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Sharing your parks and gardens research:

An Introduction to OASIS

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What is OASIS?

- Online **AccesS** to the **I**ndex of Investigation**S**
- Online data capture form that passes information about **heritage investigations** from contractor/researchers to **Historic Environment Records** & national heritage bodies
- Contractors & researchers can also upload reports, ensuring **digital preservation** and **open access**



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Background

- Developed for archaeological sector in 2003/4, largely for planning/commercial use
 - Widely used in England & Scotland
 - Over 55,000 unpublished reports published via OASIS to date
 - OASIS V released in 2020
 - Opportunity to broaden use across the heritage sector
- **Overall ambition is for historic environment research to be more widely available to HERs and sector**

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "oasis.ac.uk". The page title is "OASIS: Home". The browser's address bar shows the URL "oasis.ac.uk". The page features a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Countries", and "About", along with "Register" and "Login" buttons. The main content area is titled "OASIS" and contains a message about OASIS V, the brand new version of the form. It states that users should only try and login to OASIS V if they have been instructed to do so and have had their new account and user details verified by the ADS. Below this message are two buttons: "OASIS IV LOGIN" and "OASIS V LOGIN". To the right of the text is a photograph of a stone wall with three heraldic shields. Below the photograph is a "Reading list" link. Further down, a large grey box contains text explaining that OASIS is an online reporting form enabling archaeological and heritage practitioners to provide information about their investigations to regional Historic Environment Records (HERs) and respective national heritage organisations. It also mentions that OASIS is an information-gathering tool that allows researchers to share reports with HERs for public release in the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Library. The ADS is noted for making reports available online for access to the wider public and for undertaking the curation and archiving of digital files, ensuring long-term preservation. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Funded by" with logos for Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland, and Scotland's Archaeology Strategy.

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Geophysical Survey at Belhus Park, Thurrock

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OASIS ID (UID): nmr1-502084

Project Name: Geophysical Survey at Belhus Park, Thurrock

Activity type: Geophysical Survey, Aerial Photography, Analytical Earthwork Survey, GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY

Reason for Investigation: Community partnership

Organisation Responsible for work: Historic England

Project Dates: 23-Mar-2021 - 28-Jun-2021

HER: Essex HER

Project Methodology: Analytical earthwork, Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys were conducted at Belhus Park, Thurrock to assist volunteers working on a recent historic designed landscape project run jointly by Land of the Fanns and the Gardens Trust, to investigate the former Tudor mansion and gardens that once stood on the site. Belhus is the remnant of a mid-18th century park by Lancelot Brown, with additions by Richard Woods (Register of Parks and Gardens: 1000738), currently used as a golf course and leisure centre since 2000.

Project Results: Analytical earthwork, Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys were

Location

Site 1

Site name: Belhus Park, Thurrock

Coordinates:

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Administrative Areas:

Country : England

County : Essex

District : Thurrock OS ONS

Parish : Thurrock unparished area

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/search/searchResults.xhtml>. The page features a green header with the 'ads' logo and the text 'LIBRARY' and 'ARCHAEOLOGY DATA SERVICE'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, SEARCH, DEPOSIT, RESEARCH, ADVICE, ABOUT, GALLERY, HELP, and LOGIN. The main content area is titled 'Library Search Results' and shows a search for 'bowden'. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Access Type, Author, and Title. The first result is 'The archaeology of rural Dorset, past, present and future' by Mark Bowden, published in 1982. The page also includes a sidebar with filters for Access Type and Author, and a pagination bar at the bottom.

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Library Search Results

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Search: bowden Author: Mark Bowden Reset Query

Access Type

Bibliographic ref (38)

Available from ADS (10)

Author

Mark Bowden (48)

Steve Ford (5)

Keith Blood (4)

Vincent Gaffney (4)

David McOmish (3)

Donnie Mackay (3)

Barry Mead (2)

Damian Grady (2)

Records Found: 48

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M The archaeology of rural Dorset, past, present and future

From : Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society Monograph Series

Publication Date: 1982

Author(s): Mark Bowden, L Groube

- 320k bibliographic records & abstracts
- Includes national & local journals
- 111k open access journal articles & unpublished reports
- 210k downloads (2020)

<https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library>

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The screenshot shows the ADS Library search results page. The browser address bar displays `archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/search/searchResults.xhtml`. The page header includes the ADS Library logo and navigation links. The search results section shows a search for "walled garden" with 63 records found. On the left, there are filters for Access Type, Author, and Country. The main results list includes two entries: "Replacement of signage, Phase 2, Tintagel Castle. Archaeological Watching Brief." and "An Archaeological Trench Record: The Rose Garden, Hampton Court Palace".

