

Standard for archaeological field evaluation

Published December 2023

An **archaeological field evaluation** will seek to determine, record and report on the nature, extent, preservation and significance of archaeological remains within a defined area. The scope of the work will be described in a project design¹ that is fit for purpose and will be carried out by suitably competent persons in accordance with that design and the ClfA *Code of conduct* and give due regard to the guidance for archaeological field evaluation. All archaeological field evaluations will result in a report, published accounts where appropriate, and a stable, ordered, accessible archive.

Definition of archaeological field evaluation

Archaeological field evaluation is a programme of non-intrusive and/or intrusive fieldwork which seeks to determine the presence or absence of archaeological features, structures, deposits, artefacts or ecofacts. It may form a single or final phase of work within a defined area or site on land, in an inter-tidal zone or under water.

The ClfA *Code of conduct* and universal guidance for archaeological field evaluation can be found here <https://www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa>.

¹ Within this Standard *project design* is used as a universal term for the document that sets out how the archaeological work will be conducted. This document may be called something different depending on the jurisdiction of the work.



The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists is incorporated by Royal Charter.
Power Steele Building, Wessex Hall, Whiteknights Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 6DE