



ALGAO-UK HER Committee – Group updates

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Historic England West Midlands Regional Office, Birmingham

1. 14. Country updates (country reps) – including Northern Ireland

NI government have expressed interest in HERs and ALGAO. NI have signed-up to OASIS. Action: BW to contact John Murphy john.murphy3@doi (Northern Ireland) to the committee.

i. ALGAO Cymru

Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The *Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016* has now been in operation for just over 2 years. The presentation of external data for scheduled monuments and listed buildings through Archwilio has been improved by the use of the WFS feed from the Welsh Government **Lle** web site, which delivers national GIS and other data sets. This obviates the need for the receipt and incorporation of updates of these data tables from Cadw. It is hoped other WFS feeds from **Lle** can be incorporated into the HER in due course.

Archwilio has now passed its PEN test and received Cyber Security Certification as part of requirements set out in the contract with Welsh Government to supply data fulfilling its obligations under the 2016 Act.

HER Forward Plan

A new forward plan has been prepared for the HER. This, which is a requirement of Cadw's funding, sets out how the HER will operate over the next year and replaces the previous five year plan. Quarterly action plans will also be produced throughout the year which will specify work to be undertaken in each quarter.

Guidance for the Submission of Data to Welsh HERs

Work is now complete on this document, produced by the four Welsh HERs, although the Welsh translation is still awaiting its final checking, which has unfortunately delayed the public release. Work has also progressed on data submission and licensing documents for the four individual HERs. It is hoped all document will be publically available within the next month.

Planning Policy Wales

Consultation has recently expired on version 10 of this Welsh Government Policy document. While in some senses this was a cosmetic redesigning of version 9, and as planning policy is not directly relevant to HERs, their statutory status is now noted by it and Local Planning Authorities are reminded of their newly acquired statutory duties, to take account of the HER in making planning decisions and in preparing Local Development Plans.

Portable Antiquities Scheme

Concerns have been raised on a number of occasions about the sustainability of the PAS in Wales. The role played by the Archaeological Trusts and the HERs is key to its operation as, to all intents and purposes, they are operating as FLOs but with minimal funding – which is expected to cover the receipt of finds, liaison with finders and the transfer of data into the PAS and the HERs. A meeting has been arranged to discuss matters, where it is hoped that a more equitable arrangement might be agreed. However the funding of the PAS in Wales remains precarious and it is by no means certain that this work will be able to continue in its present form

Glastir (all Wales agri-environment scheme)

The contract between the Welsh Archaeological Trusts and the Welsh Government to provide advice, from their HERs, on the historic environment aspects of the Glastir agri-environment scheme has now been extended to cover the 2019 round of targeted (higher) scheme

applications – the HERs have until 4 June to complete the consultation process. Consultation on the Small Grants Scheme, Woodland Creation and Woodland Management all continue.

HER software - HEROS

The Wales HER software suite continues to develop under the HEROS partnership.

Recent developments include the use of the [Lle](#) WFS feed for Cadw's scheduled monument polygons and listed building data. The development control module now automatically emails the HER to make it aware of DC Officer monitoring visits (to indicate that on site works have started - allowing the creation of up to date event records) and to alert it that contractor's reports have been received (giving the HER a 'heads up' to expect the submission of HER data arising from planning led work and to set a clock ticking on those recalcitrant contractors who 'forget' to submit reports and data).

Improvements to the HEROS system have also allowed CPAT to release an additional 16,000 black and white aerial photographs in Archwilio this month, for an area covering the English and Welsh Marches and north east Wales.

Across Wales the HEROS HER system now has some 2182 data and GIS tables together which together contain 7,568,765 individual records.

ii. Scottish SMR Forum

PM and BW provided an update.

- Dundee and Dumbaron have no HER provision at the moment.
- Spatial Hub – see above.
- SMR technical working group
- SHED (Scotland's Historic Environment Data) Strategy work continues, completed small linking projects between HES and Museum data.
- HES graffiti project
- Polygonisation project continues.
- Scotland has a new planning bill going through at the moment.
- Possibility that HERs might become statutory in the new legislation.

iii. Historic Environment Scotland

Report from HES Data Management team:

Much of our work continues to have an internal focus; the redevelopment of our internal Oracle database and related testing is a priority. From an external point of view we have had interesting results from user testing of Canmore and Scotland's Urban Past and this will shape our thinking in future.

There was a workshop on Period; the ambition is to use controlled vocabularies and link across regional research frameworks within Scotland and further afield. See [here](#) for further information.

