

## CIfA Archaeological Archives Group - Vice-chair election 2025

## **Andrew Marvell FSA MCIfA**

I have been a full Member of CIfA since 1984 and previously served on Council (including as Hon Treasurer), the Standards in British Archaeology Working Party (including as Secretary), the Wales/Cymru Area Group Committee, and Registrations Committee (Organisations). I was admitted as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 2007. I am an existing member of the Archaeological Archives Group.

Along with the experience on matters concerning archaeological archives that comes with professional archaeological practice, I have some specific interest in working at a national strategic level in Wales. Between 2007 and 2016 I was the nominated Welsh Archaeological Trust representative to the Historic Environment Group (HEG), a body set up at ministerial request to provide advice to whichever Welsh Minister had the Historic Environment brief in their portfolio, with the secretariat provided by Cadw. HEG had inherited oversight of the Welsh National Archaeological Archives Panel, which had fallen into abeyance. I was one of the key persons in ensuring the reestablishment of that panel, defining its remit along with its initial tasking, which included a review of in terms of archaeological archives 'What was not in Store' in Wales with the report on this containing recommendations which inform the panels continuing work and a review and updating of the National Standard and Guidance for Collecting and Depositing Archaeological Archives in Wales. Following the re-establishment of the Welsh National Archaeological Archives Panel, I was the liaison point with HEG.

I have a particular interest on best approaches to managing and processing orphaned and or legacy archives. I also note that with regard to the Member Autonomy part of the Specialist Competence Matrix 'have had' rather than 'has' ought to be read given my current position, but I don't see that would necessarily be a drawback.

## **Joshua Toulson ACIfA**

I am a reliable, friendly, conscientious individual who cares about archives and the state of the commercial sector. I regularly work on archaeological archives, both for preparation and deposition with various repositories around the country. I work on OASIS V and collaborate closely with primary archives from their conception, being responsible from the point at which primary archives arrive at our office to the point I deliver them to the appropriate repository. I purchase and track our stores of archival materials, ensuring that we have supplies for the various requirements of different guidance around the country. This experience reflects my active role within the archives community, meaning the issues that I can relate and contribute to issues we are facing when undertaking in 2025. I can both manage and work well within a team, collaborating with internal and external colleagues to ensure correct procedures are followed from excavation to archiving. This experience would be of use when working with the chair and the committee in the role. I also believe my teamworking skills would be of use for the committee meetings and the AGM. I also have previously helped manage archaeological social media pages, so I would be happy to contribute to that side of the group if appropriate.

I have previously helped run societies and understand the general structure and composition of groups such as these, making my transition into the role that much easier.

I am well versed in managing budgets, having to work within specific costings and balancing budgets in my role, which will mean my responsibilities in acquiring additional funding and income reporting will be easy to approach.

As my job is versatile, working on finds, post-excavation, and archiving, I am a quick learner who applies new knowledge effectively. If I were to step into the role of Vice-chair, I would bring this same adaptability and commitment, ensuring I meet the expectations and responsibilities of the committee.