other partner venues.
- 14.4 Object lists for each leg of the tour is being finalised and the main themes are being worked on. Preparations are also being made for fund-raising.

## **15. Museum Archaeology Regional Network**

15.1 The Archaeology Department has established a Museum Archaeology Network in the East of England, which has been facilitated by the Renaissance SHARE scheme. The Partnership will also involve museum-based archaeologists in Colchester, Ipswich, Luton and Cambridge.

15.2 The aims are:

- to develop links with other collections in the region.
- work towards the development of a strategic approach for managing the region's archaeological collections.
- to safeguard knowledge so that others may benefit in the future.
- To provide opportunities for extending this knowledge to those who will benefit from it.

## **16. Recommendation**

16.1 Recommendation - that the report be noted.

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## NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

02 October 2009

Item No. 9

### Half-Yearly Report of NAU Archaeology

Report by the Manager of NAU Archaeology

This report describes the work of the NAU Archaeology from May 2009 to August 2009

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report summarises the work of NAU Archaeology during the four months between May and August inclusive. During this period we worked on 63 projects (excluding the post-excavation stages of ongoing projects).

We were also commissioned to undertake 8 finds projects for other archaeological organisations.

A summary of some of the fieldwork projects is presented below.

#### **2. Norfolk Projects**

##### **2.1 Carleton St Peter church**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during installation of a drainage system at Carleton St Peter parish church in South Norfolk. The majority of the trenches observed were not very deep, only revealing a mixed graveyard soil containing post-medieval ceramic building material and disarticulated human remains. Of particular note was the discovery of the top of a post-medieval brick vault close to the southern wall of the church, and a number of post-medieval burials were subjected to minimal disturbance during the digging of a soakaway to the south of the church.

##### **2.2 Fundenhall, Grange Farm Barns**

An historic building survey was undertaken on a series of agricultural buildings at The Grange in the south Norfolk village of Fundenhall. The survey identified fifteen structures divided into four areas concerned with crop processing and storage, cattle housing and manure production, farm equipment storage and maintenance, and stabling for horses.

The earliest surviving structure is probably the northern stable block which appears to date from at least the 1840s and may have had a horse engine house from the later 19th century. A complex sequence



of continual development reflecting changing agricultural practices is evident across the next 170 years, and this development seems to have been at its greatest between 1840 and 1880, the period from which the majority of the surviving buildings probably date.

### 2.3 Norwich, 258 King Street

In May 2009 NAU Archaeology undertook an archaeological excavation of a site adjacent to 258 King Street, Norwich, prior to its development. The site lies within the historic core of the city. Archaeological excavation was limited to the depth of development construction levels. The oldest remains revealed at the site were large medieval quarry and waste pits (of broadly 15th–16th-century date) from which small quantities of domestic pottery and animal bone were recovered. Part of an early post-medieval building with a chalk, flint and brick foundation set on banded footings was also present. This building might have abutted the city wall that runs close to the site's southern curtilage. A substantial late post-medieval wall that crossed the site on an approximate east–west axis perhaps served as a boundary. A bitumen surface possibly associated with this wall occupied most of the southern part of the excavated area. Overlying these features were construction levels and foundations for two late Victorian or Edwardian terraced houses.

### 2.4 Howe, St Mary's church

In April 2009 a watching brief was undertaken to monitor the removal of a portion of walling from a blocked western doorway believed to be of Saxon origin at St Mary's Church in the south Norfolk village of Howe. Upon removal of the infill it was evident that the two impost posts visible on the interior of the doorway continued through to the exterior with a triple roll mould on their underside and would have formerly projected forward from the jambs in a style consistent with the Saxon period. Within the arch above the doorway on the exterior a record was made of the Tredington-style brickwork which lends support to the 11th-century date of the tower. At some point between the later 16th century and the 19th century it appears the western entrance fell out of use and was blocked up using a mixture of flint, medieval brick and post-medieval tile.

