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## Abbreviations and glossary

ADS Archaeology Data Service

MLA Museums, Libraries and Archives Council

SMA The Society of Museum Archaeologists

An **archaeological archive** consists of the finds and records which result from archaeological fieldwork. The finds can include whole or fragmentary objects made of ceramic, stone, glass, metal, bone, wood, leather etc. Finds may be manufactured objects or evidence for environmental conditions including preserved seeds, bone, and other organic remains. The records usually include paper records, but may also include photographic materials and digital material including photographs, databases and other computer files.

**Planning Archaeologists** usually work for a local authority as part of the system of development control. They monitor planning applications and write briefs for archaeological work carried out in the context of development for housing, industry, infrastructure etc. It is common practice for briefs to include recommendations about appropriate deposition of the archaeological archive resulting from a project.

## 1 Introduction

The Society of Museum Archaeologists received a grant from MLA in 2005 to complete the Archaeology Collecting Areas Project. The first stage of this work was carried out by Val Bott, a museum consultant, in 2002-03, and resulted in a map and linked database published on the ADS website (ADS 2003), together with a report (Bott 2003).

The scope of the present project was set out in the project brief, an extract from which forms Appendix 1 below. The aims of the project were to:

- Review material from existing collecting areas survey and report.
- Prepare a revised map of museum archaeology collecting areas for England.
- Prepare an updated map and database for inclusion on the ADS and SMA website.
- Prepare the rough artwork for a hardcopy map of museum collecting areas.
- Prepare a written report on where there are gaps or overlaps in museum collecting areas.

The project was carried out by Rachel Edwards in consultation with Hedley Swain acting as Project Manager for the Society of Museum Archaeologists.

## 2 Methods

A review of the 2002-03 survey revealed that there were a number of areas of overlaps or gaps between collections. It was also apparent that boundary changes or policy changes meant that the 2002-03 results would need to be confirmed.

It was initially hoped that the survey could be completed by contacting a limited number of individual museum curators, through SMA Committee contacts, and in person at the SMA conference in November 2005. It quickly became apparent that this would not produce sufficiently clear and reliable information to achieve the project aims, so it was agreed that a brief questionnaire would be circulated to all those museums identified as collecting archaeological archives in 2002-03.

The questionnaire and covering letter (reproduced as Appendix 2) were drawn up in consultation with the Project Manager. The 2002-03 survey had indicated some confusion amongst respondents about the nature of 'archaeological archives', so this was clarified in the 2006 survey, and clearly differentiated from casual archaeological finds brought in to museums. Part 2 of the questionnaire asked additional questions about issues and any problems relating to the acceptance of archaeological archives.

The questionnaires were circulated by post, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for return, to 152 museums and other organisations identified as collecting archives in 2003. Eighty-seven replies were received by the deadline of 10 February 2006. Reminders accompanied by an email version of the questionnaire and covering letter were sent to 68 museums, followed by reminder emails and follow-up telephone calls.

Data were added to a map of current local authority boundaries (Figure 1) as questionnaires were returned. This revealed omissions in the circulation list of museums. Some areas were no longer covered by the museums identified in 2002-3. In other areas it became apparent that the situation was more complex than it had appeared. An example is the case of Surrey, where Guildford Museum reported that it covered the whole county. It subsequently emerged there are several small

museums covering discrete areas and local authority districts within the county. As a result, it was necessary to contact over thirty additional museums across the country, some by email, others, in the final stages, by telephone. In a few areas it was necessary to contact the local Planning Archaeologists in order to establish where archives should be sent. The final number of museums or other collecting bodies contacted came to about 190. It remains possible that some museums which collect archaeological archives have not been identified.

It proved difficult to establish a definitive list of relevant museums. The list of 176 museums and other collecting bodies in Appendix 3 includes some which responded to the effect that they do not collect archives, some which are now unable to collect archives, and others which now defer to another museum (eg some London boroughs). In some cases no response has been received, but the museum is still considered potentially relevant.

### **3 Results**

#### **3.1 Maps**

As replies were received, results relating to collecting areas were recorded on a base map of England with boundaries for the current local authority Districts, Counties and Unitary Authorities.

Archaeological collecting areas are mapped on Figures 1–4. Dark areas represent areas for which there is no collecting museum at present. Cross-hatched areas indicate overlapping collecting areas. Intermittent hatching indicates grey areas which are either not reliably covered, or where definite information proved impossible to obtain.

Areas where museum storage presents difficulties are summarised on Figure 5. Black areas indicate that no museum can accept archives, red areas indicate that storage space is full or very limited, and orange areas identify the areas where storage space was reported to be limited.

The mapping provides a visual summary of the results of the survey, and is the clearest way to represent some of the more complicated situations found in some areas of the country.

#### **3.2 Database**

The database of results was compiled in Access. This consists of a table listing museums and collecting bodies with their telephone numbers, noting museums which do not collect archives, and whether they were contacted directly for this survey. This is reproduced as Appendix 3. Of the 176 museums listed, 161 were contacted directly, and the details of the remaining 15 were established by reports from adjacent museum curators, from information provided by Museum Development Officers, or from written and agreed collecting policies for areas where these were provided.

A second table lists current local authority districts, unitary authorities and counties, and identifies up to four museums which collect from each, with brief explanatory notes where needed, for example to identify overlaps in collecting areas, or agreed geographical boundaries between museums' collecting areas. This has been reproduced as Appendix 4. Twenty-one districts or unitary authorities are not covered by any museum or collecting body; 277 are covered by a single museum; 43 by two; five by three, and two districts are covered by four museums. In some cases coverage by multiple museums indicates cross-collecting (see below), but in other

cases, a single district or unitary authority may be covered by several museums in agreement.

A number of museums have collecting areas which do not correspond with modern district boundaries, which is less easy to indicate on a database than on a map. Some collecting areas follow former administrative boundary lines (eg East and West Suffolk); others use parish boundaries (eg parts of Derbyshire, and East and West Sussex) and others use geographical features such as rivers.

### **3.3 *Commentary on collecting areas***

#### ***Gaps in coverage***

The mapping exercise has revealed a number of gaps between collecting areas, where there is no museum able to collect archaeological archives. These include Allerdale in Cumbria; Calderdale in West Yorkshire; several districts in Nottinghamshire; the Unitary Authority of Telford and Wrekin; Walsall, Wolverhampton and Solihull in the West Midlands; much of Northamptonshire; part of Basildon in Essex, and several districts in Kent.

The mapping revealed a gap in coverage in Devon in a county which otherwise has good coverage, and where curators were unaware of any gaps. This was drawn to the attention of one of the museums, and collecting areas are to be adjusted accordingly. This area has been left blank on the map.

Five Nottinghamshire districts are not covered at all, with only partial coverage for Newark and Sherwood district, where storage was reported to be a significant problem in 2002. Nottingham City Museums and Galleries try to take material if possible, although Nottingham City is now a separate Unitary Authority from the rest of the county. Material from Scheduled Ancient Monuments is prioritised for collection, but storage is a real problem, so Nottingham City Museum cannot be considered to be a museum of last resort for the county as a whole.

The majority of Northamptonshire is not covered. The only districts with museums collecting archives are Northampton and Kettering. There were indications that there might be a temporary reprieve for some districts, but the position is currently unclear. This would have a significant effect on the collecting of archives which will result from increased development expected as a result of the designation of the South Midlands Development Area. This designation also affected the predictions which had been made about future growth of archives in Northamptonshire, so best efforts to predict future space requirements have been rendered ineffective.

Four of the six West Midlands boroughs are not fully covered. Dudley is considered to be partly covered, because the archaeologists in Dudley Historic Environment Team collect archives from the borough in the absence of any museum to hold the material, but with the aim of keeping archives within the borough. It was acknowledged that this was far from an ideal situation, and that it was not appropriate for fragile materials.

