

CIfA AREA AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORTS 2023 - 2024

CIfA has 20 area and special interest groups bringing together professionals with specific historic environment interests. Most groups produce regular newsletters and run training events. Groups represent specialist views to CIfA via representation on the Advisory Council and offer advice on issues which have a specific relevance to their subject/geographical area.

All our groups have provided annual updates on their activities.

Information about all our Groups is on the CIfA website at <https://www.archaeologists.net/groups>

Area and Special Interest Group membership breakdown

Statistics accurate as of 16 August 2024

2023 - 2024	Group member data							
Group	Hon MCIfA	MCIfA	ACIfA	PCIfA	Affiliate	Student	SIG-only members	Total
Archives	0	244	135	171	86	45	25	706
Buildings	3	479	214	155	90	33	4	978
Community	1	373	192	246	115	69	2	998
Diggers' Forum	0	260	230	277	91	29	2	889
Early Careers	0	66	73	156	141	335	6	777
Finds	0	369	199	319	119	50	20	1076
Forensic	1	138	114	183	81	44	3	564
Graphics	2	221	122	164	56	23	5	593
Heritage Crime	0	75	49	64	25	28	12	253
Human Osteo	1	89	73	159	61	50	6	439
Info Man	0	230	95	104	57	13	0	499
International	1	273	122	130	49	23	0	598
Landscape	0	50	21	25	9	10	4	119
Marine	1	162	87	137	50	35	0	472
Project Man	0	434	192	133	58	20	0	837
RIG	0	443	206	214	80	46	2	991
London	0	213	128	142	70	32	0	585
Scottish	2	229	121	134	38	32	0	556
Wales	1	181	86	86	33	18	0	405
Deutschland	0	49	33	30	27	6	0	145

[Archaeological Archives Group](#)

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Committee members	<p>This year, we welcomed several new members to the Archaeological Archives Group committee that bring with them valuable knowledge on various aspects of the archival process.</p> <p>Samantha Paul (Chair) Victoria Sands (Secretary) [previously Committee Member] Helen Parslow (Treasurer) Hazel O'Neill Jess Irwin Kerry Whitehouse [New Committee Member] Teagan Zoldoske [New Committee Member] Jasmine Tomys [New Committee Member] Katherine Hamilton (Advisor) [New Committee Member]</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Between August 2023 to July 2024, the Committee met in September, January, April, and May. Additionally, some of the Committee met in February to discuss social media engagement.</p> <p>This year, the centre of our meetings has been our annual day conference and AGM, which is normally held in September every year. We discuss topics, venues, and travel, to ensure that we create an engaging and informative programme for attendees.</p> <p>In addition to this, we spend time answering archive-related enquiries and discussing current practice. Due to our various geographic locations, we consider regional differences in archive guidelines and processes.</p>							
Activities and events	<p>On Thursday 28 September 2023, we were pleased to host a hybrid day conference titled: <i>'...more what you'd call guidelines than actual rules': Do we agree on how we implement finds management Standards and guidance, from field to future archive?</i> This was run in collaboration with the CifA Finds Group, at Castle House, Newark. It covered several topics including Standard and guidance, finds practices, and issues within this. We were delighted that the conference had c60 attendees in person, and c40 online, with some excellent conversation and debate on the day. Many thanks to the organisers, speakers and all that attended!</p> <p>The sessions from this conference are available to watch at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCQpIffE5Y9HZ87a9_q8j_fcuzW66YIJo</p> <p>Members of our committee also attended the CifA annual conference.</p>							

<p>Group communication</p>	<p>Cifa Archaeological Archives Group communicates with its members via the Cifa website and social media channels Facebook and X (formerly Twitter). Facebook currently has 2802 followers, and X has 504 followers.</p> <p>This year, we added to our Cifa website page by including blurbs about committee members. We also engaged with social media initiatives such as #ExploreYourArchive.</p> <p>We also conducted a member survey, of which we are currently analysing the results for.</p> <p>For updates on the group’s activities see our Facebook and X pages: https://www.facebook.com/ArchaeologicalArchivesGroup https://x.com/ifa_archives</p>
<p>Other pieces of work</p>	<p>The Archaeological Archives Group Committee have been involved in several projects over the year, including advice and consultation.</p> <p>For example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we responded to email queries about best practice for paper and digital archiving. • members of our committee provided representation on the <i>OASIS V Project Management Board</i>. Members also attended the Advisory Council meeting • committee members gave individual feedback on the Transfer of Title Toolkit and Model Contract. <p>In addition to this, we are currently reviewing the Cifa archaeological archives specialist competence matrix.</p>
<p>Plans for the next year</p>	<p>Our next day conference <i>Celebrating archaeological archives</i> will be held on Thursday 26 September 2024 at The Archaeological Resource Centre (The ARC), Northamptonshire. The theme for this year's archaeological archives conference will be getting back to basics and reminding ourselves why we all get together in the first place - to share good practice and celebrate archaeological archives!</p> <p>We are currently also analysing the results of our member survey and will use these to select an appropriate current topic for a tea break discussion. This tea break will be held in 2025.</p>



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Committee meetings and AGM	<p>We met four times and focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> restarting the newsletter setting up a group LinkedIn page that enables us to post about events and other news and topics of relevance how to engage with the new Groups Community Hub issues with assessment of significance, which will feed into future sessions with members updating the buildings specialist competence matrix initial feedback into redrafting of Standard and guidance for the archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures 																
Group communication	<p>We produced a newsletter for Spring 2024 and are planning a new format to commence later in 2024.</p> <p>We contributed to CifA Client Guide 2022 with the theme of buildings archaeology and development with case studies on industrial archaeology on Teesside, archaeology in the context of a listed building in the Lake District and a strategic approach to adaptive reuse</p> <p>https://www.buildingconservation.com/books/cifa/index.html</p>																

