

TOOLBOX TALKS



ARCHAEOLOGY

WHAT?

Archaeology is the study of human 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 our previous occupation of an area from the earliest inhabitants many thousands of years ago to more recent times of just a hundred years or so.

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



WHY?

AVOID PROSECUTION:

It is illegal to damage some monuments and archaeological structures.

AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL HARM:

Archaeology is an important part of our heritage and valuable and irreplaceable remains can easily be damaged on construction sites.



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

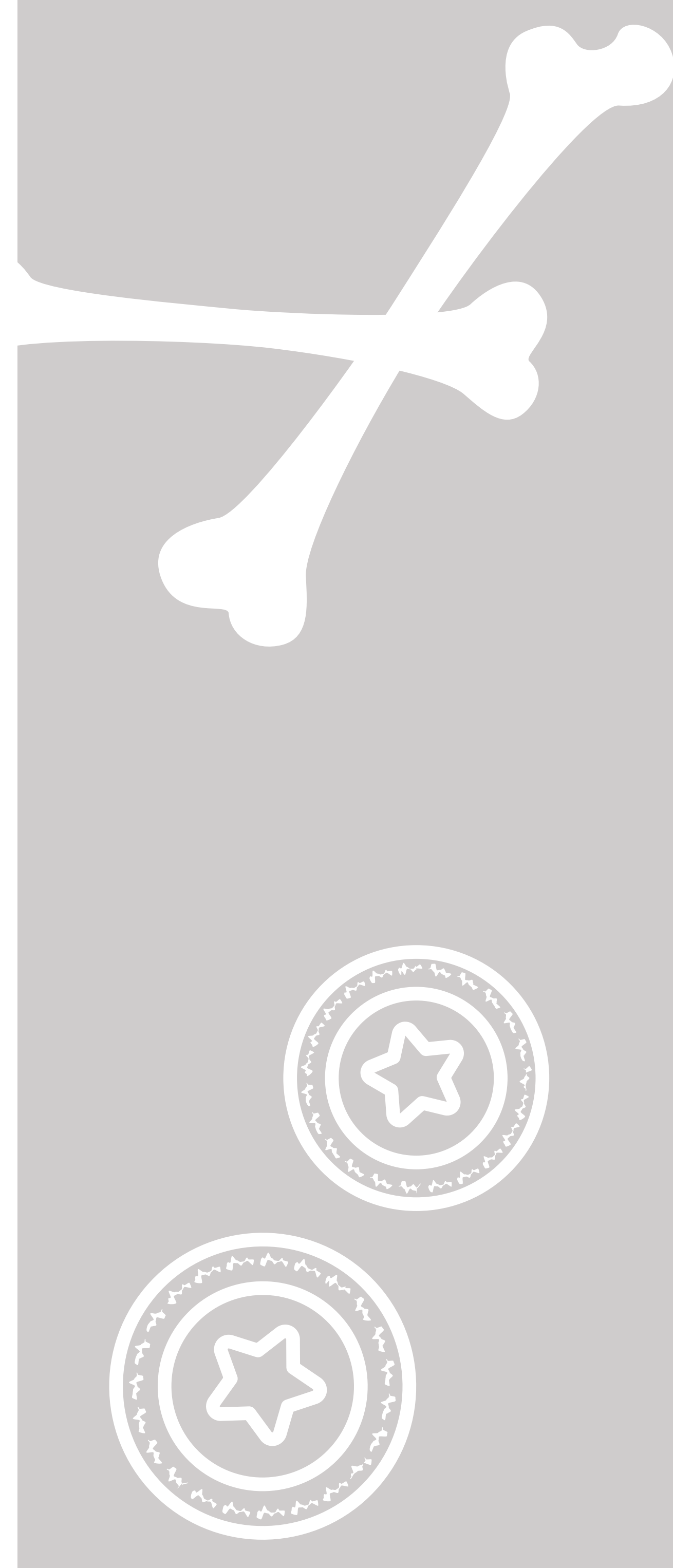
DON'T assume that any artefacts or features discovered are unimportant.

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

- vibration may cause cracking
- dewatering may cause a preserved feature to settle and crack.

DON'T drive vehicle through protected sites.



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