



# The redevelopment of OASIS: making things easier

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# OASIS?

### **OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM: England**

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#### Test - Jens diggers new

#### OASIS ID - jensdigg1-314518

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### **OASIS?**

- Currently...
- 1000+ new records every month
- 5000+ edits every month
- On average, 700+ reports released for preservation + dissemination via ADS Library every month
- Vast majority of records submitted by archaeological organisations working within the planning process.



### **OASIS**

- But....
- Problems with workflows
  - Some HERs do not participate
  - Data input not optimised
- Review, survey of user needs and redesign 2015-2018 (HERALD Stage 1)
- Actual redevelopment happening now (HERALD Stage 2)



### HIAS

- Not happening in isolation
- The funding from Historic England is as a distinct Work Package (Collecting + Validating) within their Heritage Information Access Strategy (HIAS) <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/research/support-and-collaboration/heritage-information-access-strategy/">https://historicengland.org.uk/research/support-and-collaboration/heritage-information-access-strategy/</a>
- Additional funding from HES as part of reporting to DES
- Ongoing talks DoE NI (use of the form) and RCAHMW/Welsh Trusts (sharing metadata)



### **New OASIS**

- Use of modern technologies to facilitate accurate + consistent recording of data
- Make it easy to use the form
- Expedite transfer of reports into public domain
- Records should always open



### Timescales

Database and Java framework

Pre-Alpha testing in Autumn 2018

Alpha testing Spring 2019

New form available in beta March 2020



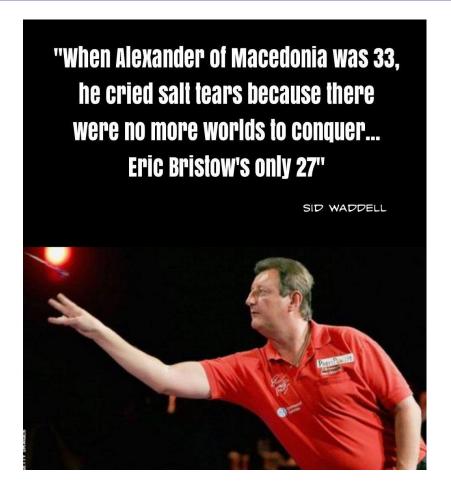
# Where are we?

- A new database is in place
- Java application (i.e. the form in place)
- Workflows mapped (i.e. what happens when!)
- Mapping to existing heritage thesauri completed
- Migration of data from old to new database completed
- Basic form in place



# Review Periods







# **Review Periods**

- Initial Review of 6 months
- Extended Review to extend to 12 months
- All reports accompanied in ADS Library by appropriate disclaimer.
- Reports can be superseded or deleted
- Records that are being held back for review will appear in the Library





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Associated Organisation: Wessex Archaeology

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#### Introduction

Wessex Archaeology is one of the largest archaeological practices in the country, employing 170 archaeologists and working across the country. Wessex Archaeology, which was set up in 1979 and is based just outside the medieval city of Salisbury, is also a charity, devoted to educating the public about archaeology through lectures, events and public relations. Our surplus is put back into our charitable work or to improving our service to clients. Wessex Archaeology works in areas such as housing developments, extraction, utilities, road schemes, railway and airport projects - anywhere that has the potential for significant archaeological remains. Wessex Archaeology also carries out building surveys, underwater archaeology, coastal studies, human remains analysis, heritage management, illustration and 3D computer modelling, finds and environmental work and publication.