Plans for the next year	Our popular tea break sessions and potentially CPD training/ seminars will commence in September 2024 to cover themes of interest to professionals including assessment of significance and training for building recording.
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Committee members	<p>Jessica Lowther – Chair (appointed 2023) Frank Giecco – Treasurer (appointed 2024) Nina O’Hare – Secretary Sarah-Jane Farr Emily Johnston Mike Nevell Dickie Bennett Perry Gardner (joined 2024) Richard McConnell (joined 2024)</p> <p>At a committee level, there have been several changes over the last year as we welcomed Perry Gardner, Richard McConnell and Frank Giecco to the committee and said goodbye to two long-serving members – James Brown and Clemency Cooper. Thank you for all your contributions to the Group’s work over the years.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Committee meeting dates 9 August 2023 14 September 2023 6 November 2023 1 January 2024 27 February 2024 30 April 2024 29 May 2024 31 July 2024</p> <p>Upcoming AGM: 24 September 2024, 2-3pm online.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>The last year has seen the completion and released of CifA’s Toolkit for Public Engagement. The toolkit aims help embed meaningful public engagement within archaeological projects, especially those that are development-led. It was produced by DigVentures, with funding from Historic England, in response to sector needs identified by the Community Archaeology Group. We were pleased to see it launched at CifA’s annual conference in April. Since then, the Group has assisted DigVentures with an introductory session to the toolkit and presented it to ALGAO at their AGM. We hope that the toolkit will be a useful resource that can grow as the sector evolves.</p>																

	<p>The other key focus for the Group this year has been the community archaeology competency matrix. This was created by the Group several years ago, so ClfA's review of all specialist competency matrices has proved a timely point to assess how the community archaeology matrix has been used and whether any adjustments are needed.</p> <p>A survey was undertaken in February to find out how widely known and used the specialist matrix is by group members. Many thanks to those who responded – we really valued hearing your answers and experiences. This highlighted that better awareness of what the matrix is and how it can be used is needed. As a result, a tea break session was held in July with Lianne Birney from ClfA. This gave people an opportunity to find out more about it, as well as ask questions.</p>
<p>Plans for the next year</p>	<p>Looking forward, we are about to renew our 3-year plan, so will be considering what to focus on next and how to build on the Group's work to date.</p>

<p>Member number updates</p>	<p>As of 31 July 2024, CifA Deutschland has 119 members. Of these 45 in Germany, 69 in the UK and 5 in other countries.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 555 1426 689"> <thead> <tr> <th>Hon MCifA</th> <th>MCifA</th> <th>ACifA</th> <th>PCifA</th> <th>Affiliate</th> <th>Student</th> <th>SIG-only members</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>49</td> <td>33</td> <td>30</td> <td>27</td> <td>6</td> <td>0</td> <td>145</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Hon MCifA	MCifA	ACifA	PCifA	Affiliate	Student	SIG-only members	Total	0	49	33	30	27	6	0	145
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<p>Committee members</p>	<p>Michaela Schauer, chair Clara Drummer, secretary Michael Franz, treasurer Sascha Piffko, ordinary committee member Frank Siegmund, ordinary committee member Manuel Mietz, ordinary committee member Sarah Wolff, ordinary committee member Hendrik Hofmann, ordinary committee member</p> <p>Note: We will hold committee elections at the group AGM in September because the terms of all committee members are up this year.</p>																
<p>Committee meetings and AGM</p>	<p>At the 2023 AGM the Lohnuntergrenzen (salary benchmarks) for Germany for 2024 were accepted by the members present and the group constitutions were amended. Furthermore, it was decided to no longer use the term “Gütezeichen für Archäologie” for the RO scheme but rather use the more direct translation “Registrierte Organisationen” in future. The RO Regulations were amended accordingly to reflect this change.</p> <p>Over the course of the year, the group committee met regularly once per month online and once in person (March 2024).</p>																
<p>Activities and events</p>	<p>On 9 September 2023, we held our Group AGM online via Zoom.</p> <p>Between 25 and 29 September 2023, we represented CifA at the conference of the West- und Südwestdeutschen Verbands für Alttertumsforschung (WSVA) in Tübingen.</p> <p>Between 17 October 2023 and 6 February 2024, CifA Deutschland and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte (DGUF) once again hosted their popular online lecture series for archaeology students, which consisted of five lectures, covers a wide range of topics and provides students with relevant information for launching a successful career in archaeology.</p> <p>Between November 2023 and June 2024, CifA Deutschland offered four informal German language accreditation workshops to help German applicants navigate the application process.</p>																

	<p>On 17 February 2024, ClfA Deutschland and DGUF hosted the online conference Das Archäologische Jahr (A year in archaeology), which highlighted archaeological work and research carried out in Germany in 2023. The event (https://dguf.de/tagungen/das-archaeologische-jahr) was free to attend and open to anyone.</p> <p>On 30 April 2024, we were invited to represent ClfA at a career’s day organised by students of the University of Tübingen.</p> <p>On 11 May 2024 we held our annual conference in Frankfurt am Main. The event consisted mainly of workshops and discussion groups rather than the typical academic papers and covered a range of topics such as employee rights, health and safety at work, employment contracts, communication and conflict resolution. The event and the format were well received.</p> <p>In addition, the ClfA Deutschland employee and commercial companies working groups held regular meetings throughout the year.</p>
Group communication	<p>The ClfA Deutschland committee sent out three newsletters (September 2023, April and July 2024) as well as an end-of-year-letter (December 2023). Aside from that we also sent out emails to inform members of any upcoming events.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of updating our website (https://cifa-deutschland.de/).</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>We have drafted advocacy objectives for Germany as well as a new three-year-plan. The ClfA Deutschland working groups have discussed salary benchmarks for Germany for 2025.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>The ClfA Deutschland AGM 2024 will take place on 14 September (9am – noon CET) via Zoom.</p>

