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Within Cambridgeshire's modern landscape lie the remains of thousands of years of human activity. These archaeological remains, together with the vestiges of former landscapes, are the key to understanding the county's past. They are a fragile, vulnerable, and irreplaceable part of the local environment.

We maintain the Historic Environment Record (HER) for the county (formerly the Sites and Monuments Record or SMR). *See our section on the CHER for more information.*

Archives from investigative fieldwork in Cambridgeshire are held at the County Archaeological Store, where they can be accessed by researchers whilst being maintained for future generations. The Historic Environment Team protects and promotes this valuable resource. Guidelines for organisations wishing to deposit archaeological archives at the store are available from our website.

Our Planning and Countryside Advice archaeologists work to mitigate the impact of land use change on Cambridgeshire's rich archaeological heritage, ensuring its sustainability and long term conservation for future generations.

We are the advisory service for the Local Planning Authorities, developers and their agents on the potential impact of land use change on archaeology and the historic environment. We can also advise on environmental enhancement projects, agri-environmental schemes and the care of ancient monuments and historic landscapes.

We also host the Portable Antiquities Scheme for Cambridgeshire, which provides a finds identification service for the public and advice about the Treasure Act as part of a wider programme of outreach and public archaeology. *See our section on the Portable Antiquities Scheme for more information.*

In partnership with Oxford Archaeology East (formerly the CCC Archaeology Field Unit), the Historic Environment Team deliver public archaeology and outreach projects in Cambridgeshire. For many years Cambridgeshire Archaeology has been one of the country's leading exponents of public archaeology. It actively promotes education and community projects, with the key aim of increasing understanding of the rich heritage of the county. *See our section on outreach for more information.*