

# HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY



*Providing Heritage Services to the Construction industry*

## COMPANY PROFILE

Headland Archaeology is one of the largest archaeological contractors in the UK with many years of experience in the design, management and completion of complex and challenging archaeological projects. We have established a market-leading reputation for successfully delivering fast-track infrastructure projects. This reputation is the result of our customer focus, our project management skills, our capacity and resources, our innovative approach to fieldwork and post-excavation and our proven ability to complete projects on time and budget.

Headland Archaeology has over 100 full-time staff and has successfully completed contracts to the value of over £30M in the past eight years alone. From our regional offices across the UK we have carefully developed the capacity, resources and financial strength of the business to undertake such works. This allows us the flexibility to respond to our clients' needs faster, enabling us to cover any eventuality and resource demanding projects.

The culture of the company is focused on customer service and delivery. We adopt a flexible approach to all projects, communicating effectively with our clients and their advisors. Using a dynamic project management approach and excellent problem solving skills we focus on designing archaeological projects that meet our clients' requirements whilst reducing and managing financial risk and delays on development programmes. We invest in our people through training and technology to stay at the forefront of our industry. We have considerable experience with civil engineering contracts such as ICE and NEC3.

Headland is a Registered Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and abides by its standards and codes of conduct. Headland has been independently assessed under the Achilles UVDB Verify audit and assessment service, which focuses on risk critical issues and provides demonstrable compliance to Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) requirements. Over the years we have won awards in both the construction and heritage sectors demonstrating our commitment to our clients and in recognition of our ability as archaeological contractors.

## SERVICES

Our business is structured around three core competencies:

**1 Consultancy**  
*Identifying risk – forward planning and assessment of heritage issues early in the development process*

We advise our clients on planning legislation, provide guidance and agree specifications for archaeological work. We work closely with our clients to design a programme of site investigations and quantify time, costs and resources required to address potential archaeological issues.

Our services include environmental impact assessments, desk based assessments, expert

witness, risk assessments, management plans, public archaeology programmes, historic environment audits and screening reports. Our experienced maritime team enable us to deal with issues both on land and at sea.

**2 Contracting**  
*Managing risk*

As contractors we have the scale and expertise to undertake field projects anywhere in the UK and Ireland. Our regional offices ensure that we have the local knowledge whilst maintaining a consistent approach reflecting Headland's overall professional values. Our involvement with major infrastructure development is a cornerstone of Headland's workload. Our teams understand the risks and responsibilities of civil engineering contracts.

Our site investigations services include geophysical survey, evaluations, excavation, watching briefs and historic building recording surveys.

**3 Specialist Services**  
*Providing an integrated service*

We employ specialists to ensure that we provide integrated services to our clients in a consistent way. The range of our in-house capabilities and of our skilled professionals reflects our success in building one of the best-resourced archaeological companies.

Our specialist services included palaeo-environmental analysis, osteoarchaeology, geoarchaeology and finds analysis.

## EXPERIENCE

**A1 & A4/5 NORTHERN IRELAND** | Department for Regional Development Roads Service  
**ABERDEEN WESTERN PERIPHERAL ROUTE** | Transport Scotland & Aberdeen City Council  
**ALL SAINTS OFFICE DEVELOPMENT, WEST BROMWICH** | Sandwell MBC  
**BRENKLEY LANE SURFACE MINE, NEWCASTLE** | Banks Mining  
**CARLOW BY-PASS & N9 & 10 MOTORWAY** | National Roads Authority  
**CLYDE WIND FARM** | Clyde Windfarm (Scotland) Ltd  
**COMMONHEAD, SWINDON** | Redrow Homes & Persimmon Homes  
**EDINBURGH TRAM ROUTE** | Tie Ltd + Carillion  
**FAIRFORD HOUSING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE** | Bloor Homes  
**FORTH REPLACEMENT CROSSING** | Transport Scotland  
**FULK DE BREAUDE'S CASTLE, LUTON** | University of Bedfordshire + Davis Langdon (AECOM)  
**FURNESS ABBEY, BARROW-IN-FURNESS** | English Heritage  
**HAVERHILL RESEARCH PARK** | Carisbrooke Investments Ltd + Davis Langdon (AECOM)  
**HEREFORD CATHEDRAL LANDSCAPING** | C. J. Bayliss

**IPSWICH CHORD** | ARUP + Spencer Group  
**ISLAY ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM, NORTH CHANNEL** | SSE Renewables  
**IRELAND / UK EIRGRID EAST – WEST INTERCONNECTOR, IRISH SEA** | Eirgrid PLC  
**JAMESTOWN WHARF IMPROVEMENTS, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC** | St Helena Government  
**LONDON BRIDGE TRAIN STATION** | VINCI + Network Rail  
**M74 COMPLETION PROJECT, GLASGOW** | Glasgow City Council  
**M80, GLASGOW** | Transport Scotland  
**PERSHORE ABBEY, WORCESTERSHIRE** | Diocese of Worcester  
**ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND WORLD HEADQUARTERS, EDINBURGH** | Royal Bank of Scotland  
**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, EDINBURGH** | Scottish Executive  
**STAFFORDSHIRE AREA IMPROVEMENTS** | Staffordshire Alliance  
**TRITON KNOLL OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION WORKS, NORTH SEA** | RWE Renewables  
**WOBURN GOLF CLUB, HORSEMOOR RESERVOIR** | The Bedford Estate

## RESOURCING / MOBILISATION CAPABILITIES

The most important factor in resourcing an archaeological project is getting the right blend of supervisory and management staff with sound commercial thinking. It is in the nature of archaeology that it is not always possible to predict what will be found and this can have time and cost implications for a construction programme. Minimising such delays depends on the experience of our managers and site staff and on the ability of their company to provide them with the resources they need.

A specific part of Headland's response to the recession has been to retain its experienced permanent staff and continued investment in training. The majority of Headland's permanent

field staff have supervisory experience on major energy and infrastructure projects, as well as considerable experience in producing client reports. Their knowledge of the company's procedures and systems is a great asset in the prompt delivery of a quality product.

Our fully resourced regional offices mean we can react to the needs of our clients rapidly, providing appropriate numbers of staff including our in-house specialists at short notice, either to provide advice on site or undertake monitoring, where necessary. Similarly, in the event of further mitigation, we have the capacity to deploy multiple field teams, if required, at a short notice.

To ensure consistent delivery and ease of contact we ensure that there is a named manager responsible for each project. This means our clients know who they are talking to and can rely on the advice being provided. A strong working relationship can be developed which allows for quick decisions, with the flexibility to deal with problems as they arise. Our integrated service also allows us to undertake the full scope of archaeological requirements in house, from the planning stages of a project, right through to completion including specialist assessment and publication. This enables to complete our reporting requirements within the given timetable.

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