

## Oxfordshire County Archaeological Charging policy.

Oxfordshire County Archaeological Service (OCAS) has a varied and demanding caseload and in order to deal efficiently with these demands operates a policy of aiming to respond to all consultations within 21 working days. We also specify that we need to be contacted about site visits at least 10 working days in advance as our diaries are often fully booked within this period.

We do recognise however that there are some occasions outside of our control where circumstances mean that this can cause delays to developments. As such we have agreed a set of charges for a priority DC service to deal with exceptional circumstances.

**There will be no charge for agreeing reports and WSIs within our standard 21 working day timeframe.**

The priority service will be provided subject to availability and will need to be agreed with OCAS either direct with the relevant case office or by emailing

[Archaeologydc@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Archaeologydc@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

The new priority DC charges are as follows,

Type	Standard Timeframe	Standard Charge £	Priority offered	Charge £ (up to)	notes
Monitoring Visit	10 days	290	within 5 days	1200 (a)	
Agreement of WSI	21 days	free	within 3 days	800 (b)	
Reviewing wb report	21 days	free	within 3 days	800 (c)	
reviewing small eval report	21 days	free	within 3 days	400	1-50 houses
reviewing medium eval report	21 days	free	within 3 days	700	50-200
reviewing large eval report	21 days	free	within 3-5 days	2700	200+
Post excavation assessments	21 days (+ for larger sites)	free	within 5 days	3600	need to be by arrangement

a, For monitoring visits this would depend on the notice period given.

1 day	£1200
2 days	£1000
3 days	£900
4 days	£800
5 days	£700
5-10 days	£500

- b, will depend on the nature of the WSI, simple (Geophysical survey, desk-based assessments and small fieldwork projects such as watching briefs, when based on a brief) - £300, medium (small evaluations and excavations where based on a brief) – (£500) and complex (large projects, overarching schemes and WSIs not based on a brief) - £800.
- c, will depend on the size of the report, small (up to a single house) - £300, medium (up to 5 houses) – (£500) and large (complex or large projects such as linear schemes) - £800.