

**CHARTERED INSTITUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS
BUILDINGS ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (BAG)
Committee Meeting
14 April 2026
Minutes**

1. Present and apologies

Attendees: Jeremy Lake (JL), Seth Price (SP), John Mabbitt (JM), Cathy Cou tts (CC) and Cara Burton (CB); Helena Kelly participated as a guest.

Apologies: Catherine Bell, Alison Dickens, Amir Bassir, Lorna Goring, Franki Webb, Patrizia Pierazzo

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Passed.

3. Any matters arising if not covered below

K-Hub connection issues – CB and JL to sort out

4. Tea breaks and evening lectures

- Future talks - 16 April (James Thompson on S Yorkshire Local Heritage List) and 5 May (Matt Champion on Graffiti), Martin Locock University of Wales on historic buildings mortars (3 November). There is thus a need to a July talk
- JL to approach Marwa el Mubark who gave excellent talk at HBAP last year; also Alan Brodie or HBAP for seaside architecture

5. Events

- Deerhurst BAG and Landscape SIG Day. I have discussed this with Sam Turner and will outline programme. We can have this in July when Sam and his students will be digging locally. JL to confirm date and programme after meeting with Sam on 19 April.
- Some discussion with CB about ClfA support for committee members, but best to defer this to a future meeting as costs could be met as BAG had a committee meeting on the same day.
- JL can arrange an October meeting to see timber-farmed buildings in Nantwich. More on this in due course.

6. Standards for Investigation of Standing Buildings

- Working group to meet in May, few comments thus far: Lorna sent docs 6 March
- Key change was in emphasising the understanding of historic character as a basis for future action e.g. significance
- JM raised the issue of 'should' rather than 'must'; the content of the guidance is good and much more clear
- JL: the issue of should follows the need to link across to other ClfA documents
- JL and LG to examine should rather than must. It is good practice to follow the guidance and demonstrate why you have diverted from it

7. Future project to consider.

Arising from 6 above is the need for a 'living network' of data on historic buildings types, materials etc - primarily with links to existing guidance. General agreement that this would be very useful as a Wiki-like source that could be updated and possibly hosted at

CifA, JL to further discuss with Jen Parker-Wooding. Agreement that we could discuss this when we meet in larger numbers in York.

8. AOB & next meetings - 11 June in CBA offices, York