The [PastMap](#) website has been launched!

SHED (Scotland's Historic Environment Data) Strategy work continues, we have completed small linking projects between HES and Museum data.

15. Regular updates from other meetings:

i. ALGAO England Executive (BW)

Exec in Feb and April, and ALGAO England AGM a couple of weeks ago.

Discussions about membership, funding and 21st Century Challenges in Archaeology.

Next Exec meeting June/July time.

Action: BW to ask Exec to get other sub-committees to update website while we do.

ii. ALGAO Maritime Committee (RL)

The Maritime Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting will be on 4th June. Rachel Salter has agreed to take on the role of Secretary.

iii. ALGAO Countryside Committee (DR)

Countryside Committee

The most recent Countryside Committee/National Historic Environment Countryside Adviser meeting was held on 20 April in Birmingham. The next is scheduled for October and we are

currently trying to finalise a date and venue. Minutes of meetings are available through the ALGAO website.

Please keep an eye on the Countryside Committee website (<https://www.algao.org.uk/subject/countryside>) which is updated with news relatively regularly.

Countryside Stewardship

We are currently in the throes of the 2018 application window. HEFER requests have been received and worked on across England. As of 22 May 608 was the highest number of HEFER requests received by an individual ALGAO member

The last HEFER requests should arrive mid June (two weeks after the Countryside Stewardship application pack request window closes at the end of May). The last HEFER deadlines should fall in mid July (20 working days after the last request). ALGAO members should be aware in the last few years the majority of applicants have left their pack requests to the last few days; if they do so again there is likely to be a peak of HEFER deadlines in late June and early July.

Linda Smith (heritage consultant) kindly provided SHINE support to ALGAO members until the end of March 2018. Norfolk County Council took the role from 1 April and is available to provide support until the close of the 2018 HEFER window. Please submit all queries and requests for help via the contact section of the SHINE website (<https://www.myshinedata.org.uk/contact>).

Historic England is again funding the SHINE website during the 2018 window.

Natural England is currently carrying out a review of HEFERs, with the aim of maintaining their valuable information and advice, while reducing their overall cost (which is currently in the region of £600-800,000 a year). ALGAO and Historic England are actively taking part in the review.

DEFRA's Health and Harmony Future of Farming consultation

ALGAO sent a consultation response to DEFRA on 8 May. Thanks are due to all ALGAO members who provided input into the response, either during the most recent Committee meeting or by email. A copy of the consultation response will be made available through the ALGAO website.

iv. ALGAO/HLF Liaison (BW)

HLF consultation about framework out at the moment. Fairly substantial fall in income. So doing less work, more targeted and highly screened. Spreading costs widely across country. Targeting areas of deprivation. BW submitted a response which was well-received.

Looking to do more training for HLF staff to promote ALGAO members and HERs and our services.

v. Archaeology Data Service Management Board (NB)

Hasn't met since the last meeting. It is expected that the next Archaeology Data Service Management Board meeting will be held around October.

vi. BHUG (NB)

Not had a meeting. Maybe arranging a meeting after HER Forum in Bristol on 4th July.

vii. FISH (GT)

The last meeting of FISH was held in Aberystwyth in February 2018. CM attended to represent the ALGAO-UK HER Committee. Topics & updates were:

the European Archaeology Association (EAA) and spatial developments, introduction to the FAIR principles, [Multilingual timespan expressions & Scottish Archaeological Periods & Ages](#), ARCHES and Thesaurus of Cultural Heritage (TCH), OASIS update, [Welsh National Museum Collections Online](#), Information Management and the Historic Environment (Wales), [HERs and the Welsh Historic Environment Act](#), and [List of Historic Welsh Place Names](#) project. A proposal for a [FISH management group](#) on the Knowledge Hub was also discussed. The minutes and presentations from the meeting can be found here:

<http://www.heritage-standards.org.uk/fish-heirnet/>

viii. HBSMR User Group (SC)

Hasn't been a meeting. Next meeting in London in 27th June.

ix. HIAS & Heritage Gateway (BW)

Heritage Gateway: a meeting held to look at minimum levels of information. HE applying for money from DCMS for work on Heritage Gateway. JG thanked all HERs for responding to survey.

Backlogs: (see above)

OASIS: (see below).

NRHE to HER: Looking at moving forward by funding from HE. A proposal is being drafted which will be sent to HERs Officers and ALGAO members – and the letter will be directed at their managers.

