



**Heritage Crime Special Interest Group AGM**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2pm

Online – Teams meeting

**AGM Minutes**

**Present:** Aisling Nash (Treasurer), Alex Bliss (Secretary), Alison James (Ordinary Committee Member), Jonathan Berry (Ordinary Committee Member), Jonathan Gladwin (Ordinary Committee Member), Paul Jeffery (Chair), Peter Reavill (Ordinary Committee Member)

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p><b>1. Welcome by the Chair</b> PJ opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to the inaugural AGM of the Heritage Crime SIG.</p>	
<p><b>2. Introductions to the forming committee</b> Each member of the committee introduced themselves with a short biography of their experience and interest in heritage crime.</p>	
<p><b>3. Confirmation of the committee</b> The committee was confirmed through holding a vote. All members of the forming committee were confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>4. Why Heritage Crime and why now? – Paul Jeffery of Historic England and Chair</b> PJ provided background and context for why the Heritage Crime Special Interest Group has been formed.</p>	
<p><b>5. My Heritage Crime Story – Andy Bliss, consultant and former Chief Constable</b> AB went through case studies of successful investigations into a variety of heritage crime. AB also highlighted Heritage Watch, an initiative to combat heritage crime.</p>	
<p><b>6. My Heritage Crime Story – Peter Reavill, HER Officer at Herefordshire County Council</b> PR went through his involvement in heritage crime investigations from an archaeologist’s perspective.</p>	

7.	<p><b>What Next? The 3-year Plan and Future Events – Aisling Nash of MSDS Marine and Treasurer</b> AN went through the draft 3-year plan which included activities such as hosting or attending a session at the CifA 2024 Conference.</p>	The committee will take forward different points in the 3-year plan.
8.	<p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b> PJ chaired a Q&amp;A session which developed into a discussion with attendees.  Discussion points were not recorded.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Final thoughts – Paul Jeffery, Chair</b> PJ closed the AGM by thanking everyone for attending and outlining the group’s aims for the next year.</p>	