

### Three-year plan

**Group name**

Heritage Crime SIG

**Period of three-year plan (eg April 2019 – April 2022)**

April 2026 to April 2029

**Date plan adopted (at AGM)**

2 March 2026

**Current membership numbers**

CifA members – 332

Non CifA members – 4

Objectives	Year one	Year two	Year three
<b>Committee meetings (at least 3 per year) and AGM</b>			
Spring	March 2026	March 2027	March 2028
Summer	June 2026	June 2027	June 2028
Autumn	September 2026	September 2027	September 2028
Winter	November 2026 and AGM	November 2027 and AGM	November 2028 and AGM
<b>Membership</b>			

Recruitment (CifA & non-CifA members)	Further develop recruitment plan	Figures in Annual report	Figures in Annual report
Specialist competence matrix development/review	Develop Skills matrix and align with CifA Matrix approach	Apply to membership application process	Review skills matrix and update as required.
Register and panel of experts in heritage and cultural property crime	<p>Explore the creation of a register and panel of experts in heritage and cultural property crime with the CifA Board of Directors.</p> <p>Develop the criteria for joining the register and panel of experts.</p> <p>Develop the recruitment and validation processes.</p>	<p>Begin the recruitment process.</p> <p>Publish the register and panel of experts.</p>	Ongoing review of membership of the register and panel of experts.
Standard & Guidance development/review	Guidance for Police Support Volunteers with National Police Chiefs Council (with NPCC for sign off)	<p>Guidance for site/buildings heritage crime risk assessment</p> <p>Guidance for reporting heritage crime</p>	
<b>Communications</b>			
Newsletter or update bulletins (at least 4 per year) (expected)	Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter	Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter	Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter
Social media (LinkedIn/ twitter/ Facebook/Email)	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Recruit a member to lead on social media</p> <p>Develop a communications and media plan.</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing



CifA conference session		<p>Host a Heritage Crime workshop at the 2027 CifA conference. This workshop will cover two aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical exercise in risk assessments for sites and buildings in relation to heritage crime.</li> <li>• Practical exercise covering the reporting and investigation of heritage crime.</li> </ul>	
CPD events	Event(s) will be arranged pending feedback from membership (see planning survey below)	Event(s) will be arranged pending feedback from membership (see planning survey below)	
Attend external events to promote the HC SiG	<p>Work with other organisations to attend relevant trade shows and conferences in related sectors.</p> <p>Attend the National Rural Crime Network Annual Conference in March 2026</p> <p>Joint stand with HE at ESS2026 in September</p>		
Support Training Events for Police Heritage Crime Officers	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 provide banner and stand as well as helping to deliver scenario-based training for 30 plus police officers, fire service personnel and English Heritage		

	<p>staff at Chester Castle Heritage Crime Training day.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 provide banner and presentation at Lytham Hall for a major Fire Service Arson Salvage Exercise.</p>		
<b>Publicity</b>			
Group banner	Update banner as required		
Group leaflet	Update leaflet as required		
Website page updates	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Professional practice paper			
<b>Other activities</b>			
The Archaeologist Magazine	Explore potential opportunities to contribute to future editions of The Archaeologist.		
Innovation Festival	tbc		
Working Groups	Several working groups will be formed to address a number of aims. These will be formed of individuals from the committee, the wider group membership and members of other groups where collaboration is taking place.	Deliver outcomes developed by the various working groups.	Review current working groups against outcomes.

	The setting up of these groups is in progress.		
Build a resources section on the group's webpage	Continue developing the library of case studies on various aspects of heritage crime.	Expand the resources library.	Review resources and update as required.