Monument Recording App: On hold for now

NMRHE: National Marine Heritage Record.

National Security Copy: Developing the standard.

HER Guidance Documents: With HIPs team.

x. HER Forum (CW)

There hasn't been a meeting since the last HER Forum meeting – the next will be in Bristol on 4th July.

xi. OASIS Management Board (SCa)

SC attended the last OASIS Management Board.

BW gave an update. Some discussion on review periods of reports and timeframes.

Action: SCa needs to go back to OASIS management board to express concerns over mission-creep and syncing.

Action: BW to contact Anna Stocks to raise issues with her.

xii. Portable Antiquities Scheme (JW)

JW attended the last meeting. The next liaison meeting is on 5th July in Birmingham.

TG gave an update – moved servers to Microsoft Azure. Asked for requirements from HERs, and main feedback was a requirement for a WMS for PAS data.

xiii. Report from regional HER Forums

a. East of England HER Forum

Bedford Borough (May 18)

Phase 1 of the Bedford Borough NMP project covering the south of the borough has been completed and the data entered into the HER. Phase 2 covering the central belt of the borough is nearly complete and a further phase is planned.

Cambridgeshire (May 18)

Jessica Cooper-Dunn (originally recruited partly as maternity cover for Sally) has been retained for a further year. Sally has also returned. Kerry Hopper has also been appointed as our 4th DC officer. HER enquiries both commercial and non-commercial have increased year on year with c. 300 separate archaeological investigations undertaken in the calendar year 2017, ranging from small evaluations to multi-phase infrastructure projects. More information from the ongoing A14 upgrade project can be found here:

<https://molaheadland.com/news/a14c2h>.

An HER audit is scheduled for October 2018 and a number of HER-related projects are provisionally agreed for this coming year.

Ben Donnelly-Symes is now the main contact for our archaeological archive stores and 8% of the archaeological archive we hold has been recalled for student/project research in the past 10 months.

Norfolk (May 18)

HER enquiries remain steady (November = 98) and a revised charging structure was introduced April 1st which brings Norfolk in line with the rest of the region. A tracking system initiated last year has helped to streamline working processes in all areas. HER staff have also been heavily involved in the production of a new standards document for development-led archaeological projects in Norfolk which was launched on May 1st.

Ongoing projects include the HER Digitisation project (March 2020) and will vastly improve the quality of the database records and access to our physical archives; the Broads Landscape Partnership Scheme (5-year scheme); Brecks NMP Mapping Stage 2 (to be completed this year); an assessment of East Anglian field systems which is being carried out by the Norfolk AIP team which will include significant HER involvement in 2018-2019; and an

HE project to create a UAD for King's Lynn which will be completed this financial year. An HER Audit was initiated in October 2017 but has been postponed until this summer due to the King's Lynn UAD project.

IT continues to be a challenge and has been significantly hampering data entry and exports since February, but a server migration is planned for the end of June 2018 which should alleviate the majority of these issues. It is currently uncertain whether the upgrade to HBSMR v.5 will be carried out alongside the server migration or if it will be put on hold until later in the year.

Results of the most recent restructure are underway. The service lost 3 posts at the end of March 2018, however recruitment is underway for a new HER Team Leader post. A new management post responsible for the HER, the Finds Identification Team, and the Air Photo Interpretation Team was advertised at the beginning of 2018 but currently remains vacant.

Peterborough (May 18)

Completed HER Audit in March 2018. HER searches remain at a stable level. A city-centre focused EUS project will begin in June (to be carried out by Ruth Beckley, Cambs CC). Sarah Botfield left the service just before last Christmas and Amanda Cameron is currently working as HER Assistant. Moving offices again in June. Awaiting confirmation of a long-term solution to the HER database issue.

Hertfordshire (December 17)

HER searches remain at same level as last year.

Simon Woods is shadowing Isobel to learn more about the HBSMR side alongside his work as DC

Not sure if they will go for the next phase of HER audit.

Recent discoveries – Saxon cemetery in Harpenden, Roman villa at St Albans recorded via drone, multi period site at Guilston Park, recently publicised discovery of abbot's grave at St Albans, new development in Baldock with potential for an oppidum and a feasibility study at Hemel Hempstead station noting areas of significant archaeological potential.

Suffolk (December 17)

HER searches has seen a steady increase. Some changes to team structure are underway (vacant manager post will not be filled directly).

Projects – Ipswich UAD complete, pilot project begun on historic farm buildings and loss thereof with intention of making it county wide.