In Kent, Shepway was previously covered by Folkestone Museum, but this has now been closed, and the questionnaire stated that the museum could not now collect archives. A new museum is being built in Sevenoaks district, but this is now expected to have limited space for archaeological archives. The districts of Gravesham and Tonbridge and Malling are not covered, nor is the unitary authority of Medway, as the Guildhall Museum in Rochester reported its storage space to be 'full and overflowing'. The district of Swale is only partly covered. Discussions are under way

about an archaeological store to cover the whole of Kent, but this will not be achieved for some considerable time. The pressure is increased by the volume of development in the county, including both designated development areas for housing and major infrastructure projects, in particular the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

### **Overlaps in coverage – cross-collecting**

The maps also reveal cross-collecting, where collecting areas of two museums overlap. Overlapping collecting areas are not necessarily a problem, as in many cases there is some overlap by agreement, and both parties are clear and in agreement about which is the preferred collecting museum and under what circumstances. However, there are other cases where collecting areas are known to overlap and not all parties are in agreement. The survey identified a few cases where the questionnaire responses indicate that although there is cross-collecting, the museums concerned are unaware of this fact.

In a few cases cross-collecting related to finds of different periods within an overlapping area, for example the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester has agreed with the Manchester Museum to collect archaeological archives relating to post-medieval industrial period sites, with archives relating to other periods going to the Manchester Museum.

In many cases there are small overlaps relating to sites whose finds have historically been collected by a museum outside the local area, for example by a national museum or the museum of a university carrying out archaeological fieldwork. This type of overlap is not possible to map effectively, but is unlikely to present problems to fieldworkers, since work on such sites is likely to be carried out in the context of the previous investigations and their documented and deposited archives. Whilst small overlaps of this type were reported by some museums, undoubtedly many respondents did not report existing and agreed site-based overlaps.

The National Trust was cited as an organisation whose role in collecting archaeological archives overlaps with that reported by several respondents. Again, it appears likely that this situation may be repeated across the country, but was not reported by all relevant respondents. In this case also, it is unlikely to present problems in practice for archaeological organisations planning or carrying out fieldwork, as the ownership of the site by the National Trust will be clear in relation to the work to be undertaken.

### **Grey areas**

The situation in some areas remained unclear.

County Durham and the Unitary Authority of Darlington were formerly covered by the Bowes Museum in Durham, supported by staff time provided by the Durham County Council Archaeological Service. Both organisations appear to be under pressure, and it is not entirely clear that archives can be accepted at Bowes Museum, although no obvious alternative exists.

The Manchester Museum was identified in 2002-3 as covering the districts of Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan if the Manchester Archaeological Unit had carried out fieldwork. However, Salford Museum does wish to collect archives, although space is at a premium, and Bury may also be covered. It is no longer clear whether Manchester Museum can continue to take material from outside its own district. The curator is relatively new to his post and has yet to clarify this issue.

### ***Consistency of coverage***

One respondent commented that he would have preferred to be able to answer 'sometimes' to the question of whether the museum accepts archaeological archives. Not all museums have the capacity automatically to accept any and every archaeological archive from fieldwork within their collecting area. If there is no curator with archaeological expertise, it can be difficult for appropriate decisions to be made on whether to accept archives. In a few cases, curators indicated that they might only wish to accept material suitable for display from an archaeological archive.

In a very few areas (about 1%) artefacts are stored in a museum and paper and other records in a record office or other archive store.

### ***Coverage agreements***

A significant number of museums have not yet formally agreed geographical collecting areas with their neighbours, although this is required for museum accreditation.

Several areas reported that they were about to agree or in the process of agreeing coverage between adjacent museums. Museums in Gloucestershire were about to hold a meeting, and museums in Ryedale in North Yorkshire were hoping to arrange a meeting soon.

It has proved difficult for museums to clarify coverage in North Yorkshire. A meeting was held in 2005 (A Morrison pers comm), but the results of this have not been circulated yet, and were not available in map form or as clear descriptions for this survey.

## ***3.4 Issues relating to archaeological collections***

The second part of the survey asked for optional additional information relating to archaeological collections.

Respondents were asked about problems in practice with accepting archaeological archives. The most frequently-identified issues were as follows:

Around two thirds of respondents reported that **limited storage space** was a serious concern in relation to archaeological archives. A minority reported that stores were full (about 7%). Some museums reported that problems with storage space prevented acceptance of archives, some reported that only small archives could be accepted, and others indicated that selection criteria would influence acceptance. In some cases the examples of selection criteria given indicated that the respondent did not understand the nature and research potential of an archaeological archive.

It was noted that anticipated storage requirements could be changed dramatically by increases in the number of archaeological projects associated with housing or commercial development in the local area, or by large infrastructure projects such as airports or rail links.

**Lack of staff time to accession material** was a problem for about a third of respondents. Some reported that accessioning was kept to a minimum as a result.

About a fifth of respondents identified the **lack of archaeological curators** as a problem. Several small independent volunteer-run museums highlighted this as an issue. It seemed possible from responses that some museums which did not have an archaeological curator were unaware of the significance of that lack.



Relatively few museums found the **lack of conservation expertise** to be a problem (about 8%). This either indicates that there is a good network of advice available, or that there are significant conservation problems lurking in the archaeological archives of England.

Around a fifth of respondents reported that **archives were not prepared to appropriate standards before being deposited** at museums. It is possible that the lack of time for accessioning material may mask a higher proportion of archives which do not meet appropriate standards.

**Other issues** raised included the following:

The cost of accepting archaeological archives was raised by several respondents. A significant number of museums do not appear to charge a fee per standard box, and the scale of fees seem to vary significantly from one museum to another.

In some areas there is a clear desire to establish regional- or county-based archaeological stores, but funding can be a significant barrier. The non-statutory status of museums can add to the difficulties of attracting political support from councillors at a local level when resources are under pressure.

The appropriate treatment of digital components of archaeological archives was raised. There was concern about the stability of storage media, as well as the frequency of hardware and software developments which may render the digital component of archives unusable within a very few years. The desirability of addressing this issue at a regional or national level was discussed.

In one area a significant landholder will only allow archaeological material to be deposited in museums on loan, but long term loans are now not acceptable under the terms of MLA accreditation. If repeated across the country many archaeological archives will be lost to posterity as a result.

## **4 Conclusions**

The majority of English districts and unitary authorities are covered by a museum which will accept archaeological archives from recent fieldwork. However, in some areas collecting areas overlap, and in some areas no museum can accept archives. Around two thirds of respondents reported that limited storage space was a significant problem in relation to collecting archaeological archives. In some areas this limits acceptance to small archives, or to only a proportion of the archive.

The pressures on museums across England vary considerably. In some areas there are large numbers of archaeological projects, producing large quantities of material and records to be archived. In other areas there are far fewer projects, and archives are significantly smaller due to differences in past material culture and / or differences in survival. A single-size solution will not fit all areas, however, planned increases in development inevitably increase the pressure on museums and other bodies collecting archaeological archives.

Although museum accreditation now requires the definition of collection policies in geographical terms, it is apparent that this has yet to reach all museums and all areas in England. Whilst this is undoubtedly improving the definition of and

agreement about archaeology collecting areas, in some areas gaps or overlaps have survived undetected between mapped collecting areas.

This survey presents the picture of archaeology collecting areas in England in the first few months of 2006. Repeating the survey after just three years has revealed that collecting areas are dynamic, not static. Some changes in coverage have resulted from changes in local authority policy, leading to the closure of some museums, and (occasionally) the opening of others. Some changes in coverage reflect a storage problem which has now become a crisis. Some changes in coverage may have resulted from museum staff changes, perhaps when there is a break between one curator leaving and a new one being appointed, with no clear handover.

Archaeologists are taught to preserve by record what they destroy by excavation. It is this which allows future generations to study material in greater depth, re-examine conclusions, and present a new understanding of the past to the wider public. It is axiomatic that the record, including the finds, from archaeological fieldwork should remain accessible. Museum audiences will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the collection and retention of the finds and records from archaeological fieldwork.