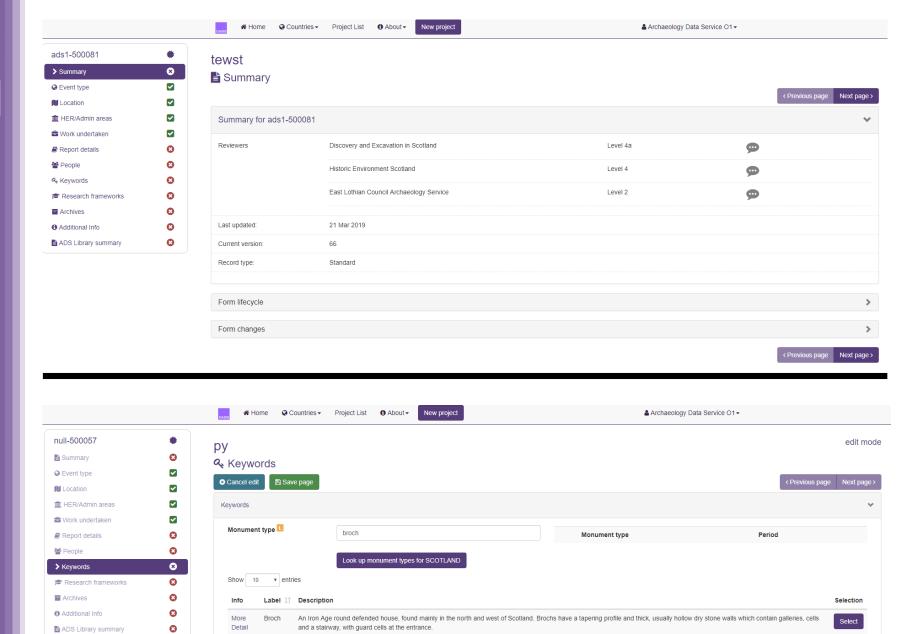
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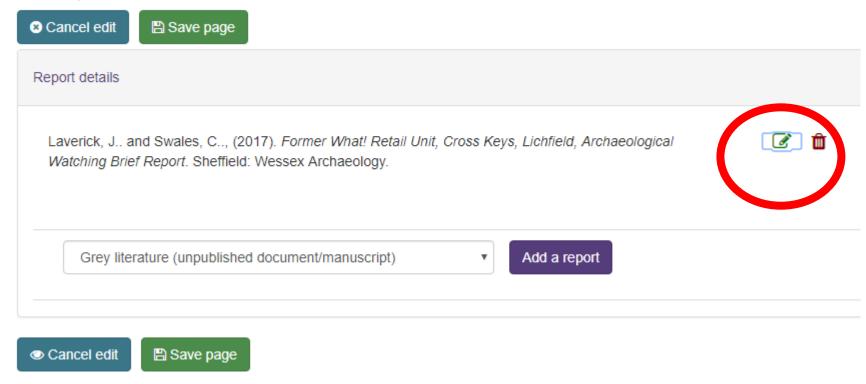
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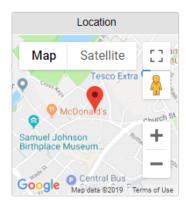
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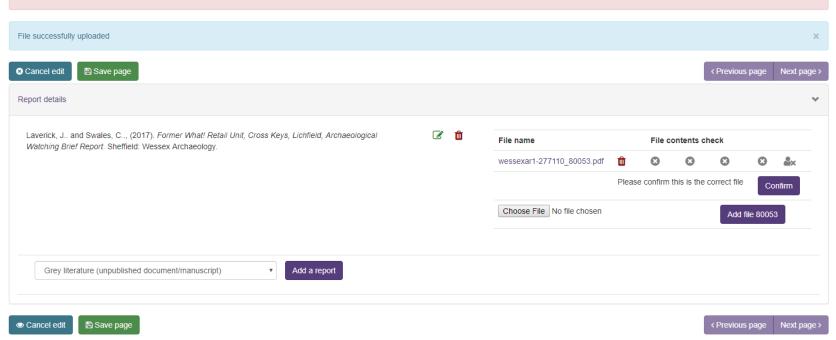
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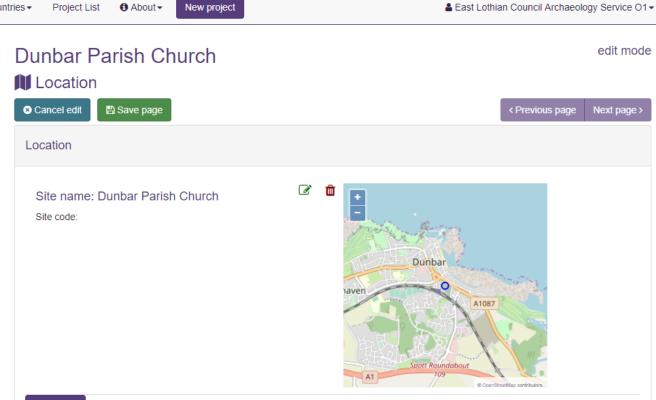