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Committee members	<p>Chair: Martyn Cooper Treasurer: Open (Previously Amy McCabe) Secretary: Héloïse Meziani (Previously open) OCM: Luke Bateson OCM: Tabitha Lawrence OCM: Matevz Groselji OCM: Callum Hall Previously: Eilidh Barr (currently not a CifA member so ineligible) Karl Macrow (stepped down at the last AGM) Amy McCabe (stepped down at the last AGM)</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Our AGM highlighted the lack of engagement with the Diggers' Forum, and the struggle we have had to replace committee members and in particular the key roles within the committee.</p> <p>A follow up meeting has been held where we identified causes and solutions. From this we will be working on rebrand of the Diggers' Forum to create greater engagement and hope to create a resilience plan for the committee.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>The group has struggled with a lack of committee members as such few events have been organised. A vocal presence at the Advisory Council has been ensured and input has been given to new /updated CifA guidance as well as input on the various events throughout the year. A presence at events such as the CifA Conference has been maintained.</p>																
Group communication	<p>Our main communication is through Facebook, we have put out the cold and warm weather guides as well as hosting various CifA posts. We look to expand the offering following the rebrand. https://www.facebook.com/groups/934376823319526/</p>																
Other pieces of work	<p>As a committee and individually we have been involved in the creation of the new CifA Code of conduct as well as inputting into the updated fieldwork standards and guidance.</p>																
Plans for the next year	<p>We hope to hold the AGM in late September/early October. At this point Martyn will step down as chair, we will need at least one new committee member, as well as someone to take on the role of Chair and treasurer.</p> <p>We are kicking off a program of rebranding to better reflect the needs of the current fieldwork archaeologist and will keep everyone up to date with our progress.</p>																



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	Jessica Elleray (Chair)		Coopted 22; elected 23		2025		Can be reelected in 2025 for a further 3 year term	
	Tabitha Lawrence (Secretary)		Elected 21; elected 24		2027		Can't be reelected	
	Sarah Botfield (Treasurer)		Coopted 24		2025		Can be reelected	
	Sakshi Surana		Coopted 22; elected 23		2025		Can be reelected in 2025 for a further 3 year term	
	Katie Sanderson		Coopted 23; elected 24		2026		Can be reelected in 2026 for a further 3 year term	
	Gulfareen Kamran Chohdry		Elected 2024		2027		Can be reelected in 2027 for a further 3 year term	
	Emily Moon		Elected 2024		2027		Can be reelected in 2027 for a further 3 year term	
	<p>Sakshi Surana will be co-opted ASAP as the new chair as her accreditation has been successful.</p> <p>Gulfareen Kamran Chohdry is our new social media coordinator.</p> <p>Megan Schlanker, Claire Corkill, Joanna Kirton and Michael D'Aprix are registered as External Advisors to the group and are not in named committee roles.</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	The EC SIG Committee holds meetings every month to discuss our current progress in event planning, communications with CifA, upcoming opportunities for CPD as well as discussions over social media and links to other SIGs or organisations.							

	<p>Meetings are still being held online for accessibility and efficiency. Meetings have adjusted from 8pm start time to 7pm start time. Meetings have tended to overrun in time therefore efforts will be made to reduce meetings to a single hour.</p>
Activities and events	<p>Brief overview of main activities and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2023 - ClfA conference session run by Phil Pollard and Jess Ellerey. Provided Mentoring feedback to Historic England of a potential pilot scheme. • November 2023 - Blog Post with Finds SIG following online collaborative event. • February 2024 - EC SIG survey for salary minima results collated and passed to ClfA. • March 2024 - AGM with new committee successfully voted in. External advisors were also created. • April 2024 - Project Managers SIG Collaborative Event. Possible training event looking at report writing skills. Invitation from ClfA for Representation on Board of Directors. • July 2024 - UAUk attendance at British Museum event with in-person stall. Early Careers and CBA Conference took place, it was the fourth year that we have collaborated with the CBA for the event. Event had over 150 sign ups and numerous live and pre-recorded speakers. Finds Group AGM and Conference. Discussion included opportunity to become involved. • Our chair Sakshi has also been in attendance at Advisory Council meetings whilst committee member Katie has become a member of the ClfA Board. Both positions provide an early careers perspective. • Social media engagement has taken place from August 2023 to August 2024. The role has now been taken over by new committee member Gulfareen with assistance from current chair Sakshi.
Group communication	<p>EC SIG survey for salary minima results collated and passed to ClfA. Results included several comments in addition to survey results.</p> <p>We hope to pass more information and content onto ClfA directly for promotion through their own channels and networks.</p> <p>Social media engagement has increased our outreach to early careers people, although we understand that these followers are not solely made of EC SIG paid members. Our social media posts include polls and surveys which encourage engagement and help to ensure that members' voices are heard. Currently, we have 922 followers on Instagram, 787 members on Facebook and 612 followers on X.</p> <p>Instagram @cifa_ec</p> <p>X @ClfA_EC</p> <p>Facebook ClfA Early Careers Special Interest Group</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>Collaborations have continued with the Council for British Archaeology, Historic England and the Finds SIG. We are planning on continuing to develop links with the Project Management SIG as well as fostering new connections with the London Area Group and the International Practice SIG.</p> <p>We are also in the process of developing a committee policy and guidance document addressing bullying and harassment on social media to support our members online.</p>

	<p>We are also hoping to promote more work and collaborations with university societies across the UK. This promotion will likely take place on our social media.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>We are hoping to add further blog entries CifA Early Career Group Blog – The group for archaeologists starting out in their careers. (wordpress.com)</p> <p>All further plans are in their initial planning stages at present.</p>