Central Beds (December 17)

The council restructure is now complete with team part of Client and Development Services and includes Albion Archaeology, Minerals and Waste and S106 agreements. Green infrastructure plans are coming through and Country landscape partnership scheme underway. The HER is now remote-hosted with vertical APs also available via Exegesis. Intending to put in an NMP bid.

Have noted that the paper archive has been hit by insect infestations

Stephen Coleman was recently interviewed by Stewart Bryant as one of the longest serving HER staff members in the country.

Colchester (December 17)

Continues to hold the title of 'fastest growing town in the country'. HER audit is almost at an end (will be signed off before Christmas 17) and NMP project is also just wrapping up. Website is now up and running.

b. East Midlands HER Forum

No meeting since the last ALGAO-UK HER Committee meeting in January.

c. London HER

HER enquires were up again last year, 798, and show no sign of slowing down this year so far. The new charging system is working well, although it is taking more time to process searches than under our previous system.

SHINE consultations were also up, and we got paid for the 1st time.

We have now interviewed for our temporary Arches Project Officer, and permanent HER Project Officer posts and they will be starting in early- mid June.

Currently working on reducing our grey lit backlog, and GDPR compliance.

d. North East HER Forum

Met on 7th March. See Yorkshire and the Humber.

e. North West HER Working Party

General

The last North West HER Working Party meeting was held on the 8th of March at Grosvenor Park Lodge, Chester. No report was received for Lancashire.

Jill Collens is to carry out a review of HER and advisory services in the North West.

Local Engagement

Cheshire: The Chester Archaeological Society Archaeology Conference will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Grosvenor Museum, commencing on the evening of Friday 29th June 2018 with a keynote lecture, and continue all day Saturday 30th June. The HER is continuing to provide training to the Cheshire branch of the Gardens Trust.

Greater Manchester: A Salford local archaeology group established. The Greater Manchester Archaeology Day took place in late November at the University of Salford and attracted around 160 people.

Lake District National Park: The Coniston Copper project will be finishing in May having involved 400 days of volunteer time. Booklets and reports will appear in due course.

Merseyside: There have been two regular one-day-a-week volunteers working on the Letter Box Study Group's data and the HER have just interviewed a Liverpool John Moores University student for a four week summer placement.

Other: The "Know Your Place North West" project has secured funding from the National Archives Sector Sustainability Fund. The North West Regional Research Framework for the Historic Environment project has seen a strategy workshop delivered in February in Preston. Around 30 participants discussed the new format of questions and strategies.

Cheshire

The proposed office move to Mid-Cheshire College in Winsford is not going ahead. A Chester based office move is now proposed and the Total Environment Team is expected to cover rent and business rates from its existing budget.

Cumbria

There are 1.5 FTE covering the historic environment. Mark Brennand and Jeremy Parsons are covering aspects of the HER. Updates are being made and searches are being processed.

Greater Manchester

Andy Myers is currently on long-term sick leave, so John Roberts has been appointed to a full-time three-month secondment as Acting Senior Planning Archaeologist.

Lake District National Park

Eleanor Kingston has replaced John Hodgson. A new HER type role is due to be recruited.

Merseyside

Testing a new way of triggering consultations using the borough of Knowsley; this should be completed by the end of the financial year. Use of OASIS in managing final reporting is continuing and appears to be working well.

f. South East HER Forum

g. South West HER Forum

Gloucestershire

Moved to a smaller space within an open plan office with little storage space. Luckily temporary member or staff scanning some paperwork. Jeni Thurstan was appointed to work on the Gloucester City UAD integration and then other HER work. Lots of SHINE work. Lack of communication with new Offa's Dyke management project.

BANES

Finished an audit to the new specification on December 17th. RM leaving to join the National Trust as Regional Covenance Registrar (properties managed by a legal agreement not the NT). Advert for replacement - September subject to re-organisation.

Wiltshire

History Centre looking at more efficient use of space so moving staff etc. FLO Richard Henry is leaving and will be replaced on a lower wage. Claire King has moved and has been replaced by Martin Brown. Looking at introducing online payment system. Backlog has reduced and possibly looking at new projects. Audit in 2019. Busy with SHINE, neighbourhood plans & A303

Devon

HBSMR v5 upgrade implications being worked through (including spatial metadata). Hoping that HECAS colleague will be able to cover SHINE work this year. NMP Blackdown Hills nearly finished and had approval for first of a three phase project to fill in the gap between the south coast and Dartmoor. Continued focus on backlog and trying to finish ongoing HER projects.