## 5 References

ADS 2003 *Archaeological Collections Areas Database and Map*

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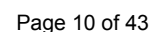
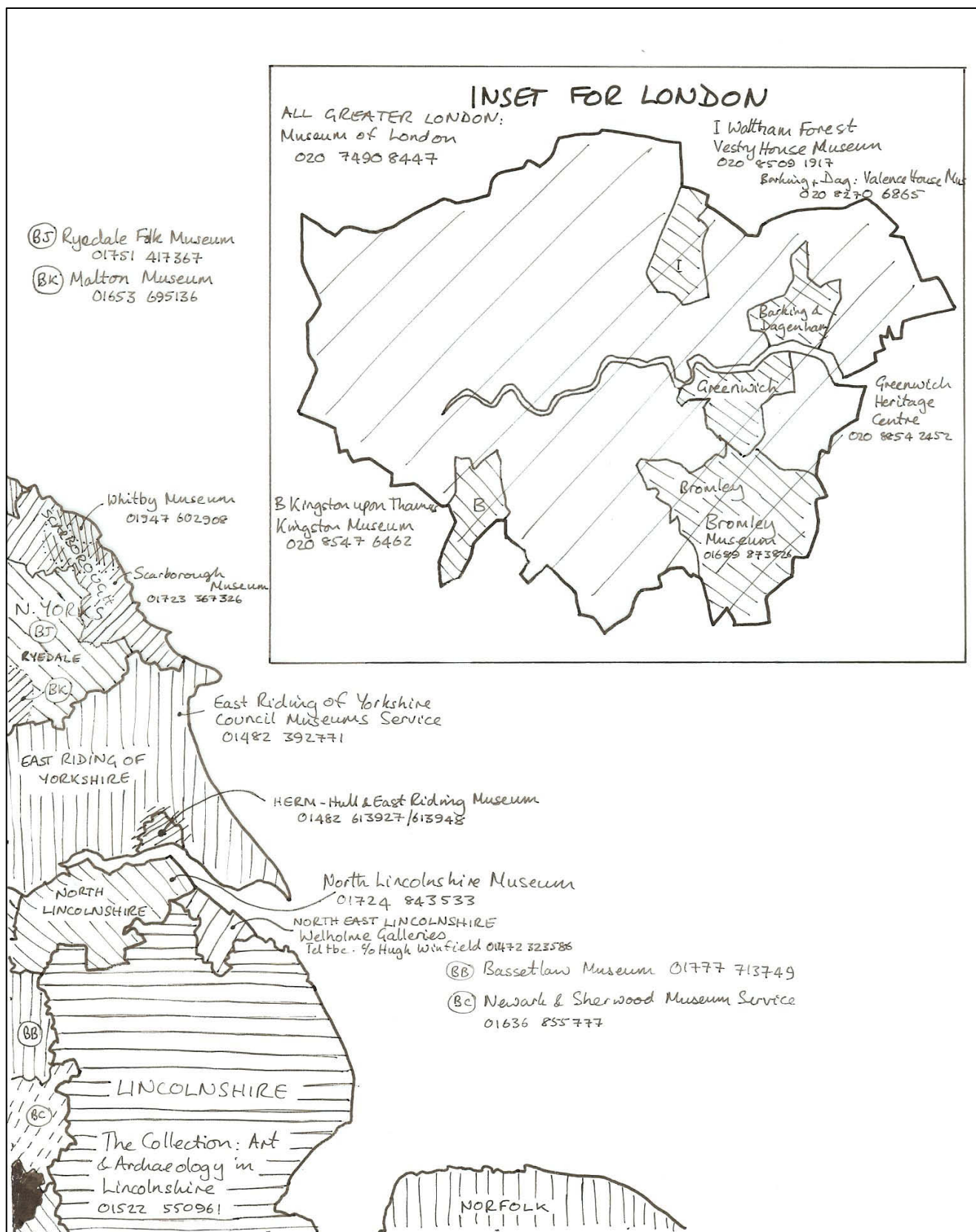
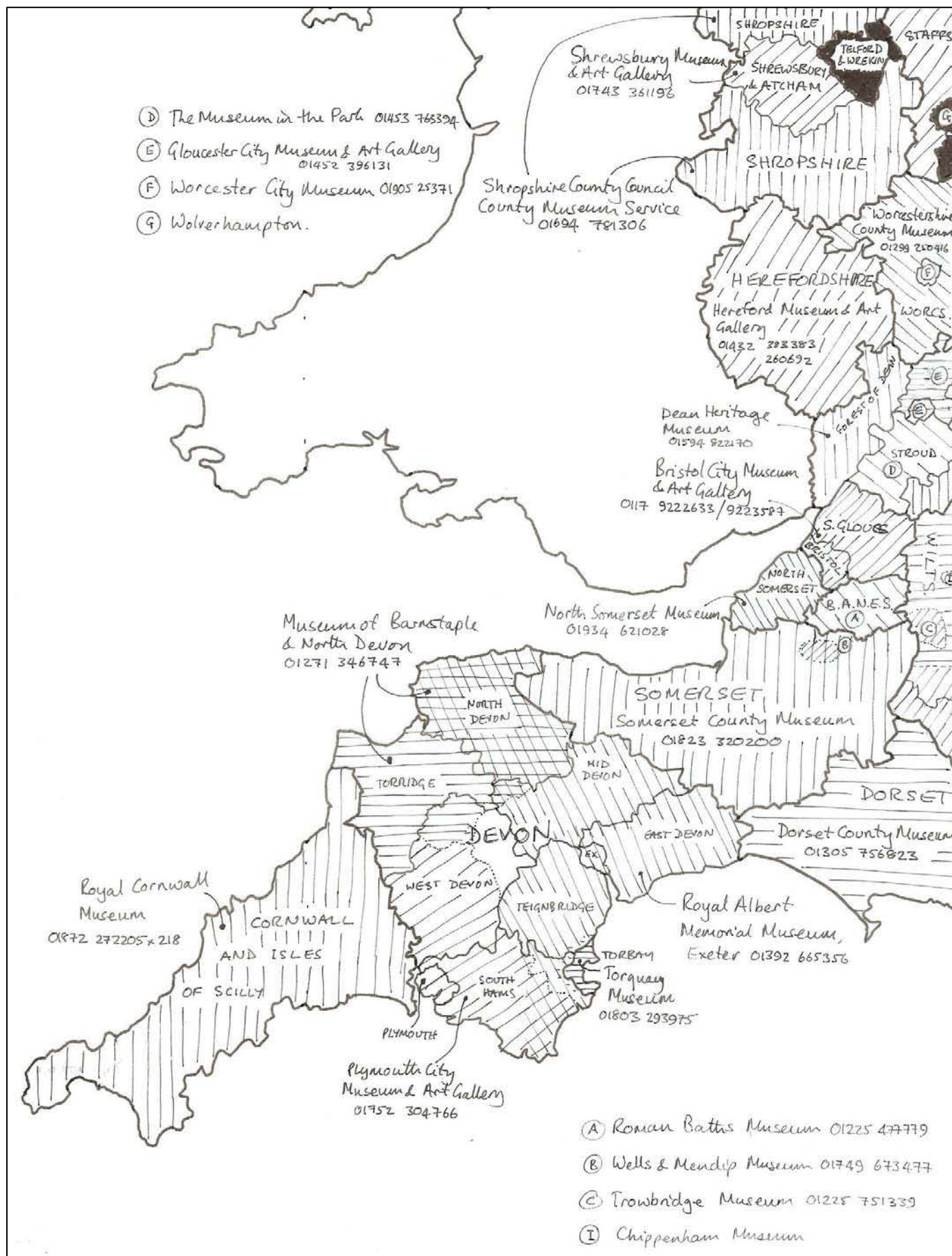




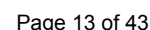
Figure 2 North-east England and inset map of London



