Database documentation for the Archaeology Data Service

Please fully document and record any databases that you intend to submit to the ADS for archiving. This will help us prepare them for archiving and online dissemination and will enable future re-use of the data by others.

If you already have documentation for your database in another format and would prefer us to work with this instead, this should not be a problem as long as it accurately describes your data tables and any relationships between them.

Title of project:	Meols: The Archaeology of the North Wirral Coast
Name of database file:	Meols 2000 version 4 ADS

Repeat the following section for each table within your database:

Name of table 1:	Meols catalogue	
Number of rows of data:	3900	
Primary key:	Archive no	
Name of field	**Full description of field and codes or terminology used**	**Data type and field length**
Publication no	Number (systematic, chronological and typological sequence) used in published catalogue (Griffiths, Philpott and Egan 2007)	Number (Long integer)
Archive number	Number (arbitrary) used in cataloguing and archive management – this number sequence is used for the digital images	Number – Archive number (Double)
Material	Material(s) of artefacts catalogued	Text (50)
Type	Type(s) of artefacts catalogued	Text (50)
Class	Sub-groups within types	Text (50)
Description 1	Basic description of form for identification purposes	Text (255)
Description 2	Other remarks (if needed)	Text (250)
Length	Maximum length or height (mm)	Text (50)
Width	Maximum width (mm)	Text (50)
Thickness	Maximum thickness (mm)	Text (50)
Diameter	Maximum diameter (mm)	Text (50)
Weight	Weight (g)	Text (50)
Notes	Extra information pertaining to museum status or location (where available)	Text (250)
Period	General period descriptors (e.g. Roman / Later Medieval)	Text (50)
Date	Century attributions (e.g. Early 15th century)	Text (50)
Original References	Published reference(s) to an individual database entry which pre-date(s) Griffiths, Philpott and Egan 2007	Text (250)
Secondary References	Published reference to groups or individual entries in the context of wider analytical discussion.	Text (250)
Findspot	Information on location of individual discovery (where	Text (50)

	available).	
Date found	Information on date of individual discovery (where available).	Text (50)
Collection	Museum or private collection where entry is located.	Text (50)
Accession	Museum accession numbers (where available)	Text (50)
Drawn	Records that an entry has been drawn as well as photographed. Where left blank there is no line drawing; line drawings are not included in the data set presented to ADS.	Text (50)
Box Number	Box in which artefact is located in museum archive.	Text (5)

Name of table 2:	Archive no with image filenames	
Number of rows of data:	6657	
Primary key:	Archive no	
Name of field	Full description of field and codes or terminology used	Data type and field length
Archive number	Number (arbitrary) used in cataloguing and archive management – this number sequence is used for the digital images	Number (double)
Image filename	Digital image filename	Text (255)

Name of table 3:	Collection	
Number of rows of data:	12	
Primary key:		
Name of field	Full description of field and codes or terminology used	Data type and field length
Full collection name	Full name of collection, institution or other find status (if not extant)	Text (100))
Collection	Short Code for collection, institution or other find status	Text (50)

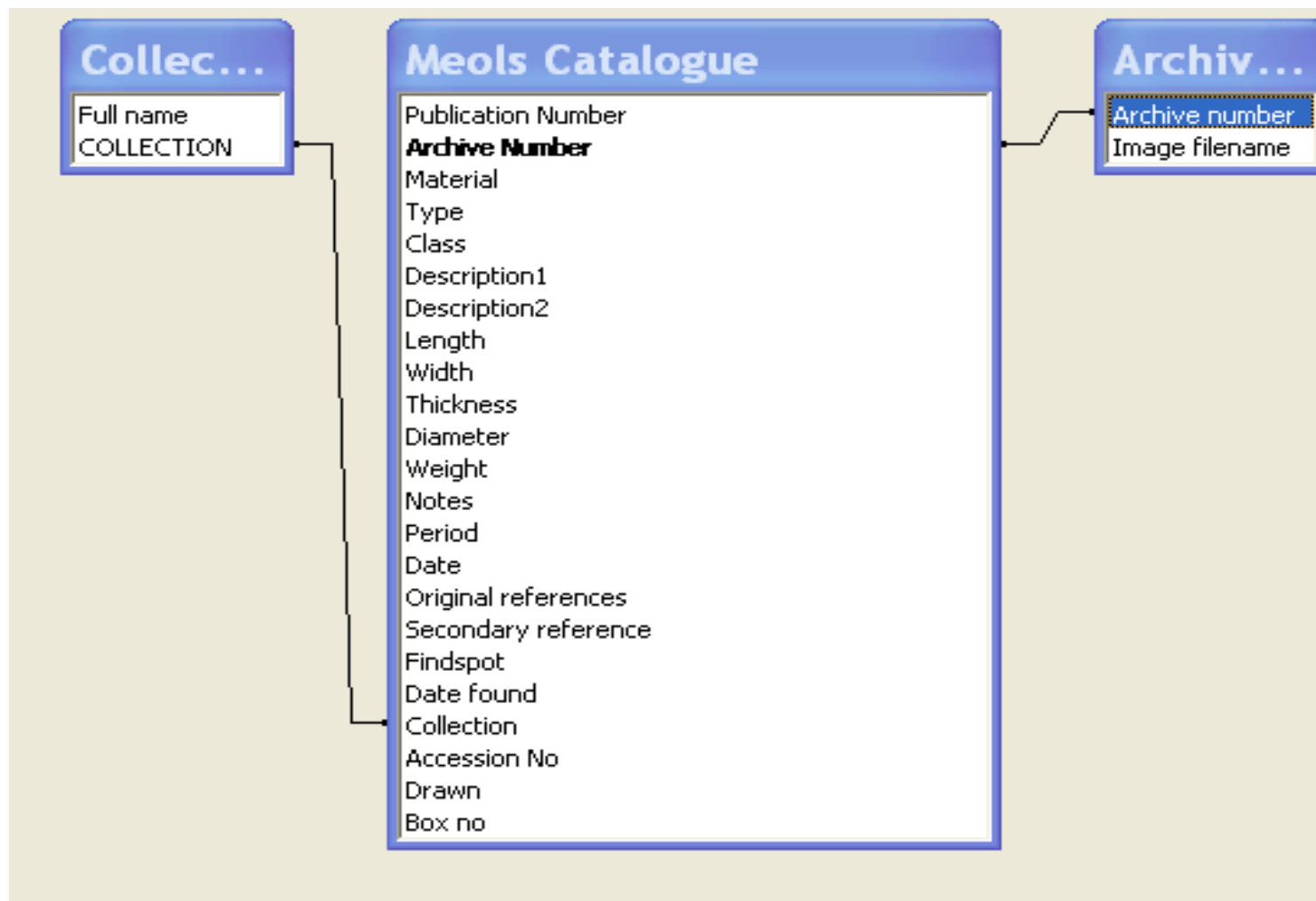| Name of table 4:	Material types	
Number of rows of data:	34	
Primary key:		
Name of field	Full description of field and codes or terminology used	Data type and field length
Material	Material type (or types for composite object) from which item is made	Text (50)

Name of table 5:	Periods	
Number of rows of data:	24	
Primary key:		

Name of field	Full description of field and codes or terminology used	Data type and field length
Period	Period (or periods if uncertain) from which object dates	Text (50)

Tables 4 and 5 are not linked directly to the main Meols Catalogue table.

Relationships

Please include an entity relationship diagram to show the relationships between your database tables

The completed documentation should be submitted to the ADS in **digital** form along with the deposited data that it describes, or via e-mail to Catherine Hardman at csh3@york.ac.uk