



Isle of Wight County Archaeology and Historic Environment Service

Advice on commissioning archaeological work

Archaeological work on the Isle of Wight, when carried out as part of development works, will be undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) approved by the Isle of Wight County Archaeology and Historic Environment Service (IWCAHES) on behalf of the Local Planning Authority. In most cases a brief outlining the required work will be provided by IWCAHES to facilitate the production of the WSI.

Adherence to the WSI will ensure that work is undertaken to a satisfactory professional standard and the requirements set out in the planning condition are met. Reference must be made in the WSI to published Standards and Guidelines, issued by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and Historic England. It is a requirement that work is undertaken by appropriately qualified personnel, named in the WSI.

The Isle of Wight Council does not maintain a list of 'approved' archaeological contractors. Information on professionally qualified archaeological consultants and contractors can be obtained from the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (Power Steele Building, Wessex Hall, Whiteknights Road, Earley, Reading RG6 6DE Tel: 0118 966 2841 www.archaeologists.net email admin@archaeologists.net).

Details of CIfA Registered Organisations can be found on the following link:
<https://www.archaeologists.net/regulation/organisations>

Those commissioning archaeological work are urged to satisfy themselves that the organisation or individual approached:

- has the necessary experience and understanding to satisfy the brief (including those aspects relating to reporting, publication and archiving)
- can provide personnel with the appropriate skills, qualifications and CIfA membership grades for the task, including specialist (e.g. environmental) input. This should include consideration of sub-contractors.
- can meet the required timetable
- has a suitable infrastructure for, and track record of, undertaking work of a similar scale

Enforcement action may be taken if archaeological requirements are not complied with.

This advice is provided for information only. The Isle of Wight Council can take no responsibility for the operations of independent organisations.