**Figure 3 South-west England**



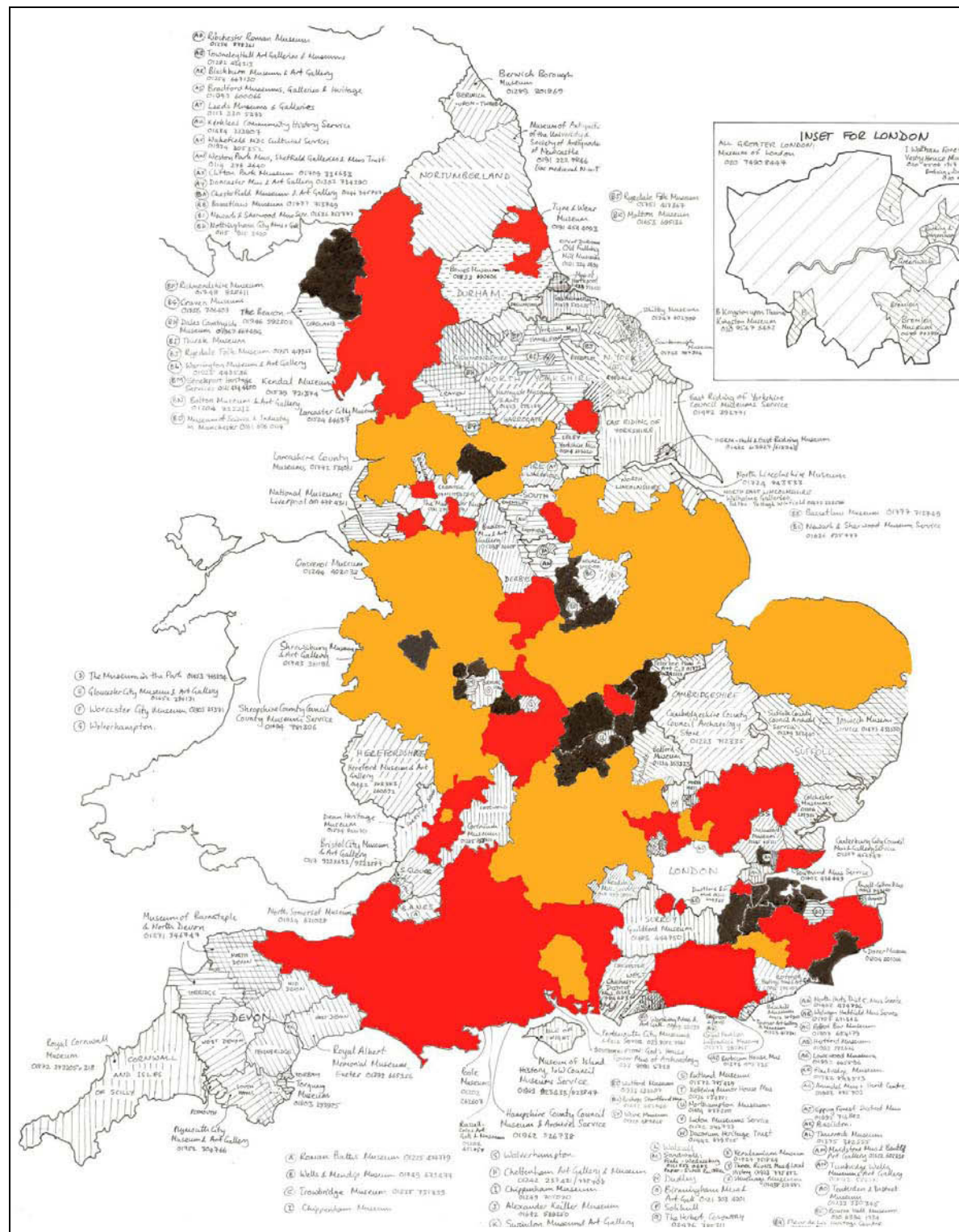






**Figure 5 Storage problems in museums accepting archives in principle**

**Key:** Black areas No museum can accept archives  
Red areas Storage space full or very limited  
Orange areas Storage space limited



## **Appendix 1 Extract from project brief**

### *Collecting Areas*

The SMA with the Archaeological Archives Forum has already undertaken a project to map the archaeology collecting areas for museums in England. An electronic version of this is on the ADS website. This project needs to be updated, refined and completed to provide a definitive list of which museums collect archaeology for which areas in England. The project will involve contacting museums, updating the existing data and completing three out-puts: a revised electronic map, a new hard copy map that will be published, a written report identifying gaps and overlaps.

#### Project 2, Collecting Areas (20 days)

- Review material from existing collecting areas survey and report.
- Prepare a revised map of museum archaeology collecting areas for England. This to be done by, as necessary, contacting museums in England and identifying their collecting areas.
- Prepare an updated map and database for inclusion on the ADS and SMA website.
- Prepare the rough artwork for a hardcopy map of museum collecting areas.
- Prepare a written report on where there are gaps or overlaps in museum collecting areas.



## Appendix 2 Questionnaire and covering letter



19 January 2006

Dear Colleague

### **SMA/MLA Archaeology Collecting Areas Survey**

The Society of Museum Archaeologists has received a grant from MLA to complete the Archaeology Collecting Areas Survey carried out in 2002-03. The purpose of the survey is to map accurately the collecting areas of museums accepting finds and records from archaeological excavations and fieldwork. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached brief questionnaire in the stamped and addressed envelope provided **by 10 February 2006**. Please complete at least Part 1, and Part 2 as well, if you have time.

The results of the survey will be published as a report, available online from the SMA website, and as a poster-sized map showing collecting areas and contact details for use by archaeological contracting organisations.

The survey relates only to museums in England, as different arrangements are in place in Wales and Scotland. The questionnaire is being sent to those museums which are believed actively to collect or accept finds from recent archaeological work. Many other museums' collections include archaeological material, but these are not the focus of the present survey.

Please contact me if you require any clarification. Many thanks for your time and for taking part in the survey.

Yours faithfully

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# Society of Museum Archaeologists

## SMA/MLA Archaeology Collecting Areas Survey

This is the electronic version of the questionnaire, which you may complete and return attached to an email, or print out and return in the SAE previously provided. You will only be able to type in the shaded boxes, which will expand as you type, as will the boxes of the table. Please contact me if you have any problems.

### Part 1. Essential Information

What is the name of your museum?
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Does your museum accept the finds and paper and other records resulting from recent archaeological work carried out in your area? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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If the answer is YES, from what area does your museum accept finds and paper and other records resulting from recent archaeological work? (Please specify in terms of local authority boundaries if relevant, or if possible please send a map showing the collecting area.)
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If the answer is YES, please provide the contact telephone number which should be used by archaeological organisations wishing to deposit finds and records.
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If the answer is NO, which museum does accept this material?
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If the answer is YES, are you aware of any other museums that also accept archaeological finds and paper and other records from all or part of the same area? If so which, and what are the circumstances?
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## Part 2. Additional Information

Does your museum accept stray/individual/casual archaeological finds brought in by members of the public? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you aware of any adjacent or other areas where there is no museum that will accept archaeological finds and paper and other records? If so, please name the area(s).
Are there any problems in practice with accepting archaeological finds and paper and other records in your area? Eg: storage space full or very limited; storage space will soon be full; storage space not yet available (eg planned or under construction); lack of staff time to accession material; lack of archaeological curators; lack of conservation expertise; transfer of material following Local Government Reorganisation not complete; archives do not meet published standards for deposition; other reason.
Are there any other issues relating to archaeological collections which concern you at the moment?
Further comments.

Please return as soon as possible, by post to: Rachel Edwards, Arboretum Archaeological Consultancy, 4 Wood Terrace, Worcester WR1 1NY,  
or as an email attachment to: [rachel@dalwoodedwards.freemove.co.uk](mailto:rachel@dalwoodedwards.freemove.co.uk)

