

Standard for the investigation and recording of buildings or structures of architectural and historic interest

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An investigation that will seek to determine, record and report on the historical development and character of a structure or building. 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. The work will be executed in accordance with that design and the ClfA *Code of conduct*, and will also give due regard to the universal guidance for the investigation and recording of buildings or structures of architectural and historic interest. All investigations and recordings of buildings or structures will result in a report and, where appropriate, a stable, ordered, accessible archive and a published account.

Definition of an investigation and recording of buildings or structures of architectural and historic interest²

The investigation could be driven by a need to inform decisions regarding proposals for change and/or to make a record of their significance prior to a change. The work could be directed to either the whole or just a defined part of a building or structure. This could comprise a single building or structure, or a group forming a complex. This work could include fixtures and fittings, and the setting of a building or structure. The work is likely to involve documentary research and/or site investigations.

The ClfA *Code of conduct* and universal guidance for the investigation and recording of buildings or structures of architectural and historic interest can be found at <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.

² Reference to buildings or structures of architectural and historic interest: this is the chosen terminology for this Standard and the accompanying universal guidance. Its intention is to encompass all buildings and structures, whether non-designated or designated, which are suitable for or subject to archaeological investigation.