



The Historic Environment Record

Discover more about the archaeology and history of Worcestershire

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If you are interested in researching your local area, finding out more about a particular historical period, or just interested in archaeology generally, a good place to start is Worcestershire's Historic Environment Record (HER).

The HER is the largest collection of information on archaeology in the County with details of over 20,000 sites.

Much of the information is computerised and linked to a Geographical Information System (computer mapping) so that it is easy to search. For example, you might want to find out about all the recorded sites in your parish or all the Roman sites in Worcestershire.

We can provide printouts and maps by post but we always encourage people to visit us in person. This is because we have a great deal of additional information that cannot be posted.

There are banks of filing cabinets with detailed information about sites and hundreds of aerial photographs covering large parts of the county. We also hold copies of many historic maps and indices to the location of many others.

The service has a good archaeological reference library with general and specialist books on British archaeology, the main period journals and a local section. Visitors can also access on-line reports about Worcestershire's heritage.





Many of the archaeologists working at our offices are very knowledgeable about particular places, or are specialists in certain subjects or periods. We are keen to help independent researchers and during their visit they can draw on the expertise of members of staff.

The Historic Environment Record is just one part of the Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service.

If you would like to know more you can make an appointment to visit by contacting the HER team on 01905 855494 or visit our website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/archaeology

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