### Appendix 3 Museums and collecting bodies

Collecting Museums	Phone no.	Notes	Contacted
Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury	01672 539250		N
Arundel Museum and Heritage Centre	01903 885708		Y
Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology	01865 278020		Y
Barbican House Museum	01273 405735		Y
Bassetlaw Museum	01777 713749		Y
Beck Isle Museum	01751 473653		N
Bedford Museum	01234 353323		Y
Berwick Borough Museum	01289 301869		Y
Bexhill Museum	01424 787950		N
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery	0121 303 4201		Y
Bishop's Stortford Museum	01279 651746		Y
Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery	01254 667130		Y
Bolton Museum and Art Gallery	01204 332212		Y
Bourne Hall Museum	020 8394 1734		Y
Bowes Museum	01833 690606		Y
Bradford Museums, Galleries and Heritage	01943 600066		Y
Braintree District Museum	01376 325266		Y
Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery	0117 922 2633 or 0117 922 3587		Y
Brixham Museum	01803 856267	Cited by Torquay Museum.	N
Bromley Museum	01689 873826		Y
Buckinghamshire County Museum	01296 624519		Y
Buxton Museum and Art Gallery	01298 24658		Y
Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store	01223 712335		Y
Canterbury City Council Museums and Galleries Service	01227 452747		Y
Chelmsford Museum	01245 615121		Y
Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum	01242 775708 or 01242 237431		Y
Cheshire Museums Service	01606 41331		Y
Chesterfield Museum and Art Gallery	01246 345727		Y
Chichester District Museum	01243 784683		Y
Chippenham Museum	01249 705020		N
Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham	01709 336633		Y
Colchester Museums	01206 282926		Y
Corinium Museum	01285 655611		Y
Craven Museum and Gallery	01756 706407		Y
Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Museum		Does not collect.	Y
Dales Countryside Museum	01969 667494		N
Dartford Borough Museum	01322 224739		Y
Dean Heritage Museum Trust	01594 822170		Y
Derby Museums and Art Galley	01332 716659		Y
Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery	01302 734290		Y
Dorset County Museum	01305 756823		Y
Dover Museum	01304 201066		Y
Dudley MBC Historic Environment Team	01384 814190	Collect because no museum available.	Y
Durham County Council Archaeological Services	0191 334 1121		Y

Collecting Museums	Phone no.	Notes	Contacted
East Riding of Yorkshire Museums Service	01482 392771		Y
Elmbridge Museum	01932 843573		Y
Epping Forest District Museum	01992 716882		Y
Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre	01795 534542		Y
Folkestone Museum		Not collecting.	Y
Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery	01452 396131		Y
God's House Tower Museum of Archaeology, Southampton	023 8091 5728		Y
Greenwich Heritage Centre	020 8854 2452		Y
Grosvenor Museum, Chester	01244 402033		Y
Guildford Museum	01483 444750		Y
Guildhall Museum, Rochester		Not collecting.	N
Gunnersbury Park Museum		Does not collect.	Y
Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service	01962 826738		Y
Harrogate Museums and Arts	01423 556188		Y
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery	0845 274 1052		Y
Hereford Museum and Art Gallery	01432 383383 or 01432 260692		Y
Hertford Museum	01992 582686		Y
Horsham Museum	01403 254959		Y
Hull and East Riding Museum (HERM)	01482 613927 or 01482 613948		Y
Ipswich Museum Service	01473 433550		Y
Isles of Scilly Museum		By arrangement with Royal Cornwall Museum.	N
Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester City Museums	0116 225 2455		Y
Kendal Museum	01539 721374		Y
Kettering Manor House Museum	01536 534381		Y
Kingston Museum	020 8547 6462		Y
Kirklees Community History Service	01484 223807		Y
Lancashire County Museums	01772 534061		Y
Lancaster City Museum	01524 64637		Y
Leeds Museums and Galleries	0113 230 5492		Y
Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums	0116 265 8324		Y
Littlehampton Museum	01903 738100		N
Lowewood Museum	01992 445596		Y
Luton Museums Service	01582 546723		Y
Maidstone Museum and Bents Art Gallery	01622 602838		Y
Malton Museum, Ryedale, N Yorks	01653 695136		Y
Moyses Hall, St Edmundsbury Museums		Not collecting.	Y
Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne	0191 222 7846		Y
Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	01271 346747		Y
Museum of Farnham	01252 715094		Y
Museum of Hartlepool	01429 523438		Y
Museum of Island History, Isle of Wight Museum Service	01983 823433 or 01983 823847		Y
Museum of London, LAARC	020 7490 8447		Y
Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester	0161 606 0114	Industrial period archives.	Y
Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire	01865 300716		Y
National Museums Liverpool	0151 478 4311		Y
Newark and Sherwood Museum Service	01636 655777		Y

Collecting Museums	Phone no.	Notes	Contacted
North Hertfordshire District Council Museums Service	01462 434896		Y
North Lincolnshire Museum	01724 843533		Y
North Somerset Museum	01934 621028		Y
Northampton Museum	01604 837280		Y
Norton Priory Museum	01928 569895	Site-specific museum.	Y
Norwich Castle Museum	01603 493631		Y
Nottingham City Museums and Galleries	0115 915 3620		Y
Old Fulling Mill Museum of Archaeology, Durham	0191 334 5694		Y
Penlee House Gallery and Museum		Defers to Royal Cornwall Museum.	Y
Penrith Museum	01768 212228		Y
Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery	01733 343329		Y
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery	01752 304766		Y
Poole Museums	01202 262607		Y
Portsmouth City Museum and Records Service	023 9282 7261		Y
Potters Bar Museum	01707 654179		Y
Powell-Cotton Museum	01843 842168		Y
Reading Museum Service	0118 939 9800		Y
Ribchester Roman Museum	01254 878261		Y
Richmondshire Museum	01748 825611		Y
Roman Baths Museum	01225 477779		Y
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	01392 665356		Y
Royal Cornwall Museum	01872 272205 x 218		Y
Royal Pavilion, Libraries and Museums, Brighton and Hove	01273 292765		Y
Rugby Art Gallery and Museum		Did not respond. Area covered by Warwks.	Y
Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum	01202 451858		Y
Rutland County Museum	01572 758439		Y
Ryedale Folk Museum	01751 417367		Y
Saffron Walden Museum, Uttlesford Museum Service	01799 510333		Y
Salford Museum and Art Gallery	0161 778 0825	Space problems mean they require archives to be reduced to minimum.	Y
Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum	01722 332151		Y
Sandwell Community History and Archive Service	0121 558 2561	Accepts paper records from Sandwell.	N
Scarborough Museums and Gallery	01723 367326		Y
Sevenoaks Museum		Closed for rebuilding.	Y
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust		Did not respond. Area covered by Warwks.	Y
Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery (Shrewsbury Museums Service)	01743 361196		Y
Shropshire County Council, County Museum Service	01694 781306		Y
Somerset County Museum	01823 320200		Y
Southend Museums Service	01702 434449		Y
Stevenage Museum	01438 218881		Y
Stockport Heritage Services	0161 474 4450		Y
Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	01284 352440	Collect because no museum available.	Y
Swindon Museum and Art Gallery	01793 466556		Y
Tamworth Castle	01827 709633		Y

Collecting Museums	Phone no.	Notes	Contacted
Tees Archaeology	01429 523455		Y
Teignmouth and Shaldon Museum		Has not been offered archives.	Y
Tenterden and District Museum	01233 330345		Y
The Beacon, Copeland Borough Council	01946 592302		Y
The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire	01522 550961		Y
The Dacorum Heritage Trust	01442 879525		Y
The Herbert, Coventry	02476 785318		Y
The Manchester Museum	0161 275 2659	Has traditionally collected from Greater Manchester if no other museum.	Y
The Museum in the Park, Stroud	01453 763394		Y
The Museum of Harlow	01279 454959		Y
The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent	01782 232323		Y
Thirsk Museum	01845 527707		N
Three Rivers Museum of Local History	01923 775882		Y
Thurrock Museum	01375 382555		Y
Torquay Museum	01803 293975		Y
Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museums, Burnley, Lancs	01282 424213		Y
Towner Art Gallery and Local Museum, Eastbourne	01323 417961		N
Trowbridge Museum	01225 751339		Y
Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Carlisle	01228 534781 x 228		Y
Tunbridge Wells Museum and Art Gallery	01892 554171		Y
Tyne and Wear Museums	0191 454 4093		Y
Valence House Museum	020 8270 6865		Y
Verulamium Museum	01727 751824		Y
Vestry House Museum	020 8509 1917		Y
Wakefield Metropolitan District: Cultural Services	01924 305352		Y
Walsall Museum		Not collecting.	N
Ware Museum	01920 487848		N
Warrington Museum and Art Gallery	01925 443536		Y
Warwickshire Museum	01926 412033		Y
Watford Museum	01923 232297		Y
Wednesbury Museum	0121 556 0683	Accepts finds from Sandwell.	N
Welholme Galleries, Grimsby	tbc (Hugh Winfield, Archaeol Service 01472 323586)	Staff appointment in progress.	Y
Wells and Mendip Museum	01749 673477		Y
Welwyn Hatfield Museum Service	01707 271362		Y
West Berkshire Museum	01635 30511		Y
Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)	0114 278 2640		Y
Whitby Museum	01947 602908		Y
Wiltshire Heritage Museum	01380 727369		Y
Winchester Museums Service	01962 848338		Y
Worcester City Museums	01905 25371		Y
Worcestershire County Museum	01299 250416		Y
Worthing Museum and Art Gallery	01903 221137		Y
Yorkshire Museum (York Museums Trust)	01904 687620		Y

## Appendix 4 Museums and collecting bodies by County and District or Unitary Authority

The following table identifies museums by Local Authority County or Unitary Authority and by District.

