

What?

- Archaeology is the scientific study of human history and early history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of physical remains. Where no other records exist, it is often the only source of information about the previous occupation of areas; from the earliest inhabitants to recent times.



Why?

- Valuable and irreplaceable archaeological remains can easily be damaged or lost forever.
- It is illegal to disturb human remains, remove treasure and to damage certain monuments and historical structures or buildings.



Do ✓

- ✓ Stop work if anything is found that might be archaeological and report it
- ✓ Fence off that part of the site which may contain any archaeological artefacts



Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't remove any 'finds' such as coins, pottery, or bones from the site – it is illegal
- ✗ Don't use vibrating equipment as this may cause cracking
- ✗ Don't drive vehicles through protected sites or assume that any artefacts or features discovered are unimportant

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