### 2.5 Hempstead, Hole Farm

A Level 2 historic building survey was undertaken on three agricultural buildings at Hole Farm, 1.6km to the south-east of the village of Hempstead, in north Norfolk. The survey identified a large crop storage barn of later 18th- to early 19th-century date with a small lean-to cattle-shed projecting from the eastern wall and further cattle shelters or cart-sheds to the west. The crop storage barn formed the northern extent of a range of earlier buildings the earliest of which was an 18th-century *threshing barn*.

## 3. **Contracts**

3.1 During the reporting period NAU Archaeology provided 95 Project

Designs and/or fee quotes for new projects. Of this 73 were fieldwork projects (Excavation 1, Evaluation 24, Watching Brief 29, Field Survey 1, Historic Building Recording 18); of the remaining 22, 12 were Desk-based Assessment / Environmental Impact Assessments, there was one post-excavation project and 9 were finds projects (prehistoric pottery).

A total of 57 of the projects were Norfolk-based (of the 38 non-Norfolk projects, 22 are fieldwork projects, 7 are DBA/EIA projects and 9 are finds projects for external organisations).

#### **4. Post-excavation, Publication and Reports**

- 4.1 NAU has produced 49 different client reports during the last four months (see Appendix 2) of which 34 are Norfolk projects. Ten of the reports are specialist's report (two are Norfolk projects, four are from sites in Suffolk and four from Cambridgeshire).

#### **5. Outreach**

- 5.1 NAU Archaeology has been involved with the running of a Community Archaeology project in Acle, in collaboration with Acle High School and funded by the HLF. The project has been running for two years and each year has included one week of excavation experience for local school children in July and an opportunity for anyone from the local community who is interested participating, every Monday night from June to mid September. It is estimated during the 2009 season over 200 people have taken part.

The work in 2008 involved geophysical survey of the site and the excavation of 70 1m x 1m test pits to look at the artefact content of the topsoil. The results of the test pitting indicated the presence of some form of Roman occupation on the site. One test pit produced over 60 sherds of Roman pottery. The work in 2009 involved opening larger areas of the site to examine features identified during the previous year's test pitting. A probable corn drying kiln and a boundary ditch have been investigated. The area around the test pit containing the large quantity of pottery was also examined and revealed a large pit over 12m in diameter that had been backfilled with Roman pottery, animal bone, building materials and oyster shell. Excavation of this large feature will continue in the 2010 season.

- 5.2 NAU staff have given talks to interest groups and professional bodies associated with the construction industry.

#### **6. Staffing**

- 6.1 The number of staff employed at the end of August was 23.

- 7. Resource Implications**
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| 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

Norfolk archaeology projects undertaken between May and August 2009

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>District</b>
Acle High School community excavation	EXC	Broadland
Arminghall sewer	EXC	South Norfolk
Attleborough	DBA	Breckland
Aylsham, St Michael's Hospital	WB	Broadland
Blakeney School	CONSULT	North Norfolk
Burnham Market, Westgate Nursery	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Carbrooke, Southmoor Farm Barn	HBR	Breckland
Carleton St Peter church	WB	South Norfolk
Cringleford, land off Newmarket Road	WB	South Norfolk
Colney Hall	DBA	South Norfolk
Denton, Old Rectory	HBR	North Norfolk
East Rudham, School Road	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Feltwell, Denton Lodge	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Hempstead, Hole Farm	HBR	North Norfolk
Horsham St Faith, Abbey Farm	EXC/WB	Broadland
Horstead, Buxton Road	WB	Broadland
Kings Lynn, Highgate Car Centre	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Kings Lynn, Old Sunway	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Marsham, Grove Farmhouse	WB	Broadland
Mangreen Travellers site	EVAL/WB	South Norfolk
Melton Constable, Burgh Hall Barns	HBR	North Norfolk
Neatishead, Hoveton Hall	HBR	North Norfolk
New Buckenham, Marsh Lane	EVAL	Breckland
Norwich, Cathedral Close IT link	WB	Norwich
Norwich, Cathedral Close IT link	WB	Norwich
Norwich, Community Hospital	EVAL	Norwich
Norwich, Earlham High School	GEO	Norwich
Norwich, 258 King Street	EXC	Norwich
Norwich, King Street, Britvic	WB	Norwich
Norwich, Starling Road	EVAL	Norwich
Pulham St Mary, Old Mill House	WB	South Norfolk
Sheringham Shoal, Windfarm cable	WB	Broadland/N Norfolk
Snettisham, Cherry Tree Road	EVAL	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Tilney, Lords Bridge Barns	HBR	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Thornage sewer	WB	North Norfolk
Wroxham, Broad House Barn	WB	Broadland
West Dereham, Bath Springs	WB	K Lynn & W Norfolk
Wicklewood, Whitehall Farm	WB	South Norfolk