The third column identifies whether there is a museum collecting archives (Y), or only part of the area is covered or not all archives can be accepted (P), or if there is no museum able to collect (N).

The fourth column identifies how many museums collect from the area, and the notes column provides further information eg whether museums are in agreement about which areas are covered, or whether cross-collecting is taking place.

County	District	Coll	No.	Museum 1	Museum 2	Museum 3	Museum 4	Notes
Bath and North East Somerset	Bath and North East Somerset	Y	1	Roman Baths Museum				
Bedfordshire	Bedford	Y	1	Bedford Museum				
Bedfordshire	Mid Bedfordshire	Y	1	Bedford Museum				
Bedfordshire	South Bedfordshire	Y	1	Luton Museums Service				
Blackburn With Darwen	Blackburn With Darwen	Y	1	Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery				
Blackpool	Blackpool	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Bournemouth	Bournemouth	P	1	Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum		Only		from Hengistbury Head
Bracknell Forest	Bracknell Forest	Y	1	Reading Museum Service				
Brighton and Hove	Brighton and Hove	Y	1	Royal Pavilion, Libraries and Museums, Brighton and Hove				
Bristol	Bristol	Y	1	Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery				
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury Vale	Y	1	Buckinghamshire County Museum				
Buckinghamshire	Chiltern	Y	1	Buckinghamshire County Museum				
Buckinghamshire	South Bucks	Y	1	Buckinghamshire County Museum				
Buckinghamshire	Wycombe	Y	1	Buckinghamshire County Museum				
Cambridgeshire	Cambridge	Y	1	Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store				



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Cambridgeshire	East Cambridgeshire	Y	1	Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store				
Cambridgeshire	Fenland	Y	1	Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store				
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Y	1	Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store				
Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire	Y	1	Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store				
Cheshire	Chester	Y	1	Grosvenor Museum, Chester				
Cheshire	Congleton	Y	1	Cheshire Museums Service				
Cheshire	Crewe and Nantwich	Y	1	Cheshire Museums Service				
Cheshire	Ellesmere Port and Neston	Y	1	Cheshire Museums Service				
Cheshire	Macclesfield	Y	1	Cheshire Museums Service				
Cheshire	Vale Royal	Y	1	Cheshire Museums Service				
Cornwall	Caradon	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cornwall	Carrick	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cornwall	Kerrier	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cornwall	North Cornwall	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cornwall	Penwith	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cornwall	Restormel	Y	1	Royal Cornwall Museum				
Cumbria	Allerdale	N	0					
Cumbria	Barrow in Furness	Y	1	Kendal Museum				
Cumbria	Carlisle	Y	1	Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Carlisle				
Cumbria	Copeland	Y	1	The Beacon, Copeland Borough Council				
Cumbria	Eden	Y	2	Penrith Museum	Kendal Museum			Cross-collecting
Cumbria	South Lakeland	Y	2	Kendal Museum	Dales Countryside Museum		Proba	ble cross-collecting, assuming

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								Dales material to DCM.
Darlington	Darlington	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is. Darlington formerly with Co Durham.
Derby	Derby	Y	1	Derby Museums and Art Galley				
Derbyshire	Amber Valley	Y	1	Derby Museums and Art Galley				
Derbyshire	Bolsover	Y	1	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)				
Derbyshire	Chesterfield	Y	1	Chesterfield Museum and Art Gallery				
Derbyshire	Derbyshire Dales	Y	2	Buxton Museum and Art Gallery	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)		Agree	d boundaries
Derbyshire	Erewash	Y	1	Derby Museums and Art Galley				
Derbyshire	High Peak	Y	2	Buxton Museum and Art Gallery	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)		Agree	d boundaries
Derbyshire	North East Derbyshire	Y	1	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)				
Derbyshire	South Derbyshire	Y	1	Derby Museums and Art Galley				
Devon	East Devon	Y	1	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter				
Devon	Exeter	Y	1	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter				

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Devon	Mid Devon	Y	2	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon		Cross-collecting	
Devon	North Devon	Y	2	Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter		Cross-collecting	
Devon	South Hams	Y	2	Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter		Cross-collecting	
Devon	Teignbridge	Y	1	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter				
Devon	Torridge	Y	1	Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon				
Devon	West Devon	Y	1	Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery				
Dorset	Christchurch	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Dorset	East Dorset	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Dorset	North Dorset	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Dorset	Purbeck	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Dorset	West Dorset	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Dorset	Weymouth and Portland	Y	1	Dorset County Museum				
Durham	Chester le Street	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.
Durham	Derwentside	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.
Durham	Durham	Y	1	Old Fulling Mill Museum of Archaeology, Durham				
Durham	Easington	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.

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Durham	Sedgefield	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.
Durham	Teesdale	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.
Durham	Wear Valley	Y	1	Bowes Museum	Durham County Council Archaeological Services		Not	clear what current situation is.
East Riding of Yorkshire	East Riding of Yorkshire	Y	1	East Riding of Yorkshire Museums Service				
East Sussex	Eastbourne	Y	1	Towner Art Gallery and Local Museum, Eastbourne				
East Sussex	Hastings	Y	1	Hastings Museum and Art Gallery				
East Sussex	Lewes	Y	1	Barbican House Museum				
East Sussex	Rother	Y	2	Hastings Museum and Art Gallery	Bexhill Museum			
East Sussex	Wealden	Y	2	Barbican House Museum	Towner Art Gallery and Local Museum, Eastbourne			
Essex	Basildon	P	1	Southend Museums Service				
Essex	Braintree	Y	1	Braintree District Museum				
Essex	Brentwood	Y	1	Chelmsford Museum				
Essex	Castle Point	Y	1	Southend Museums Service				
Essex	Chelmsford	Y	1	Chelmsford Museum				
Essex	Colchester	Y	1	Colchester Museums				
Essex	Epping Forest	Y	1	Epping Forest District Museum				
Essex	Harlow	Y	1	The Museum of Harlow				

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Essex	Maldon	Y	1	Colchester Museums				
Essex	Rochford	Y	1	Southend Museums Service				
Essex	Tendring	Y	1	Colchester Museums				
Essex	Uttlesford	Y	1	Saffron Walden Museum, Uttlesford Museum Service				
Gloucestershire	Cheltenham	Y	1	Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum				
Gloucestershire	Cotswold	Y	1	Corinium Museum				
Gloucestershire	Forest of Dean	Y	1	Dean Heritage Museum Trust				
Gloucestershire	Gloucester	Y	1	Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery				
Gloucestershire	Stroud	Y	3	The Museum in the Park, Stroud	Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum	Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery		Cross-collecting?
Gloucestershire	Tewkesbury	Y	3	Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum	The Museum in the Park, Stroud	Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery		Cross-collecting?
Greater London	Barking and Dagenham	Y	2	Museum of London, LAARC	Valence House Museum			
Greater London	Barnet	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Bexley	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Brent	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Bromley	Y	2	Museum of London, LAARC	Bromley Museum		Cross-col	lecting
Greater London	Camden	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	City of London	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	City of Westminster	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				

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Greater London	Croydon	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Ealing	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Enfield	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Greenwich	Y	2	Museum of London, LAARC	Greenwich Heritage Centre		Cross-collecting	
Greater London	Hackney	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Hammersmith and Fulham	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Haringey	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Harrow	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Havering	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Hillingdon	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Hounslow	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Islington	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Kensington and Chelsea	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Kingston upon Thames	Y	2	Museum of London, LAARC	Kingston Museum		Cross-col	lecting
Greater London	Lambeth	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Lewisham	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Merton	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Newham	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Redbridge	Y	1	Museum of London,				