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Committee members	<p>Emily Johnson, Chair Imogen Woods, Treasurer Bekky Hillman, Secretary Ruth Beveridge, ordinary member Rachel Cubitt, ordinary member Deborah Fox, ordinary member Peter Guest, ordinary member Laura Ratcliffe, co-opted ordinary member from February 2024 Nicola Rogers, ordinary member stepped down February 2024 Anna Tyacke, ordinary member Mags Felter, advisory only stepping down September 2024</p> <p>The committee in our September 2023 AGM was up to full numbers. Mags Felter, who had stayed on in an advisory position to be our contact with ICON has had to step back from this position. Nicola Rogers sadly stepped down this year. Laura Ratcliffe has co-opted until the AGM in September though we will be looking for a member who will take over our communications which is currently being largely dealt with by Emily.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>28 September 2023 AGM with Archives Group in Newark. 14 November 2023 committee meeting. 29 February 2023 committee meeting. 23 April 2023 committee meeting.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>Following the AGM in September 2023 where we collaborated with The Archive Group to discuss the processing and archive production, we have concentrated our efforts on the crisis that we feel is happening with specialists.</p> <p>Finding a career in finds and the lack of specialist training available is becoming a problem in archaeology. This has taken up the majority of our committee meeting time but has led to the planning of our AGM later this year focussed on helping to combat the specialism gap in archaeology. The AGM will take the form of an online conference and tea break with talks from some of our members and other invited specialists with break out groups to enable virtual networking later in the day.</p> <p>There is also a plan to update some of the toolkits, in particular an update to the Roman coinage toolkit with the hope to enable some training to make the toolkit easier to utilise.</p>																

	<p>Time has also been taken up looking at contacting the ClfA, Historic England and other specialist archaeological groups with the hope of developing a finds specialist training partnerships which will allow the attendees to gain CPD. Alongside this we are constructing a finds course list which will be available to members.</p>
Group communication	<p>We have a growing following on Facebook, which we use to direct followers to training, conferences and articles that are relevant https://www.facebook.com/ClfAFinds?locale=en_GB</p> <p>We also have an annual newsletter which comes out at the beginning of the year with news from the group and pointers to websites, written material and courses that are of interest.</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>Kayt Hawkins and Emily Johnson have been working to make the existing Pottery Standard into a Toolkit. This will be launched at our AGM.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>Launch pottery Toolkit. Continue developing finds Bitesize training. Continue developing relationship with EC group and running further tea breaks.</p>



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Committee members	<p>Robert Janaway - Chair Sabrina Ki - Advisor (previously Secretary) Aidan Harte - Ordinary committee member Dee Hillier - Ordinary committee member Jenny Carey Mikkelsen - Ordinary committee member (new) Deborah Ryder - Ordinary committee member Peter Schofield - Ordinary committee member Madeleine Stephens - Ordinary committee member (new) Alexandria Young - Treasurer Diana Swales - Secretary (new)</p> <p>Outgoing Members stepping down after two 3-years terms of service Alastair Vannan (OCM) Laura Evis (co-opted Treasurer and Advisory Council Rep)</p> <p>Outgoing Members stepping down after one 3-years terms of service Anna Chaussé (co-opted OCM) Sabrina Ki (OCM and co-opted Secretary. Continues to support the committee as an Advisor).</p> <p>We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the committee over the last 12 months for their time and support.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>The AGM was held on 26 January 2024 via Zoom.</p> <p>Spring Meeting was held on 31 July 2024 via Teams.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>We had a very successful session at the ClfA conference last year, and are looking forward to the proposed joint conference next year with Human Osteology SIG. In comparison this has been a quiet year during which we have been getting settled as a committee after a lot of changes at the AGM.</p>																
Group communication	<p>We have a Twitter (X) page, https://x.com/ClfA_FASIG. Although it has been inactive since January 2024, we are hoping to be adding some more content to it in the future and would welcome followers or suggestions for content.</p>																
Other pieces of work	<p>There has been active involvement of the committee members with projects this year. These include ethics questions for the interview questions for the MCIFA progression</p>																

	panel, and a review of the comments of the Expert panel for the Forensic Archaeology Specialist Competence Matrix.
Plans for the next year	A joint conference between the Forensic Archaeology and Human Osteology Special Interest Groups is planned for June 2025. Initial conversations between the groups are advancing.

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<p>Committee members</p>	<p>Since August 2023, the Graphics Archaeology Group has welcomed Hannah Kennedy to the role of Chair and Mark Hoyle to the role of Ordinary Committee Member. Our current committee line-up is as follows:</p> <p>Chair: Hannah Kennedy Secretary: Amy Wright Treasurer: Jonski Millar Ordinary Committee Members: Lesley Collett, Marion Devigne, Mark Hoyle, and Tom Small</p>																
<p>Committee meetings and AGM</p>	<p>Over the last year, we have continued to hold our committee meetings virtually and also held an online AGM in November 2023. It was particularly encouraging to have a number of new group members join us at the AGM to discuss the group's plans.</p>																
<p>Activities and events</p>	<p>In June, we hosted an online talk by the architectural illustrator and digital reconstruction artist, Simon Edwards. Simon discussed some of his recent work, which was included in a permanent exhibition at Perth Museum, looking at the methods and differing workflows involved in producing visual reconstructions. This talk was very well attended, and it was great to see the amount of discussion generated during the following Q&A session. A recording is now available for members to watch on CifA's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg_vboVoMLIU) and we would like to thank Simon for volunteering to share his expertise and experience in such an interesting talk!</p>																
<p>Group communication</p>	<p>Over the last year we've continued to see plenty of engagement on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/GraphicsArchaeologyCifA) which now has 811 members. If you've joined the group more recently, you'll have noticed that we have updated our policy so that joining must be approved by an administrator. This has been done to reduce the amount of unrelated advertisements that were being posted on the page, ensuring that our Facebook group can continue to be a useful resource to members looking for advice, information on events, and engagement with others in the profession.</p> <p>We have now updated our committee's email address to graphicsarchaeologygroup@gmail.com. Our previous email address is no longer regularly monitored; please use our new email address to contact us with any questions that you have!</p>																
<p>Other pieces of work</p>	<p>In October 2023, we published new advice on our website for those who are interested in working as a freelance graphics professional. This page, authored by Committee Member</p>																

	<p>Lesley Collett, provides advice on starting-up costs, freelance rates, and contracts and terms & conditions: www.gag-cifa.org/?page_id=1311</p>
<p>Plans for the next year</p>	<p>Over the next year, we are planning to update our website (www.gag-cifa.org/) to improve accessibility; increase the quantity of members' artwork featured in 'galleries' on our website (www.gag-cifa.org/?cat=2); and begin a review of the existing guidance published on our resource page (www.gag-cifa.org/?page_id=478) to determine whether any updates are required. We are also aiming to consult, revise and approve a standard for archaeological illustration.</p> <p>Our next AGM is provisionally to be held on Saturday 16 November and will include a CPD event – we hope to see you there!</p>



