

Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record on the Heritage Gateway

The Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Historic Environment Record (HER) is a constantly changing database of archaeological information, which will be updated on Heritage Gateway every 6 months. The most up-to-date information will only be held by the HER, while that on Heritage Gateway may be slightly out of date due to the updating schedule. The information in the HER database is subject to Intellectual Property Rights, and should not be reproduced in any format without the written permission of Oxfordshire County Council HER staff. Copyright lies with Oxfordshire County Council.

The data held by Oxfordshire's HER covers the four districts within the county that County Archaeological Service has the planning responsibility for: Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse. Oxford City is covered by an Urban Archaeological Database (UAD) which is available on Heritage Gateway.

Data held by the HER includes both paper and digital copies of more than 36,000 monument/building/findspot records, events or archaeological activity records, finds records, and sources. It also contains information on nationally important designated sites (Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, and Registered Battlefields). The HER also has reports, articles, books and journals, as well as associated files, aerial photographs, slides and photographs.

The following points are important to consider when using Oxfordshire's Heritage Gateway data:

- The grid references generally show site locations to the nearest 100 meters.
- Only monuments and buildings are included; other data (for findspots, elements, and landscapes) can be accessed by contacting the HER Officer.
- Because not all HER data is included, the data derived from Heritage Gateway is incomplete for the purposes of desk-based assessments or studies associated with development, planning or land use changes. For these purposes and all other commercial enquiries, please contact the HER officer.
- Although every reasonable effort is made to verify information held within the HER, it is accepted that such records are not definitive since the HER is compiled from a variety of sources, some of which are unchecked. The Oxfordshire HER is enhanced and corrected as new information becomes available, but cannot be accountable for the accuracy of all information contained within it. Users who identify inaccuracies or omissions in the Oxfordshire data are requested to notify the HER Officer, using the hyperlink on Heritage Gateway records.
- The sites included on the Oxfordshire HER and Heritage Gateway are part of a public record, but this does not imply public access, as many of the sites are on private land.

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