

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology is the study of human history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of physical remains. Archaeology is an important part of our heritage and valuable and irreplaceable remains can easily be damaged on construction sites.

It is not only buildings and their foundations but also artefacts such as jewellery, pottery, coins, bones and skeletons that need expert examination before removal and preservation.

It is illegal to damage some monuments and archaeological structures.

DO

- ✓ Stop work if you find any archaeological features and immediately contact your manager for instructions.
- ✓ Obey the advice provided by any appointed archaeologist.



DON'T

- ✗ **DON'T** assume that any artefacts or features discovered are unimportant.
- ✗ **DON'T** remove any 'finds' such as coins, pottery, or bones from the site, it is illegal.
- ✗ **DON'T** undertake work adjacent areas of archaeological importance without considering if any damage may be caused.
- ✗ **DON'T** cause vibration near to remains as this may cause cracking.
- ✗ **DON'T** dewater as this may cause a preserved feature to settle and crack.
- ✗ **DON'T** drive vehicles through protected sites.