Heritage Crime Group

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Committee members	<p>Chair: Paul Jeffery Secretary: Aisling Nash Treasurer: Annie Partridge Ordinary committee members: Alison James, Jenny Kent, Jonathan Gladwin, Jonathan Berry and Peter Reavill.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>The inaugural AGM was held in May 2023 and was very well attended.</p> <p>A total of 7 committee meetings have been held between March 2023 and June 2024.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>Group leaflet and banner A publicity leaflet was produced for the group which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on what constitutes heritage crime • what is being done to help combat heritage crime • about the Heritage Crime SIG • how to get involved <p>An exhibition banner for the group was also produced which included images of examples of heritage crime and investigations.</p> <p>ClfA Conference 2024 The group applied to host a session at the ClfA conference 2024 and was successful in the application. The session was titled <i>Heritage Crime; prevention, investigation and enforcement developments and opportunities</i></p> <p>The session looked at the legacy of what has been achieved in the area of heritage crime, the current and future areas of threat and at the developing technology and career paths opening up.</p> <p>The session speakers were a combination of archaeologists from a range of backgrounds, police and other enforcement professionals and businesses. The papers included case studies and experience of partnership working from across the UK. Illegal metal detecting, theft of lead and artefacts from churches, damage to historic wrecks along with anti-social behaviour and criminal damage were all explored.</p>																

	<p>The session was very well attended with approximately 60 delegates in the room. All of the papers were well received and generated a lively discussion. The audience included police officers from a number of forces who took an active part in the discussion. The papers have all been recorded and are available to watch through ClfA channels.</p> <p>As well as hosting a session, the group also had an exhibition stand that utilised the newly created banner and leaflets and generated a lot of interest.</p>
Group communication	<p>The group has an X account (@ClfA_HC) which is active and currently has 342 followers. Since the group was set up, a total of 267 posts have been created or shared through this account.</p> <p>The group guest edited issue 122 of The Archaeologist which was published in June 2024. The edition included 11 articles covering case studies of heritage crime from across the UK, how public engagement can help to combat heritage crime and how technology is advancing to aid prevention. The articles have been written by a combination of archaeologists (both terrestrial and marine) and law enforcement officers. Digital copies of The Archaeologist were sent to all ClfA members and paper copies have been sent to our non-ClfA group members.</p> <p>This edition has given the group the opportunity to reach the wider membership and has demonstrated how partnership working between archaeologists and law enforcement is helping to prevent and investigate heritage crime. It is hoped that it will help to grow the group's membership.</p> <p>The group posted an update to membership on the Group page early in 2024. A further update will be posted following the AGM. The aim is to make these quarterly in future.</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>Draft guidance</p> <p>Two of the group committee, Jenny Kent and Jonathan Berry, have been working on draft guidance on volunteering with the police as a Heritage Crime volunteer. The guidance has now been drafted and it is currently with the National Police Chief's Council for consideration and endorsement.</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <p>Initial discussions with ClfA staff have been held to identify how the group can support advocacy and building external partnerships with relevant bodies and professions.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>Survey</p> <p>A short survey will be produced and circulated to the group membership in the next few months. This survey aims to find out what training and guidance the membership would like the group to provide. A link will be posted on the group's ClfA webpage and will also be communicated as a bulletin.</p> <p>Skills matrix</p> <p>One of the aims of the group is to develop a skills matrix aligned with ClfA's current skill matrices. A working group will be formed which will develop this matrix over the next year and it is hoped that this matrix can be used by non-archaeologists eg, law enforcement officers, to gain membership of ClfA at the appropriate level.</p> <p>CPD events</p>

The group aims to hold a CPD event in the next 6 months or so. The topic of this event has yet to be decided but it will be circulated, along with a date, via a group bulletin.

Group collaborations

We are building proposed joint working groups with other ClfA Special Interest Groups. These will include areas of policy or practice where we have a mutual interest. More news to follow shortly.

Case Study Library

We are developing a template to capture case studies from group members to build a resource library on the website. If you think you have an example you are happy to share, please get in touch.

Further awareness raising

A future Heritage crime themed edition of Policy & Practice is currently being considered. We are also identifying opportunities for articles in other professional bodies magazines like the Professional Mountaineer.



Human Osteoarchaeology Group

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Committee members	<p>Sam Tipper (Interim Chair) Nick Baker (Treasurer) Colin Forrestal (Secretary) Jennifer Carey (Ordinary committee member - social media) Sabrina Ki (Ordinary committee member and Advisory Council rep) Milena Grzybowska (Ordinary committee member) Heidi Dawson-Hobbis (Ordinary committee member)</p> <p>At the AGM in May several founding members stepped down from their positions after six years on the committee. These include Sharon Clough (Chair – remains as an advisor to the committee) Clare Randall (Treasurer) Ceri Falys (Secretary) Isobel Curwen (Ordinary committee member - social media) Louise Loe (Ordinary committee member)</p> <p>The current committee would like to extend our thanks to the previous committee for the hard work they had put in to keeping the group running, and for enabling the new committee members to step in.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Discussion points at our committee meetings have included ideas for events moving forward, which are to be taken on by the new committee. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cremated remains workshop in collaboration with the Forensic SIG • share your skeletons – an on-line event encouraging commercial archaeologists to share information on a skeleton that they have excavated/analysed 																
Group communication	<p>We have been working on gathering content for a group newsletter which is planned from September.</p> <p>Facebook group: ClfA Human Osteoarchaeology Group (OsteoSIG) Facebook Twitter feed: ClfA HumanOsteoarch Group (@OsteoSIG) / X</p>																
Other pieces of work	<p>The committee have also been involved with additional pieces of work over the last year, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carrying out a 3-year review of the osteology specialist matrix - a review of sections on human bones for the ClfA publication Guidance on Environmental Archaeology - ADS – OASIS new osteology module that adds keywords to newly uploaded archives to make grey literature more easily accessible for research. Sharon 																

