**Standard for archaeological watching brief**

**An archaeological watching brief will record and report on the archaeological resource within a specified area using methods that are described in a project design1 that is fit for purpose. The programme of work undertaken must be carried out by suitably competent persons in accordance with that project design, the CIfA Code of conduct and give due regard to the guidance for archaeological watching brief. All archaeological watching briefs will result in a report and a stable, ordered, accessible archive.**

# Definition of archaeological watching brief

Archaeological watching brief is a formal programme of observation and investigation conducted during works carried out for non-archaeological reasons. This will be within a specified area or site on land, inter-tidal zone or underwater, where there is a possibility that archaeological deposits may be disturbed or destroyed. The work will result in the preparation of a report and a stable, ordered, accessible archive.

This definition and Standard do not cover chance observations, which should lead to an appropriate archaeological project being designed and implemented, nor do they apply to monitoring for preservation of remains *in situ*.