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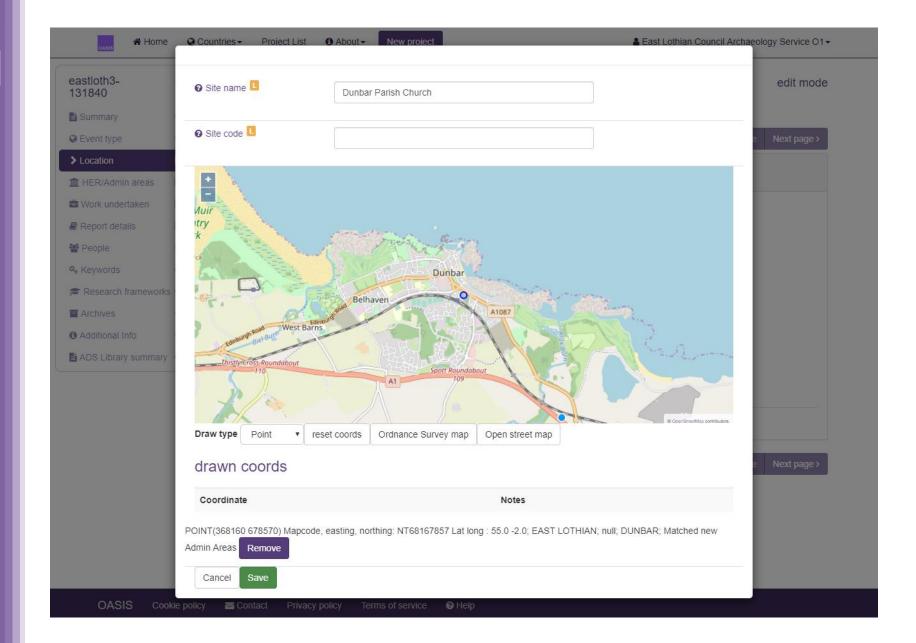


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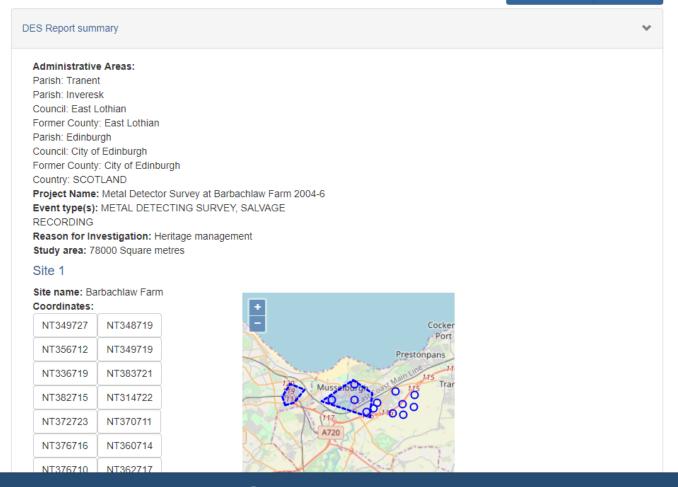
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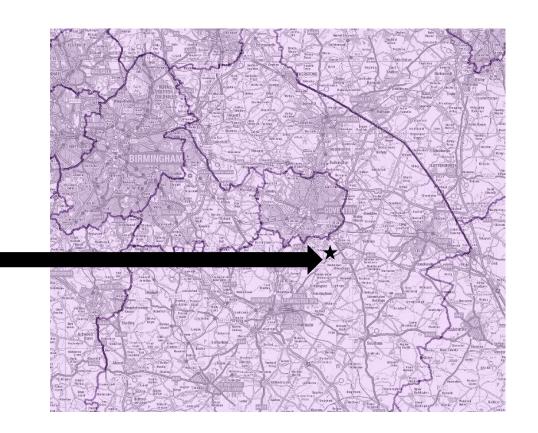
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### OASIS+

### Archives

- You can see who is collecting for your project, what their requirements are etc
- Archives/Museum users will be able to update their guidance/status in the form
- Geophysics
  - Extra fields (currently at review with CIfA GeoSIG)
- Building Recording
  - Bespoke 'skin', wordlists and custom fields



# Training Resources

A reference manual (either wiki-based or downloadable as PDF)



In form examples (expanded tool tips etc)



A technical helpdesk (e.g. "this is broken")



Online workshops +educational events (webinars etc)



An advice helpdesk ("how do I...?")



Hard copy reference material (self print on request)



Personal training from HE/HES/other national body



Videos with demonstrations on how to use the form



Real life workshops + training events





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