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				LAARC				
Greater London	Richmond upon Thames	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Southwark	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Sutton	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Tower Hamlets	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater London	Waltham Forest	Y	2	Museum of London, LAARC	Vestry House Museum		Cross-collecting	
Greater London	Wandsworth	Y	1	Museum of London, LAARC				
Greater Manchester	Bolton	Y	1	Bolton Museum and Art Gallery		Serio		us storage problems.
Greater Manchester	Bury	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Greater Manchester	Manchester	Y	2	The Manchester Museum	Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester		MSIM	for Industrial period, MM for earlier material.
Greater Manchester	Oldham	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Greater Manchester	Rochdale	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Greater Manchester	Salford	Y	1	Salford Museum and Art Gallery				
Greater Manchester	Stockport	Y	1	Stockport Heritage Services		Serio		us storage problems.
Greater Manchester	Tameside	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Greater Manchester	Trafford	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Greater Manchester	Wigan	P?		The Manchester Museum				
Halton	Halton	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Hampshire	Basingstoke and	Y	1	Hampshire County Council				

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	Deane			Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	East Hampshire	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Eastleigh	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Fareham	Y	2	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service	Portsmouth City Museum and Records Service		Cross-collecting	
Hampshire	Gosport	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Hart	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Havant	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	New Forest	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Rushmoor	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Test Valley	Y	1	Hampshire County Council Museum and Archives Service				
Hampshire	Winchester	Y	1	Winchester Museums Service				
Hartlepool	Hartlepool	Y	1	Museum of Hartlepool				
Herefordshire	Herefordshire	Y	1	Hereford Museum and Art Gallery				
Hertfordshire	Broxbourne	Y	2	Lowewood Museum	Potters Bar Museum			
Hertfordshire	Dacorum	Y	1	The Dacorum Heritage Trust				



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Hertfordshire	East Hertfordshire	Y	4	Hertford Museum	Stevenage Museum	Bishop's Stortford Museum	Ware Museum	
Hertfordshire	Hertsmere	Y	1	Verulamium Museum				As museum of last resort.
Hertfordshire	North Hertfordshire	Y	1	North Hertfordshire District Council Museums Service				
Hertfordshire	St Albans	Y	1	Verulamium Museum				
Hertfordshire	Stevenage	Y	1	Stevenage Museum				
Hertfordshire	Three Rivers	Y	2	Three Rivers Museum of Local History	Verulamium Museum			
Hertfordshire	Watford	Y	2	Watford Museum	Verulamium Museum			
Hertfordshire	Welwyn Hatfield	Y	2	Welwyn Hatfield Museum Service	Potters Bar Museum			
Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight	Y	1	Museum of Island History, Isle of Wight Museum Service				
Isles of Scilly	Isles of Scilly	Y	2	Royal Cornwall Museum	Isles of Scilly Museum			
Kent	Ashford	Y	1	Tenterden and District Museum	Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery		Cross-collecting?	
Kent	Canterbury	Y	2	Canterbury City Council Museums and Galleries Service	Powell-Cotton Museum		Po	well-Cotton Museum not main depository for finds. Local material only.
Kent	Dartford	Y	1	Dartford Borough Museum				
Kent	Dover	Y	1	Dover Museum				
Kent	Gravesham	N	0					
Kent	Maidstone	Y	1	Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery				
Kent	Sevenoaks	N	0					
Kent	Shepway	N	0					
Kent	Swale	P	1	Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre		F		aversham town and eastern part of Swale.
Kent	Thanet	P	1	Powell-Cotton Museum				

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Kent	Tonbridge and Malling	N	0					
Kent	Tunbridge Wells	Y	1	Tunbridge Wells Museum and Art Gallery				
Kingston upon Hull	Kingston upon Hull	Y	1	Hull and East Riding Museum (HERM)				
Lancashire	Burnley	Y	2	Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museums, Burnley, Lancs	Lancashire County Museums		Cross-collecting	
Lancashire	Chorley	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Fylde	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Hyndburn	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Lancaster	Y	2	Lancaster City Museum	Lancashire County Museums		Cross-collecting	
Lancashire	Pendle	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Preston	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Ribble Valley	Y	2	Lancashire County Museums	Ribchester Roman Museum		Cross-collecting	
Lancashire	Rossendale	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	South Ribble	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	West Lancashire	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Lancashire	Wyre	Y	1	Lancashire County Museums				
Leicester	Leicester	Y	1	Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester City Museums				
Leicestershire	Blaby	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				

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Leicestershire	Charnwood	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Leicestershire	Harborough	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Leicestershire	Hinckley and Bosworth	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Leicestershire	Melton	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Leicestershire	Oadby and Wigston	Y	1	Leicestershire County Council Environment and Heritage Services: Museums				
Lincolnshire	Boston	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	East Lindsey	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	North Kesteven	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	South Holland	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in				

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				Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	South Kesteven	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Lincolnshire	West Lindsey	Y	1	The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire				
Luton	Luton	Y	1	Luton Museums Service				
Medway	Medway	N	0					
Merseyside	Knowsley	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Merseyside	Liverpool	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Merseyside	Sefton	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Merseyside	St Helens	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Merseyside	Wirral	Y	1	National Museums Liverpool				
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough	Y	1	Tees Archaeology				
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes	Y	1	Buckinghamshire County Museum				
Norfolk	Breckland	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	Broadland	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	Great Yarmouth	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	North Norfolk	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	Norwich	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
Norfolk	South Norfolk	Y	1	Norwich Castle Museum				
North East Lincolnshire	North East Lincolnshire	Y	1	Welholme Galleries, Grimsby				
North Lincolnshire	North Lincolnshire	Y	1	North Lincolnshire Museum				
North Somerset	North Somerset	Y	1	North Somerset Museum				

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North Yorkshire	Craven	Y	2	Craven Museum and Gallery	Dales Countryside Museum		Cross-collecting	
North Yorkshire	Hambleton	Y	2	Thirsk Museum	Yorkshire Museum (York Museums Trust)			
North Yorkshire	Harrogate	Y	1	Harrogate Museums and Arts				
North Yorkshire	Richmondshire	Y	2	Richmondshire Museum	Dales Countryside Museum		Cross-collecting	
North Yorkshire	Ryedale	Y	3	Ryedale Folk Museum	Malton Museum, Ryedale, N Yorks	Beck Isle Museum		Clear boundaries to be agreed shortly. Malton mainly Roman material.
North Yorkshire	Scarborough	Y	2	Scarborough Museums and Gallery	Whitby Museum		Cross-collecting	lecting, but general agreement.
North Yorkshire	Selby	P	1	Yorkshire Museum (York Museums Trust)		Souther		n part apparently not covered.
Northamptonshire	Corby	N	0					
Northamptonshire	Daventry	N	0					
Northamptonshire	East Northamptonshire	N	0					
Northamptonshire	Kettering	Y	1	Kettering Manor House Museum				
Northamptonshire	Northampton	Y	1	Northampton Museum				
Northamptonshire	South Northamptonshire	N	0					
Northamptonshire	Wellingborough	N	0					
Northumberland	Alnwick	Y	1	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne				
Northumberland	Berwick upon Tweed	Y	1	Berwick Borough Museum				
Northumberland	Blyth Valley	Y	1	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne				

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Northumberland	Castle Morpeth	Y	1	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne				
Northumberland	Tynedale	Y	1	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne				
Northumberland	Wansbeck	Y	1	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne				
Nottingham	Nottingham	Y	1	Nottingham City Museums and Galleries				
Nottinghamshire	Ashfield	N	0					
Nottinghamshire	Bassetlaw	Y	1	Bassetlaw Museum				
Nottinghamshire	Broxtowe	N	0					
Nottinghamshire	Gedling	N	0					
Nottinghamshire	Mansfield	N	0					
Nottinghamshire	Newark and Sherwood	P	1	Newark and Sherwood Museum Service		Will		accept archives only by prior agreement if will enhance existing collections.
Nottinghamshire	Rushcliffe	N	0					
Oxfordshire	Cherwell	Y	1	Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire				
Oxfordshire	Oxford	Y	1	Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire				
Oxfordshire	South Oxfordshire	Y	1	Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire				
Oxfordshire	Vale of White Horse	Y	1	Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire				
Oxfordshire	West Oxfordshire	Y	1	Museums Resource Centre, Oxfordshire				
Peterborough	Peterborough	Y	1	Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery				