Dartmoor

AR still working 3 days a week for now. Now just doing SHINE. Being pushed to take on more volunteers but no time to manage.

Exmoor

Have an intern until August surveying standing stones in the National Park with further work lined-up. Also have a new Mires project officer until March 2019 and a historic buildings officer until August 2020 doing listed building surveys, conservation area appraisals and possibly a local list. Manager Rob Wilson-North now manages the Conservation and Land Management Team and his post is up for appointment. Doing SHINE at the moment.

Somerset

Quiet at the moment so working on remaining 1074 vernacular building reports. Volunteers going through and geo-referencing tithe map apportionments – parishes beginning A-H have been finished. Taunton Dean Borough and West Somerset District will be merged to form Somerset West & Taunton Council in 2019.

North Somerset

Of the 66 tasks in the data audit 27 have been completed. Backlog has been reduced by 15%. Held an Heritage Forum in November with 22 different community groups. IT difficulties with updating online HER. KYP workshops. CL asked how much work SHINE was and there was some discussion about the benefits of the income it can generate.

Dorset

Authority being reorganised into two unitaries (1) Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and (2) the rest of the county. V5 HBSMR upgrade hoped to fix some problems but editing and map searching is still hard work. Also moving to the hosted version of HBSMR this year. SHINE record editing has also been a challenge. NMP project for the Stour Valley also had some problems. Audit planned for Oct 2018.

h. West Midlands HER Forum

Haven't had a regional meeting since the last ALGAO HER Committee meeting so no update. Next West Midlands HER Meeting will be at The Hive, Worcester on Tuesday 19th June.

i. Yorkshire and The Humber HER working party

Yorkshire, Humber and the North East HER Working Party, met on 7th March in York.

West Yorkshire

Three full-time staff; HER is a part-time post and funding is an issue. Finds liaison was shared with West Yorkshire Museum Services but they've had to pull out requiring extra funding from elsewhere. Further cuts are anticipated, hopefully small. Expecting higher income generation targets. Development Control busy with local plans – change to be small scale rather than large. No HEFERs. Her enhancement – digitising conservation officer records 1970-80% created. Proposed HS2 route enhancement. 90 records created, 846 upgraded, 103 enquiries 30 chargeable. Website back online, all material still to be uploaded. Medieval Rural Research now available. New data regulations prep, new telephone system (19th March) with different telephone numbers.

North Lincolnshire

No enhancement work on HER due to resources. Office move – with records left gone in loft. It's more difficult to supply visitors with records as the rest is remotely held 7 miles away, though most have been digitised. Landscape Partnership Scheme underway, and North Lincs

have put up council tax for the first time in 5 years. No budget threats and HER support promised – not sure how.

City of York

Audit testing system, anxious about how much work Claire will have for her/planning (HE Nick Davis will support). Maintaining the HER and not enhancing due to capacity issues, (the only enhancement is past data).

Tyne and Wear

Maintaining rather than enhancing, looking to make 1.5 into 2 posts. Still requesting hard copies in specs, struggling for people to do this. 10 HER searches, not coming in to visit and also not sending in reports. Couple of Countryside Stewardship SHINEs.

Tees Archaeology

No further progress has been made with the HER Audit Action Plan, due to lack of time. Progress will be reviewed in the next six months.

New Archaeologist (HER), Janice Adams, was appointed in February 2017. Janice works 2.5 days (over three days), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The volunteer list continues to grow through the HLF funded River Tees Rediscovered project; Piercebridge Roman Fort excavation (70 volunteers participated during the excavation) and Dalton on Tees (excavation forthcoming on October 9th) & Skelton Townscape Heritage Initiative; Skelton Landscape Survey (next intervention excavation 2018).

HER enhancement continues. 106 new entries and 412 edited, 81 Events have been added and 93 entries edited since 08.03.2017. This includes the addition of Stockton and Darlington Railway audit. Further volunteer work has also been conducted in association with the Stockton and Darlington Railway audit looking at coal drops in the area.

Twenty HER Searches have been conducted of these 12 were chargeable. There has been a further 17 HER general enquires during this time.

Recording of the newly grade II listed Stockton Y Station was completed in August (WWI air defence station, report pending).

Tees Archaeology has supported Tees Archaeology Society projects both HLF funded. The first project Ice and Fire Eston Hills Project, a test pitting project was conducted looking for Mesolithic occupation (report pending). The second comprised WWI building condition survey across Stockton-On-Tees, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland (on-going).