	Clough would like to keep working on this project in association with the new committee
Plans for the next year	<p>We are in the early stages of discussing a join conference in 2025 with the Forensic Archaeology SIG.</p> <p>We are looking to run regular members' café sessions on Zoom, where discussion around a specific topic will enable group members to network and discuss specific human osteo-archaeology topics on a regular basis. The first session is due to run in October 2024.</p>



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Committee members	<p>Michael D'Aprix (Chair) Katie Green (Secretary) Laura O'Connor (Treasurer) Eileen Kerhouant Theodora Anastasiadou Jessica Irwin</p> <p>We currently have space for 2 ordinary members.</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>The group has held four Zoom meetings over the past year including our AGM held in December 2023. At our AGM we thanked Gary Duckers (Secretary & Group Rep) and Simon Parsons for their time and work on the committee as they stepped down as committee members due to term ends. We are pleased that both agreed to provide their services as advisors to the committee when required.</p> <p>The focus of our meetings this year have been the update of our Specialist Competency Matrix, how to better communicate with our members, and the development of a series of IMSIG events for the forthcoming year.</p>							
Activities and events	<p>The group has been developing a series of events for next year that will include 1–2 hour CPD workshops, conference papers and a tea talk. We have not carried out any activities this year while we are still reestablishing the committee and are in a planning stage.</p> <p>The group has however got promotional materials in production, including a banner to take to planned events next year.</p>							
Group communication	<p>This year we have experimented with our social media accounts that we rejuvenated last year. We have set up a group Jamboard for committee members to contribute photos and comments to help aid in social media post generation, but we have struggled with engagement.</p> <p>A key activity this year has been discussing a new strategy to engage with our committee members. We are currently in the process of sending out a mini survey via Cifa to get more information from members about the best ways to reach them.</p> <p>All group members have also been encouraged to join the Knowledge Hub and we will explore this as a communication avenue over the coming year.</p>							
Other pieces of work	<p>The committee has undertaken a significant update to our specialist competency matrix which is currently under review by Cifa before formal changes are implemented. This</p>							

	<p>work has removed some of the ambiguity around our competencies while still remaining flexible for all.</p> <p>Across the year the committee has also been asked to provide comments on several on-going guidance and standard developments such as the 'Archaeologists good practice guide.'</p> <p>Our committee members have been active in their involvement with other CifA groups, including engaging with the Advisory Council and the Groups Forum.</p>
<p>Plans for the next year</p>	<p>We are excited for the forthcoming series of events and activities that we have planned for our group.</p> <p>The first of which will be a series of short CPD Good Data Management hosted by the ADS. We are also looking forward to holding an in-person committee meeting to be combined with committee members attending another event like the CifA innovation festival.</p>



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Committee meetings and AGM	<p>CifA’s International Practice group provides a forum for historic environment professionals working on projects and initiatives based outside of the UK and Republic of Ireland and advises the CifA Advisory Council on issues relevant to international practice of archaeological and cultural heritage management.</p> <p>At the January 2024 AGM the committee was refreshed, with new committee members providing fresh insights and two advisors contributing to developing the group.</p> <p>Meetings have discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - updating the International Practice specialist competence matrix - working in partnership with other CifA groups including the Research & Impact Group (RIG), Heritage Crime and Knowledge Hub 																																																																																																																																																																															

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - considering climate change impacts on tangible heritage and the transmission of intangible heritage, and heritage practitioners' role in supporting natural and conflict disaster recovery undertakings, heritage training and sustainable tourism - exploring opportunities for international partnerships and knowledge exchange with similar professional archaeology and cultural heritage organisations - considering practical approaches to skills training for research and fieldwork conducted in remote locations with challenging terrain and significant cultural differences - planning talks led by invited experts from a range of international organisations - planning expedition workshops, networking and knowledge exchange events - distributing news and information - organising an in-person committee meeting in London in Autumn 2024 (date TBC), with an element that IPSIG members will also be able to attend (e.g. a visit to an exhibition etc.)
Group communication	<p>IPSIG issued a newsletter in December 2024. Meeting minutes are posted on IPSIG's website. News is issued via emails to membership, and the committee post content on the group's X and LinkedIn pages.</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>In Summer 2023 IPSIG published an article in <i>The Archaeologist</i>: considering cross-cultural values and ethical practice, reflections on ClfA's Code of Conduct in the context of international work.</p> <p>In September 2023 members collaborated with the colleagues in the European Association for Archaeologists Community on the Illicit Trade in Cultural Material, co-organising a session and presenting a paper on subsistence looting and providing alternative sources of income at the EAA Annual Conference, Belfast.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>Workshop sharing experiences of planning and going on international expeditions.</p> <p>Exploring international applications of machine learning to a wide variety of landscapes, feature types and terrain.</p> <p>Collaborating with the Heritage Crime and Research and Impact SIGs.</p>

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	0	50	21	25	9	10	4	119
Committee members	<p>Sam Turner (chair) Meike van Lit (treasurer) Brandon Braun (secretary) Kat Hopwood-Lewis (advisory council representative) David Astbury Victoria Bowns Ian Houlston Abi Tompkins Janine Young</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>The LSIG held our forming annual general meeting on 8 May 2024, where the group was introduced and committee members were confirmed.</p> <p>In subsequent meetings, the committee discussions have included the three-year plan and potential events, communications and social media.</p> <p>In upcoming meetings, we will discuss potential event and the three-year plan, to be completed as soon as possible.</p>							
Group communication	<p>The LSIG launched social media accounts in June. Passwords, log in email, and handles have been communicated to the Groups email. The handles are:</p> <p>@cifa_landscape (Instagram & Facebook) @cifa_landscape (X)</p>							