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Plymouth	Plymouth	Y	1	Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery				
Poole	Poole	Y	1	Poole Museums				
Portsmouth	Portsmouth	Y	1	Portsmouth City Museum and Records Service				
Reading	Reading	Y	1	Reading Museum Service				
Redcar and Cleveland	Redcar and Cleveland	Y	1	Tees Archaeology				
Rutland	Rutland	Y	1	Rutland County Museum				
Shropshire	Bridgnorth	Y	1	Shropshire County Council, County Museum Service				
Shropshire	North Shropshire	Y	1	Shropshire County Council, County Museum Service				
Shropshire	Oswestry	Y	1	Shropshire County Council, County Museum Service				
Shropshire	Shrewsbury and Atcham	Y	1	Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery (Shrewsbury Museums Service)				
Shropshire	South Shropshire	Y	1	Shropshire County Council, County Museum Service				
Slough	Slough	Y	1	Reading Museum Service				
Somerset	Mendip	Y	2	Somerset County Museum	Wells and Mendip Museum		Cross-collecting	
Somerset	Sedgemoor	Y	1	Somerset County Museum				
Somerset	South Somerset	Y	1	Somerset County Museum				
Somerset	Taunton Deane	Y	1	Somerset County Museum				
Somerset	West Somerset	Y	1	Somerset County Museum				
South Gloucestershire	South Gloucestershire	Y	1	Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery				
South Yorkshire	Barnsley	Y	2	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums	Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery			



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				Trust)				
South Yorkshire	Doncaster	Y	1	Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery				
South Yorkshire	Rotherham	Y	1	Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham				
South Yorkshire	Sheffield	Y	1	Weston Park Museum, Sheffield (Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust)				
Southampton	Southampton	Y	1	God's House Tower Museum of Archaeology, Southampton				
Southend-on-Sea	Southend-on-Sea	Y	1	Southend Museums Service				
Staffordshire	Cannock Chase	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	East Staffordshire	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	Lichfield	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	Newcastle Under Lyme	Y	2	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	South Staffordshire	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	Stafford	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	Staffordshire Moorlands	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Staffordshire	Tamworth	Y	2	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-	Tamworth Castle		T	amworth Castle currently addressing

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				Trent				issue.
Stockton on Tees	Stockton on Tees	Y	1	Tees Archaeology				
Stoke on Trent	Stoke on Trent	Y	1	The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent				
Suffolk	Babergh	Y	2	Ipswich Museum Service	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Material	generally goes to Suffolk.
Suffolk	Forest Heath	Y	1	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Mo		yses Hall, St Edmunds unable to collect.
Suffolk	Ipswich	Y	1	Ipswich Museum Service		Joint		storage with Colchester proposed.
Suffolk	Mid Suffolk	Y	2	Ipswich Museum Service	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Material	generally goes to Suffolk.
Suffolk	St Edmundsbury	Y	1	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Mo		yses Hall, St Edmunds unable to collect.
Suffolk	Suffolk Coastal	Y	2	Ipswich Museum Service	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Material	generally goes to Suffolk.
Suffolk	Waveney	Y	2	Ipswich Museum Service	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Material	generally goes to Suffolk.
Surrey	Elmbridge	Y	1	Elmbridge Museum				
Surrey	Epsom and Ewell	Y	2	Bourne Hall Museum	Guildford Museum		Cross-collecting	
Surrey	Guildford	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Mole Valley	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Reigate and Banstead	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Runnymede	Y	1	Guildford Museum				

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Surrey	Spelthorne	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Surrey Heath	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Tandridge	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Surrey	Waverley	Y	2	Guildford Museum	Museum of Farnham		Cross-collecting	
Surrey	Woking	Y	1	Guildford Museum				
Swindon	Swindon	Y	1	Swindon Museum and Art Gallery				
Telford and Wrekin	Telford and Wrekin	N	0					
Thurrock	Thurrock	Y	1	Thurrock Museum				
Torbay	Torbay	Y	2	Torquay Museum	Brixham Museum			
Tyne and Wear	Gateshead	Y	1	Tyne and Wear Museums				
Tyne and Wear	Newcastle upon Tyne	Y	2	Museum of Antiquities of the University and Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne	Tyne and Wear Museums		Agree	d boundaries
Tyne and Wear	North Tyneside	Y	1	Tyne and Wear Museums				
Tyne and Wear	South Tyneside	Y	1	Tyne and Wear Museums				
Tyne and Wear	Sunderland	Y	1	Tyne and Wear Museums				
Warrington	Warrington	Y	1	Warrington Museum and Art Gallery				
Warwickshire	North Warwickshire	Y	1	Warwickshire Museum				
Warwickshire	Nuneaton and Bedworth	Y	1	Warwickshire Museum				
Warwickshire	Rugby	Y	1	Warwickshire Museum				
Warwickshire	Stratford on Avon	Y	1	Warwickshire Museum				
Warwickshire	Warwick	Y	1	Warwickshire Museum				
West Berkshire	West Berkshire	Y	1	West Berkshire Museum				
West Midlands	Birmingham	Y	1	Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery				
West Midlands	Coventry	Y	1	The Herbert, Coventry				
West Midlands	Dudley	P	1	Dudley MBC Historic				Dudley MBC

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				Environment Team				Archaeology Section takes archives as no museum available to do so.
West Midlands	Sandwell	Y	1	Wednesbury Museum	Sandwell Community History and Archive Service		F	inds to Wednesbury, paper archive to Sandwell
West Midlands	Solihull	N	0					
West Midlands	Walsall	N	0					
West Midlands	Wolverhampton	N	0					
West Sussex	Adur	Y	3	Royal Pavilion, Libraries and Museums, Brighton and Hove	Barbican House Museum	Worthing Museum and Art Gallery		
West Sussex	Arun	Y	4	Littlehampton Museum	Chichester District Museum	Worthing Museum and Art Gallery	Arundel Museum and Heritage Centre	
West Sussex	Chichester	Y	1	Chichester District Museum				
West Sussex	Crawley	Y	1	Barbican House Museum				
West Sussex	Horsham	Y	1	Horsham Museum				
West Sussex	Mid Sussex	Y	1	Barbican House Museum				
West Sussex	Worthing	Y	1	Worthing Museum and Art Gallery				
West Yorkshire	Bradford	Y	1	Bradford Museums, Galleries and Heritage				
West Yorkshire	Calderdale	N	0					
West Yorkshire	Kirklees	Y	1	Kirklees Community History Service				
West Yorkshire	Leeds	Y	1	Leeds Museums and Galleries				
West Yorkshire	Wakefield	Y	1	Wakefield Metropolitan District: Cultural Services				
Wiltshire	Kennet	Y	2	Wiltshire Heritage Museum	Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury		Agree	d boundaries
Wiltshire	North Wiltshire	Y	2	Wiltshire Heritage Museum	Chippenham Museum		Agree	d boundaries
Wiltshire	Salisbury	Y	1	Salisbury and South				

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				Wiltshire Museum				
Wiltshire	West Wiltshire	Y	3	Wiltshire Heritage Museum	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum	Trowbridge Museum		Agreed boundaries.
Windsor and Maidenhead	Windsor and Maidenhead	Y	1	Reading Museum Service				
Wokingham	Wokingham	Y	1	Reading Museum Service				
Worcestershire	Bromsgrove	Y	1	Worcestershire County Museum				
Worcestershire	Malvern Hills	Y	1	Worcestershire County Museum				
Worcestershire	Redditch	Y	1	Worcestershire County Museum				
Worcestershire	Worcester	Y	1	Worcester City Museums				
Worcestershire	Wychavon	Y	1	Worcestershire County Museum				
Worcestershire	Wyre Forest	Y	1	Worcestershire County Museum				
York	York	Y	1	Yorkshire Museum (York Museums Trust)				