

SOME USEFUL REFERENCES FOR FURTHER READING IN WOODLAND ARCHAEOLOGY



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Key Management Guidelines for Woodland Archaeology

- Minimise disturbance to archaeological sites.
- Locate access, extraction routes and footpaths away from archaeologically sensitive areas.
- Before commencement of any work in a wood, identify and mark out the areas of archaeological interest and inform those who will be working in those areas.
- Avoid taking machinery over banks, ditches along old route ways and over known archaeological sites. If this is unavoidable, and depending on the sensitivity of the feature, protect it using brash and only work under dry ground conditions. Remove the brash once the operations have been completed.
- Keep scrub growth on features to a minimum by cutting back (and if necessary spot treat stumps with a Forest Enterprise/English Nature recommended herbicide), rather than pulling up or grubbing out.
- On structural features cut back tree growth and seek advice from an archaeologist (County or English Heritage) on its consolidation (if necessary) of the fabric.
- When replanting avoid any archaeological sites and also pollards (which require light and a free and unimpeded crown to flourish).
- Do not erect fencing on wood banks or other earthwork features. Avoid siting pheasant release pens over known archaeological sites. Locate feeding areas away from archaeological sites.