

## Archaeology Timeline

Decade	1900-1909	1910-1919	1920-1929
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>		<p><b>1910</b> Ancient Monuments Protection Act</p> <p><b>1915</b> British Archaeological Association visits IOW.</p>	
<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	<p><b>1907</b> Pageant of Isle of Wight History held at Carisbrooke Castle (CC). Percy Stone, architect &amp; antiquary, acts as advisor.</p>	<p><b>1911/13</b> O.G.S. Crawford prompts the transfer of contents of Newport Museum to Carisbrooke Castle Museum (CCM) in the gatehouse.</p>	<p><b>1927</b> IWNHS incorporates 'Archaeology' in its remit and title</p>
<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>		<p>Crawford: involved in enhancement of CCM. In <b>1920</b>, he supervises recovery of Early Bronze Age urns at Rancombe.</p> <p>Frank Morey: curator CCM &amp; founder of Isle of Wight Natural History Society (IWNHS).</p>	<p><b>1926</b> Catherine Morey: curator CCM.</p> <p><b>1927</b> Marjorie Middleton joins IWNHAS &amp; carries out archaeological fieldwork in Undercliff. Later she was leader of the Archaeology Section.</p>
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	<p>Percy Stone excavates at St Catherine's Oratory (and earlier at Quarr Abbey).</p> <p>Ronald W Poulton and family retrieve Palaeolithic implements from Priory Bay.</p>	<p><b>1910/11</b> Percy Stone and George Colenutt investigate the 'Down Pits' (dolines), at Rowborough.</p>	<p><b>1920s</b> onwards, minor excavations at Carisbrooke Castle.</p> <p><b>1926</b> Newport Roman Villa excavation, supervised by Percy Stone. The site is adopted by John Millgate and covered by a protective building.</p>
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	<p><b>1900 &amp; 1903</b> Wight's archaeology is summarised in <i>Victoria County History</i> vol 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>1909</b> <i>Discoveries of Palaeolithic implements</i> published by RW Poulton in 'Morey's <i>Guide to the Natural History of the Isle of Wight</i>'.</p> <p><b>1909</b> 'Guide to Carisbrooke Castle' by Percy Stone.</p>	<p><b>1911</b> Dr John Whitehead publishes <i>The Undercliff of the Isle of Wight</i>.</p>	<p><b>1926</b> Sherwin and Poole publish the first archaeological articles in <i>IWNHAS Proceedings (IW Proc.)</i>.</p> <p><b>1927</b> <i>Excavation of a barrow on St Catherine's Hill, Niton, IW</i> by Gerald Dunning in <i>Proc. Hants Field Club</i>.</p> <p><b>1929</b> <i>A Roman villa at Newport</i> by Percy Stone &amp; <i>Part 2: The Pottery</i> by Gerald Sherwin in <i>Antiquaries Journal</i>.</p>

Decade	1930-1939
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	OGS Crawford is appointed archaeologist to the Ordnance Survey, where he pioneers aerial archaeology.
<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	
<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>	Gerald Dunning (Island-born) is active in the Undercliff and on St Catherine's Down. Later he becomes a senior Inspector of Ancient Monuments and a national authority on medieval ceramics. Hubert Poole is a recognised authority on the Palaeolithic of the Isle of Wight.
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	Gerald Dunning excavates at least one undisturbed barrow near Niton ( <i>IW Proc.</i> ) but otherwise records chance finds. He also attempts rescue excavations on the face of coastal erosion. Up to his death, Hubert Poole recovers flint implements from the Island's gravel pits and ploughed land.
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	Archaeological articles in <i>IWNHAS Proceedings</i> and <i>Proceedings of the Hampshire Field Club</i> by Dunning and Poole. Those by Poole describe Palaeolithic, Mesolithic & Neolithic flint implements found throughout the Island.

1940-1949
H E Pritchett: 'enthusiast'. Gerald Sherwin: see below. E A Sydenham: curator CCM. He was a national expert on Roman coins.
Harry Pritchett and others undertake minor excavations up to the 1940s, leaving no record except for general MS notes. <b>1940</b> Leslie Grinsell (leading authority on prehistoric barrows in southern England) collaborates with G. A. Sherwin to produce a comprehensive survey of the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age barrows on the Island. ( <i>IW Proc.</i> 3, (3), 179-222). <b>1947</b> Gerald Dunning publishes observations on the unfinished Iron Age hillfort on Chillerton Down.
<b>1936-42</b> Sherwin compiles an Archaeology Survey of the Island. It now survives as an unpublished MS in Society of Antiquaries Library. This forms one of the sources of the Wight's current Historic Environment Record. <b>1947</b> 'Chillerton Down Camp, Gatcombe, IW' by G C Dunning in <i>IW Proc.</i>