Marine Archaeology Group

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Committee members	<p>Current member names and committee roles, including changes in positions since 2022-2023 report.</p> <p>The following committee members remain on from previous year: Mark James (Chair) Stephanie Said (Secretary) Alison James (Treasurer) Christian Dalton, Claudette Day George Stewart-Phillips Hefin Maera.</p> <p>We welcome two new ordinary committee members: Lauren Tidbury and Terry Newman.</p> <p>Victoria Cooper remains as an advisor.</p> <p>We would like to thank Paolo Croce for his input to MASIG committee member.</p>																							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Over the past year the committee have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supported events with regard celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 continued our involvement in consultations and advocacy, including an open consultation from Historic Environment Scotland on Managing Change – Underwater Heritage guidance document; continued discussions with Heritage Minister regarding ratification of the 2001 UNESCO Convention on Underwater Heritage and recommendations stemming from seminar on the 50th anniversary of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 generated content for social media. ongoing review of the Standard & guidance for nautical archaeological recording and reconstruction (2014) set up a MASIG folder on the Knowledge Hub as a means to share content with committee members, including a list of useful marine archaeology guidance document, image bank and other useful material to share with the wider group. issued a survey to MASIG members in order to understand skills gap in maritime archaeology and what members would like the committee to deliver on attended Cifa 2024 Conference: receiving substantial interest 																							
Group communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Knowledge Hub 																							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• please get in touch if you'd like to share something on our social media platforms (Facebook and 'X')• link to The Archaeologist (February 2024) – theme on 50th Anniversary of PWA 1973 (https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/The%20Archaeologist%20121.pdf)
Plans for the next year	Based on AGM discussion there is an appetite for a MASIG run event targeted at capacity building in Maritime Archaeology. Survey issued to members would feed into this discussion.



[Project Management Group](#)

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Committee members	<p>This year's committee are Charlotte Willis as Chair Sarah Hannon-Bland as Secretary Gillian King as Treasurer Alistair Barclay as Advisor.</p> <p>We are also pleased to say Marie-Claire Rackham-Mann has stayed on as an ordinary committee member and that we have five new ordinary committee members who have joined us. These are Catherine Cavanagh Edward Hawkins Zoe Richardson Joao Saldanha and Ailsa Westgarth.</p>																
Activities and events	<p>The PMSIG has focused this past year on looking at our provision of key project management resources, to update the resources listed on our group webpage.</p> <p>As part of this year's AGM we hosted a successful online lecture which presented the project management issues related to unexpected treasure!</p>																
Group communication	<p>We have launched our Project Management Special Interest Group Newsletter earlier this year and will be sending out another newsletter late this year to help us better engage with our membership.</p>																
Other pieces of work	<p>The committee have been keeping up to date with wider issues that might impact project management in archaeology by attending regular CifA Advisory Council meetings.</p> <p>We are continuing to build upon the previous committee's work to assess the current provision of mentoring and training for early career project managers. We hope to further progress this over the next year.</p>																

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Committee members	<p>Evelyne Godfrey (Chair) Colin Forrestal (Secretary) Katerina Vavaliou John Halsted * Marianne Moedlinger Perry Gardner Daria Dabal Matilda Holmes</p> <p>John Halsted will be standing down at our AGM August 6 2024 and will be replaced with Ermelinda Trinder. We are still without a Treasurer, that role is currently being covered by the Secretary.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>AGM 2/10/23: After the committee meeting in July 2023 where Colin Forrestal was co-opted to secretary, it was necessary to organise the overdue AGM as quickly as possible and re-elect the Chair and elect the secretary and get the committee meeting again. The AGM eventually was held in October due to commitments and was quite well attended, and we were fortunate to have Perry Gardner join it as OCM and we had two further volunteers for OCM who were co-opted next committee meeting. Still, no-one has put themselves forward for Treasurer.</p> <p>CM 14/07/23 – Secretary co-opted, AC Rep to produce a report on AC for AGM. AGM set for 28/08/23. CifA discussed Knowledge Hub, which seems an interesting endeavour.</p> <p>CM 06/11/23 - Co-options of Daria Dabal and Matilda Holmes giving us 6 OCMs. Proposal to do a Heritage Crime workshop in cooperation with Heritage Crime and International Practice groups. Discussions held on the Academic and Environmental matrices. Also, RIG will be submitting an abstract for a session at EAA Rome 2024 on Synthesis.</p> <p>CM 29/01/24 RIG was successful with their application to EAA Rome 2024 and its session #882 however were not successful with the bid for a session at CifA 2024. The details of the combined workshop have been fleshed out and Heritage Crime and International Practice Groups are keen. At one of our new OCM requests we started looking at Standard and guidance and regional plans. The environmental matrix has been passed onto the AEA, and it was decided to make a small working group of OCMs to look at the language in the academic matrix to make it more understandable.</p> <p>CM 18/03/24 Session #882 has been merged with another session on synthesis at EAA Rome 2024 but RIG still keeps control. It was agreed that the Standard and guidance should be reviewed to see if RIG could contribute. On regional plans it seems that Historic</p>																

	<p>England is looking into these as well. The RIG Knowledge Hub has been set up and will be advertised in the Group Newsletter. Concerning the academic matrix, it was felt it was better named if it was the research matrix. Working group hopes to report back next meeting. Business plan has been accepted and is on the website. It was decided to hold an in-person meeting in Glasgow with the GLAS.</p> <p>CM 16/05/24 AGM was set for August 6, to bring the Group back in line with previous AGM's. In-person meeting will be October or November 2024 and will be in Glasgow with GLAS. We will also invite the University archaeology department as well. Review of Standard and guidance highlighted 2 areas, these being Archives and materials as potential areas for amending. The Research Matrix was on its third version, as its basis based on the Dreyfus model was complicating matters.</p>
Activities and events	<p>EAA Rome 2024 - August 2024. In-person meeting Glasgow – October/November 2024 TBC. Heritage crime workshop – with Heritage Crime and International Crime 2025 TBC.</p>
Group communication	<p>RIG have their Knowledge Hub up and running and get new members fairly regularly. RIG have also been producing a Newsletter for group members, which we hope people find useful.</p> <p>The increase in membership of the group is encouraging and reflects RIG's increased communication with group members.</p> <p>RIG does have a Facebook page although it isn't used much https://www.facebook.com/groups/ResImpSIG/</p>
Other pieces of work	<p>As detailed in previous section we are currently reviewing our competency matrix, as well as identifying areas of the ClfA Standard and guidance that we feel should be amended. We are also reviewing regional plans (or lack of them) and are contacting Historic England on this matter, as we feel it would be of advantage to commercial and academic archaeology.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>Our AGM will be on August 6 2024 at 19.00h (BST) by Zoom. We are running a session at EAA Rome 2024 (see previous) and plan a Heritage Crime workshop in 2025.</p>