Annotations on the slide include:

- Search by keyword in title or author name**: An arrow points to the search input field containing "walled garden".
- Refine the list with filters**: An arrow points to the Author filter list, which includes names like A Cameron (3), M Barter (3), A Williams (2), C Parkes (2), G Young (2), Hillary Murray (2), J Murray (2), S Cook (2), S Harrison (2), and A Garwood (1).
- Click on heading to view record**: An arrow points to the heading "An Archaeological Trench Record: The Rose Garden, Hampton Court Palace" in the results list.

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archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/browse/issue.xhtml?recordId=1136217&recordType=GreyLitSeries

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Stevenson, A. (2016). *An Archaeological Trench Record: The Rose Garden, Hampton Court Palace*. London: Historic Royal Palaces. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1040236>. Cite this using datacite

Title:	An Archaeological Trench Record: The Rose Garden, Hampton Court Palace
Series:	Historic Royal Palaces unpublished report series
Downloads:	historic9-251967_6.pdf (593 kB) Download
Licence Type:	ADS Terms of Use and Access
DOI:	https://doi.org/10.5284/1040236
Publication Type:	Report (in Series)
Abstract:	A trench located in the south-east corner of the former Tudor Tiltyard to the north of the palace was excavated in mid-March 2016 for the installation of irrigation pipes. The presence of a post-medieval brick wall was exposed upon opening this trench. The feature may be associated with William III and Mary II's Kitchen Garden or may be a later installation related to the glass greenhouses built in the mid 19th century located in the south-eastern corner of the former Henrician Tiltyard.
Author:	Alexandra Stevenson
Publisher:	Historic Royal Palaces

Location

Historic England (OASIS Reviewer)

This record has been validated by proxy by Historic

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The Rose Garden, Hampton Court Palace

An Archaeological Trench Record

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OASIS V

- Funded by Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland
- Key features include:
 - OASIS record always open
 - Uses standardised terminology for indexing
 - Range of mapping tools
 - Links to Research Frameworks
 - Links to Archive & Museum repositories
 - Specialist recording modules e.g. graveyards
 - All HE funded research is being published on OASIS





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OASIS & HERs

- HERs are key users of OASIS
- All English HERs are registered on OASIS
- OASIS identifies the relevant HER(s) based on where the project has been mapped
- HERs can choose to be notified when a record is started, report uploaded and core fields completed
- HERs can also specify whether an OASIS record *must* be accompanied by a report





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OASIS & HERs

- HERs can choose whether they wish to engage with OASIS as 'Standard' or 'Lite' users
- Standard users opt to review OASIS records and associated report
- Once reviewed (or after a 6 month window) the report made available via ADS Library
- HERs will be able to download OASIS data for using in their local systems





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Benefits of sharing research via OASIS

- One-stop-shop for England & Scotland rather than needing to contact individual HERs
- Ensures your research goes to the correct HER!
- Digital records available for sharing and reuse e.g. Heritage Gateway, PGUK
- Enables your research to inform local decision making and advice
- Provides digital preservation of reports & access to wider audiences

Findable 
Accessible 
Interoperable 
Reusable 

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Watched projects

This page shows all the projects watched by you personally or by your organisation.

A watched project is one that you have created, updated, reviewed or specifically chosen to watch. Organisation watched projects are all those created or edited by other members of your organisation. All other projects that you have access to can be accessed through the [search page](#).

Search and filter watched projects

Personal projects























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896 projects returned watched by your organisation

	OASIS id	Project Name	Start Date	End Date	Record info	Reviewers	Last updated	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	 nmr1-502009	Building Fabric Analysis at The Old Cottage, Arran Way	31 May 2021	29 Jun 2021	  		6 Jul 2021 13:32	 Core fields
<input type="checkbox"/>	 englishh2-374232	Lurk Lane Excavations	1 Jan 1986	31 Dec 1986	   		29 Jun 2021 09:50	 Library transfer
<input type="checkbox"/>	 nmr1-501958	Building Survey at Police Stations of England 1850 -1995	1 Jan 2011	31 Dec 2015	   		23 Jun 2021 08:02	 Level 2 review Review by 23/12/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	 nmr1-501957	Building Survey at The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot	30 Jun 2019	29 Jul 2019	   		23 Jun 2021 07:33	

OASIS ID: nmr1-501957

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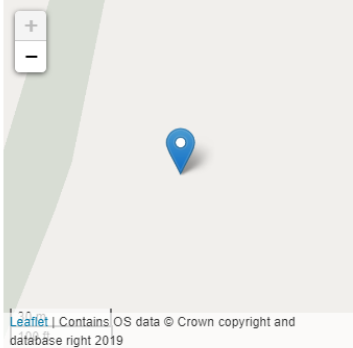
OASIS Id: nmr1-501957

