A new online Toolkit providing resources to support the planning, commissioning, production or monitoring of a specialist report on Roman coins

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The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) are pleased to officially launch a new Toolkit (funded by Historic England and delivered by Dr Peter Guest, Vianova Archaeology & Heritage Services), to support the reporting of Roman coin finds from all types of archaeological projects and at all stages of a project's life cycle - **https://www.archaeologists.net/roman-coinage-toolkit**

Introducing the new Toolkit for Finds Reporting: Roman Coinage

The *Toolkit for Finds Reporting: Roman Coinage* provides resources and guidance for the historic environment sector to ensure the standardised identification, recording and quantification of Roman coins. It is the industry standard setting out the minimum requirements for Roman coin reports and is endorsed by CIfA and Historic England. The Toolkit's resources will be useful for anyone engaged in the planning, commissioning, production or monitoring of a specialist report on Roman coins. It has been designed to be used for the reporting of Roman coin finds from all types of archaeological projects (surface collection, watching briefs, evaluations, and full-scale excavations), and at all stages of a project's life cycle (from initiation and planning, collection, post-excavation assessment and analysis, to the preparation of archive reports and publications). This is the first Toolkit designed for the specialist reporting of a category of archaeological artefact.

Resources

The Toolkit provides guidance for the reporting of Roman coinage. The main part of the Toolkit is the downloadable *Roman Coinage Identification Template*, which supports the standard identification and recording of Roman coins (**Roman Coin Identification Template + Resources**). Dropdown lists ensure data consistency and the Template is compatible with most Content Management Systems currently in use by museums, archives, contracting archaeological organisations and national heritage services. Publishable catalogues of Roman coins can be produced from the Template.

The *Roman Coinage Identification Template* meets the metadata standards of the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) for the archiving and dissemination of data. It also implements the FAIR Guiding Principles in the recording of Roman coin identifications (**F**indability, **A**ccessibility, **I**nteroperability, and **R**euse of digital assets).

Background

The great variation in the content and quality of specialist artefact reports, including Roman coins,

was highlighted as a significant concern in the Historic England funded project *Review of the Standard of Reporting on Archaeological Artefacts in England (Cattermole 2017).* Similar concerns were also highlighted in the Rural Settlement of Roman Britain project and related publications and ultimately led to a recommendation for the CIfA Finds Group to produce guidelines for finds analysis and reporting. This resulted in the creation of the Toolkit for Specialist Reporting, a platform from which to encourage the development of further artefact-specific standards resources. Several Toolkits have been developed since with this latest Toolkit focused on Roman coinage, the first for a category of archaeological artefact, a very welcome addition to the Finds Reporting series.

Toolkits

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