

## Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service

### Deposition of Archaeological Archives Generated by Archaeological Work in Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington

Archaeological assessments, evaluations, watching briefs, and excavations, which have been secured by the Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service through the planning process all generate archives. This guidance provides advice on the current situation with regard to the deposition of archaeological archives in each of the four unitary authorities where archaeological advice is provided by the Service.

#### Cheshire West and Chester

The Grosvenor Museum in Chester is the designated collecting museum for sites within the Cheshire West and Chester Council area.

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#### Cheshire East Council

Cheshire East Council currently has no designated local authority museum for the collection of archaeological archives. The Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service continues to try and address this issue but, at the present time, it is unlikely to be possible to deposit some archaeological archives in the Cheshire East area. Where particularly significant material has been recovered, the issue should be discussed with the Service in order to identify potential solutions.

The following museums in Cheshire East may accept archaeological material:

- Nantwich Museum  
The museum has limited storage and so will consider each archive on a case-by-case basis.

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- Congleton Museum

The museum accepts items from Congleton and Astbury. It will consider receiving items from a wider area in the former Boroughs of Congleton and Macclesfield where there is no other appropriate receiving body. This could include those townships situated between Congleton and the adjacent communities of Alsager, Sandbach, Holmes Chapel and Macclesfield.

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### **Halton Borough Council**

There is currently no designated museum for the collection of archaeological archives within Halton Borough Council and deposition of material from the bulk of the area is unlikely to be possible.

- Norton Priory Museum accepts archives from Norton Priory, Halton Castle and the immediate environs of these sites.

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### **Warrington Borough Council**

Warrington Museum & Art Gallery accept a limited amount of archaeological archives, but due to pressures of limited storage space can no longer automatically accept such material. Each archive is considered on a case-by-case basis.

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## Notes

Please note that no attempt should be made to deposit any form of archaeological archive with the Cheshire Archives and Local Studies Service. This Service has never accepted material of this type, even if the archive does not include finds.

In all cases archives should not be dispatched without prior discussion and confirmation from the receiving body that they are prepared to accept the material.

Please contact the Archaeology Planning Advisory Service if advice is required on which local authority a site lies within.