- > Summary ✓
- Activity type ✓
- Location ✓
- Reviewers/Admin areas ✓
- Work undertaken ✓
- Report details ✓
- People ✓
- Keywords ✓
- Results ✓
- Archives
- Additional info
- Burial Spaces ✕
- Geophysical Survey ✕
- Admin
- 3 watchers

Building Survey at The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot

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OASIS ID (UID): nmr1-501957
Project Name: Building Survey at The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot
Activity type: Building Survey
Reason for Investigation: Research
Organisation Responsible for work: Purcell
Project Dates: 01-Jul-2019 - 30-Jul-2019
HER: Durham County Council HER ✕



Project Methodology: This report examines the history, development, function and significance of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) Goods Depot at Darlington. It provides: a general history of the North Road site; the historic development and functionality of the Goods Depot building; an analysis of the building and its principal phases; discussion of the building's place in the evolution of goods sheds as a building type; and an assessment of the building's significance. It was undertaken to improve the understanding of the fabric, the current and former uses of the building, and its lost architectural features. The report will inform the development of Darlington's Railway Heritage Quarter (RHQ) Masterplan. The Goods Depot sits within a complex of buildings associated with the first and

Location
Site 1
Site name: The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot
Coordinates:
 NZ 28993 25629 LL NGR 12 fig

Administrative Areas:
 Country : England
 County : Durham

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the OASIS project page for 'Creeksea Place, Ferry Road, Burnham-on-Crouch'. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'oasis.ac.uk/int/project/her.xhtml?oasisId=englishh2-420479'. The page has a navigation bar with links to Home, Countries, Projects, About, Search, and a 'New project' button. A sidebar on the left lists various project sections, with 'Reviewers/Admin areas' currently selected. The main content area displays the project title, a 'Reviewers/Admin areas' link, and a 'Help' button. Below this, a text box explains the aim of the page: 'The overarching aim of this page is to tie in all the organizations that need to see the record. Principally the HERs, Archives and National Bodies. All the information on this page is dictated by the data on the Location Page.' A section titled 'Administrative areas' lists the following details: Country: England, County: Essex, District: Maldon (with OS and ONS buttons), and Parish: Burnham-on-Crouch. Below this, a section titled 'Historic Environment Record(s) for project*' shows a table with two records: 'Essex HER' and 'Historic England review', both with a 'Review by 10 Mar 2022' status. At the bottom, a footer contains links to OASIS, Cookie policy, Contact, Privacy policy, Terms of service, Accessibility, and Help. The Windows taskbar is visible at the very bottom of the screen.

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Country	England
County	Essex
District	Maldon OS ONS
Parish	Burnham-on-Crouch

Historic Environment Record(s) for project*

Historic Environment Record	Review status
Essex HER	Review by 10 Mar 2022
Historic England review	Review by 10 Mar 2022

Museum / archive for project*

Museum / Archive Archive type

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The screenshot displays a web browser window with the OASIS project administration interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL `oasis.ac.uk/int/project/admin.html?oasisId=nmr1-501957`. The page header includes navigation links such as Home, Countries, Projects, About, and a search bar, along with a 'New project' button and a user profile indicator 'O1'. A sidebar on the left lists various project components for 'OASIS Id: nmr1-501957', including Summary, Activity type, Location, Reviewers/Admin areas, Work undertaken, Report details, People, Keywords, Results, Archives, Additional info, Burial Spaces, and Geophysical Survey. The 'Admin' section is currently selected, showing '3 watchers'. The main content area is titled 'Building Survey at The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot' and features tabs for 'Form lifecycle', 'Form changes', 'Export', 'Delete', 'Review period', and 'Project notes'. Below these tabs is a 'New message' form with fields for 'To' (set to 'Sarah Poppy (Historic England)'), 'Subject*', and 'Message*', and a 'Send' button. Navigation buttons for '< Previous page' and 'Next page >' are located at the top and bottom right of the main content area. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows icons for various applications, including File Explorer, Excel, Chrome, and Outlook.



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OASIS and conservation management plans

- CMPs contain unique research and point-in-time assessment of the condition of heritage assets
- Often commissioned by national organisations with public funding
- The Gardens Trust's CMP list was entered onto OASIS in 2020 creating skeleton records for known plans
- Ongoing work to embed OASIS with commissioning bodies





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What can you do next?

- You can register to set up an account at www.oasis.ac.uk
- Online help available online <https://oasis.ac.uk/help.xhtml> and short 'how to' videos on [Vimeo channel](#)
- Training workshops will be available online
- Helpdesk for queries – herald@ads.ac.uk