## Appendix 2

NAU Archaeology Reports

Norfolk sites issued between May 2009 and August 2009 inclusive

No.	Title	Type
1195	Ford Place, Thetford	EXC
1367	Church Close, Shipdham	EXC
1406a	Arminghall Pumping station	ASSESS
1438	All Saints Church, Great Fransham	EXC
1455	Thetford Grammar School	EXC
1723	35a and 36 The Close, Norwich Cathedral	WB
1878	Uplands, Caister-on-Sea	AUPD
1953	School Road, East Rudham	EVAL
1974	Denton Lodge Water Reservoir, Feltwell	EVAL
2035	Carleton St Peter church	WB
2079	Peterhouse Primary School, Gorleston	EVAL
2081	The Grange, Fundenhall	HBR
2089b	The Castle Mound, Norwich	WB
2093	Dereham Church of England Infant School	WB
2116	Highgate Car Centre, 16-20 Gaywood Road, King's Lynn	EVAL
2118	Land at Colney Hall, Colney	DBA
2128	Land Adjacent to 258 King Street, Norwich	EXC
2129	St Mary's Church, Howe	WB
2134	Land at Attleborough	DBA
2138	Norwich Community Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich	EVAL
2147	Abbey Farm Commercial Park, Horsham St Faith	EXC
2154	105-107 Green Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth	EVAL
2157	Hole Farm, Hempstead	HBR
2159	Broad House Barn, Wroxham	HBR
2162	A Barn at Southmoor Farm, Carbrooke	HBR
2166	Land Adjacent to Willow Dene, Marsh Lane, New Buckenham	EVAL
2176	Bath Springs, West Dereham	WB
2181	Cherry Tree Road, Snettisham	EVAL
2189	Prehistoric Pottery from RAF Feltwell New Housing	SREP
2192	Earlham High School, Norwich	GEO
2193	Starling Road, Norwich,	EVAL
2194	Former Anchor Hotel, Thetford	DBA
2205	Prehistoric Pottery from Nacton	SREP
2209	50 The Close, Norwich Cathedral, Norwich	WB

NAU Archaeology Reports

Sites outside Norfolk issued between May 2009 and August 2009 inclusive

No.	Title	Type
1876	Mildenhall Iron Age Pottery Assessment	SREP
1995	Cherry Tree Farm, Wortham, Suffolk	AUPD
2029	St John's Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex	EVAL
2064	Prehistoric Pottery from Milton Park and Ride, Cambs	SREP
2082	Hamblin Road Car Park, Woodbridge, Suffolk	EXC/WB

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type</b>
2087	Faunal Remains from Mildenhall, Suffolk; Assessment	SREP
2100	Prehistoric Pottery from Mildenhall, Suffolk; Assessment	SREP
2113	Prehistoric Pottery from Whittlesey, Cambs	SREP
2158	Prehist. Pottery from Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton, Cambs	SREP
2161	Lordship Recreation Ground, Haringey, London	DBA
2163	85 Marsh Lane Haringey, London	DBA
2167	Peasenhall Road, Walpole, Suffolk	EVAL
2169	Land east of Irving Burgess Close, Whittlesey, Peterborough	EVAL
2188	Prehistoric Pottery from Hollesley, Suffolk	SREP
2190	Prehistoric Pottery from Wintringham Park, Cambs	SREP

ASSESS = Assessment; AUPD = Assessment and Updated Project Design;  
EVAL = Evaluation; EXC = Excavation; FS = Field Survey; FW = Fieldwalking;  
GEO = Geophysical Survey; HBR = Historic Building Recording; SMS = Strip,  
Map and Sample Excavation; SREP; Specialist Report; WB = Watching Brief;  
WS = Window Sampling