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	0	213	128	142	70	32	0	585
Committee members	<p>Christina Raede completed her mandate as group Chair in December 2023. The group is currently looking for a new Chair.</p> <p>TBC (Chair) Alice Marconi (Secretary) Alistair Douglas (Treasurer) Richard Morkill - OCM Mike D'Aprix - OCM Jonathan Gladwin - OCM Joss Piper-Jarrett - OCM</p> <p>Josie Parry – OCM coopt</p> <p>David Bowsher (Advisor) Laura Hampden (Advisor) Rob Whytehead (Advisor) Amanda Wintcher (Advisor)</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>The AGM event was hosted by the Alan Baxter Gallery in person and online in September 2023 and it focussed on the topic of mental health in archaeology.</p>							
Activities and events	<p>As a group we regularly meet to discuss events and opportunities. We try to represent our members by contributing to discussions and issues wherever there is a London angle.</p> <p>In August 2023 our LAG meeting was hosted by the Institute of Archaeology at UCL and comprised a talk by Stephen White entitled 'From a Middle Iron Age Settlement to The Red Lion Playhouse and beyond: 2000 years of archaeology in Whitechapel'. Thanks to Archaeology South-East for sponsoring the event.</p> <p>Following the AGM event in September 2023, the group met informally before Christmas to focus on networking and Early Career recruitment.</p> <p>Since the new year, the group went through a period of restructures. Christina Raede completed her mandate as Chair in December 2023 and the group is looking for someone become the new Chair.</p>							
Group communication	<p>We communicate group activities through the CifA official channels and through 1:1 in person promotion of the group and the group calendar and activities.</p>							

	<p>Our aim is to meet regularly, organise events, and be involved in activities that we believe best represent our members. We contribute to discussions and issues wherever there is a London angle. The London Group Committee is always seeking the views and concerns of our members and continued to represent these through our representative at Advisory Council over 23/23.</p>
Plans for the next year	<p>The LAG group has been without a Chair for several months. We tried really hard to involve people outside the group and to find a new Chair, unfortunately we have not been successful.</p>

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	2	229	121	134	38	32	0	556
Committee members	<p>David Connolly (Chair) Lisa Bird (Secretary) Stefan Sagrott (Treasurer) Lindsey Buster Alison Douglas Helena Gray Paul Harrison Heather Kwiatkowski Matt Ritchie Kevin Mooney (Advisor)</p>							
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Our AGM was held on 18 December 2023. During the meeting we discussed the value and challenges of the Scottish Group, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being a regional group had its challenges when devising projects and long-term action plan, in comparison to a SIG. - future meeting could be advertised further through group communications and through local partners to increase engagement and turnout. - SGClfA's previous work with students, including the tea breaks was well attended and beneficial outreach to continue. - further value could be derived by developing the groups mentoring and informal networking offer. - having the space to discuss the point in the group was really healthy and was a topic that should be discussed routinely. 							
Activities and events	<p>We held digital informal lunchtime chats on Zoom to provide a space for members to discuss topics of interest and to get to know other colleagues working in Scotland. These included</p> <p>January 2024 - discussing the CIfA Code of conduct March and May 2024 - Skills and training: responsibilities and requests. What do we need and where do we get it?</p>							
Group communication	<p>Our newsletter was sent to all group members in Summer 2023 and included a huge amount of information to our members. You can read a copy by following this link https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/SGClfA_Newsletter_Summer%202023_v2.pdf</p> <p>Feel free to get in touch with us through our email, secretary.cifa.sg@gmail.com Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/sgcifa/ or X/Twitter https://twitter.com/CIfA_Scottish</p>							

Plans for the next year	We have had a quiet start to 2024, but we are planning to come back stronger after our AGM which we are hoping to run at the end of November 2024.
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Committee members	<p>Cyllene Griffiths (Chair) Zoe Arthurs (Secretary) Jon Berry (Treasurer) Jennifer Richards Andy Seaman Jean-Yves Robic</p> <p>We have vacancies for three ordinary committee members to join us and encourage anyone interested to reach out. Rest assured you would be made very welcome!</p> <p>Ashley Batten, Rachel Morgan and Calli Rouse reached the end of their terms and have stepped down. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication. It has been a pleasure working with you all.</p>																
Committee meetings and AGM	<p>Our AGM was held in November 2023, followed by a workshop focussing on Cadw guardianship projects. This consisted of talks from Ian Millar of Salford Archaeology about their work at Caernarfon, and Ian Brooks of EAS about their work at Porth Mawr and Harlech Castle, and Jon Berry of Cadw on their role in the guardianship of monuments and a case study of Caerphilly Castle.</p>																
Group communication	<p>Twitter: https://twitter.com/ClfA_Wales Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ClfAWalesGroup Member Forum: https://www.facebook.com/groups/cifawalesgroup Group Email: cifa.cymru@gmail.com</p>																
Plans for the next year	<p>We are working on strategies to increase our engagement with students and early careers archaeologists in Wales. If anyone would like to assist us with this endeavour, we would welcome you coming onboard.</p> <p>Mae'r amgylchedd hanesyddol yn adlewyrchiad ffisegol o dreftadaeth ddiwylliannol Cymru – etifeddiaeth werthfawr y mae'n rhaid i ni ofalu amdani a'i throsglwyddo i'n plant er mwyn iddynt ei charu, ei thrysori a'i mwynhau.</p>																