19 HEFER consultations received, all passed after a quick check against the HER, no time to update SHINE this year.

Yorkshire Dales National Park

Rebecca left for NAA, new community archaeologist. Linda Smith is working with Margaret Neike for large scale peat CS guidance. End of data input for MARS – new methodology for summer. Local Plans are within early stages. Cumbria HER enhancement – big effort, duplicates taken out. Big HBSMR issues since QGIS. 158 crashes for Luke, with 3 days of it not working at all; assured that when version 3 of QGIS is released it will help fix the issues. End of Every Beam Tells a Story Project, and a Ghost Cow evening both very successful projects. Finishing report for the Big Dig project. Landscape Partnership project, and also a building restoration programme underway (not agreed on conditions for start/plan). Dales Archaeology Day 2018 is to be held at the Richmond Methodist Church on the 14th of April.

North Yorkshire

We were informed we needed to move the HER asap and are now situated at the front of county hall before security. It is smaller (we had to condense and rethink what we were keeping) with less space for visitors which is proving a little tricky, but it's a more visible spot with much better disabled access. Two masters student placements have started from York Uni, and are proving very diligent – to get used to the system they've categorised and accounted for the library after the move (something that's needed doing for a very long time, but will work on entering the digitized scanned backlog. There's been 207 CS applications, a boom in enquiries (52 enquiries since January, 39 of them chargeable), and 20,632 edits overall (including cons records). We're currently doing the HE audit – a little behind but catching up, and looking forward to using it to back up resource requests. Still waiting for legal to pass our charging review following the EIR changes, and sorting things out for GDPR. Having consistent technological problems, slow and glitchy system despite getting new

laptops. HS2 – non-disclosure agreement and SLA confirmed. Council tax increased by 4.99%.

Any Other Business

Keith Elliot via Petra – highlighted Immortalize, and asked it to be raised at the working party and ask for any comments/questions that he should listed out for or bring up, and will take notes and an update for NWRRF and NERRF if wanted.

Clare – HERS confined to glossary of NPPF update, outstanding value added to glossary, there is more about local plans, the setting is also put in the glossary and the landscape details are also taken out

Luke – CS - 50-90% of his are mid tiers and they're not screened for site creation of scrapes for upland archaeology, less protection afforded.

Date and Time of Next Meeting - 19th September 2018

2. Other Updates

i. Discovering Englands Burial Spaces

There was a meeting of the Advisory Committee on 27th March 2018. NB brought up the points mentioned by the HER committee as follows.

- HER's already know about some surveys – these should be added to the project via OASIS records
- How Systematic will coverage be – this is about creating tools and promoting use, so coverage will be based on local groups take up, rather than a systematic program
- Will HER's get Events records for surveys – this will be done via OASIS
- What about previous surveys?

See below

Report from meeting:

Template builder prototype recording App completed, still needs finalising

OASIS – public beta March 2020 generally, DEBs module autumn/winter 2018 alpha testing March 2019

Church Care- All burial grounds to be located & checked with HE funding. Polygon outline data due to start May; Aug – Sept checked. Also include ownership, denominations, in/out of use data. Will be approaching Local Authorities and HERs. Will create UIDs for CofE and will try and incorporate different denomination areas

Church Heritage Record – aim to include other denominations (not just CofE), and also burial module

Caring for Gods Acre – biodiversity recording and memorial recording, nationwide via HLF funding. Will use DEBs app to record memorials

End plan for DEBs– toolkit for recording, and methodology, as well as costings if going to deposit with ADS

APP records information – but not direct into ADS. Projects would need to fund archiving into ADS. For legacy data would need to find funding for archiving. Using app creates local database - could do this for legacy data and then including into ADS as last step, local group could add into APP and then need to fund upload to ADS

Website now live

<http://debs.ac.uk/>

ii. Arches

SCa provided an update to Arches:

- The Lincoln Arcade system launched on the 17th May.
- Alastair MacIntosh (Lincoln City Archaeologist) and Stuart Cakebread will be presenting Arches to the HER Forum on the 4th July
- We are giving demonstrations to a number of interested HERs.
- The Getty developers have sent us an initial mock-up of a casework module which can also be used for project recording (thematic surveys, local listing reviews, local society work, crowdsourcing, etc.). It looks good and should make creating new

projects quick and easy. There will also be an associated smart phone app for data viewing and recording (with or without internet connection)..

- We have appointed a temporary Arches Project Officer to assist with cleaning and enhancing the GLHER data