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<p><b>National (legislation etc)</b></p>	<p><b>1950s</b> Ordnance Survey employs 'Field Investigators' to record 'Antiquities'. OS record cards &amp; Carisbrooke Castle Museum record maps of archaeological sites &amp; finds became main sources of current Historic Environment Record.</p>	
<p><b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b></p>	<p>Trustees of CCM become the first IOW based organization to appoint a professional museum curator/ archaeologist.</p>	
<p><b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b></p>	<p><b>1950-51</b> D M Waterman First professional curator of Carisbrooke Castle Museum appointed by Trustees.  <b>1951-53</b> J E Bartlett Curator of CCM.  <b>1953 -1982</b> Jack Jones Curator of CCM. Archaeology included among his many duties.</p>	
<p><b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b></p>	<p>Excavation of round barrow on Arreton Down by J Alexander reveals evidence of Neolithic settlement and Early Bronze Age wooden structures and burials beneath the Bronze Age Mound. Jacquetta Hawkes and Jack Jones excavate at the Longstone at Mottistone. Here, they recognise kerb stones and ditch and concluded it was a long barrow, favouring the view of OGS Crawford, and negating that of G C Dunning and others.  <b>1959-1960s</b> Stuart Rigold excavated at Carisbrooke Castle for Ministry of Works</p>	<p><b>1968/9</b> Three round barrows on Week Down excavated for Ministry of Works by Robert Carr.  <b>1969</b> Excavation of two round barrows and fieldwork on Ashley Down by Peter Drewett.  <b>1968- c1980</b> Laurie Fennelly excavated at Combley Roman villa.  <b>1966-1969</b> Laurie Fennelly excavated Iron Age enclosure and medieval pottery kiln at Knighton.</p>
<p><b>Publications and Reports</b></p>	<p><b>1950</b> <i>'The Roman villa at Brading'</i> by C Aspinall-Oglander.  <i>'The excavation of a round barrow on Arreton Down, IW'</i> J Alexander, PC Ozanne &amp; A Ozanne in <i>Proceedings of Prehistoric Society</i> (articles on this excavation also published <i>IW Proc.</i>)  <b>1957</b> <i>The Longstone, Mottistone</i>, Jacquetta Hawkes, <i>Antiquity</i> 31(123): 147-152, September 1957.</p>	<p><b>1960</b> <i>'Carisbrooke Castle Museum: a guide to the collections'</i>, Jack Jones/Trustees of CCM  <b>1969</b> <i>'Excavations of Roman Villa at Combley'</i> L R Fennelly in <i>IW Proc.</i>  <b>1969</b> <i>'A Late medieval kiln at Knighton'</i> L R Fennelly in <i>Proc. Hants Field Club.</i></p>
<p><b>Decade</b></p>	<p><b>1970-1979</b></p>	

<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	A decade of rescue archaeology throughout Britain as archaeologists struggle to record sites threatened by development in towns and cities and by ploughing up of sites in the countryside.
<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	<b>1973</b> Trustees of CCM appoint David Tomalin as Assistant Curator with special responsibility for archaeology. (1981, transferred to Isle of Wight Council). <b>1976</b> Formation of IW Archaeological Committee to promote & administer grants for rescue archaeology.
<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>	Laurie Fennelly: leader Archaeology Section IWNHAS. David Tomalin: see above. Vicky Basford: Field Survey Officer for Wessex Archaeological Committee/Isle of Wight Archaeological Committee 1976-1981. Job Creation Schemes at CCM from 1978 employed archaeologists Frank Basford and Claire Halpin.
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	<b>1976-1982</b> Christopher Young excavates at Carisbrooke Castle for Department of Environment. Rescue excavations by David Tomalin and volunteers (including members of IWNHAS): <b>1974</b> Rock Roman villa <b>1976</b> Apes Down ring ditch <b>1977-78</b> Newbarn Down round barrow <b>1978</b> Redcliff Neolithic occupation and Roman salt-working site <b>1979</b> Small-scale rescue excavation of ploughed-up Anglo-Saxon cremations on Bowcombe Down
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	<b>1970</b> <i>The excavation of two round barrows and associated field work on Ashy Down, IW</i> by Peter Drewett. <i>Proc. Hants Field Club</i> . <b>1975</b> <i>Newport Roman Villa &amp; Roman Wight</i> . Guidebook by David Tomalin. <b>1979</b> <i>Barrow excavation in the Isle of Wight</i> by David Tomalin in <i>Current Archaeology</i> . Features reconstruction of mortuary house posts at Newbarn Down (Gallibury Down) barrow on front cover of magazine.
<b>Decade</b>	<b>1980-1989</b>
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	<b>1983</b> English Heritage takes over responsibilities for listed buildings, scheduled monuments and grant-aid for investigation of threatened archaeological sites.

<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	<p><b>1981</b> Archaeological collection of CCM transferred on loan to Isle of Wight County Council and the County Archaeology Centre was established at Clatterford Road, Carisbrooke.</p> <p>IW Sites &amp; Monuments Record, later Historic Environment Record (HER) was established by Vicky Basford, initially as a paper-based record. Later developed as a sophisticated digital record by David Motkin &amp; Rebecca Loader, the HER has become an invaluable database of knowledge, shaping development proposals and underpinning responses to these proposals.</p>
<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>	<p>At County Archaeology Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Tomalin County Archaeologist (until 1997).</li> <li>• Vicky Basford SMR Officer 1981-1984</li> <li>• Frank Basford Field Officer 1981-2006</li> <li>• John Margham (museums documentation, sites &amp; monuments, vernacular building recording 1983-4)</li> <li>• Jo Bailey SMR Officer 1984-86</li> <li>• David Motkin (SMR Officer/Deputy County Archaeologist 1986-2001)</li> </ul>
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	<p>Excavations by David Tomalin:</p> <p><b>1980</b> 17<sup>th</sup> century water pipe in Newport High Street.</p> <p><b>1980</b> Ploughed-out Bronze Age round barrow investigated at Mount Joy.</p> <p><b>1982</b> Roman corn-drier at Packway, Newchurch.</p> <p><b>1980</b> Excavations carried out by IWNHAS at Brading Roman Villa under the villa's archaeological advisor, Margaret Rule.</p> <p>Underwater excavation of HMS Pomone – Archaeology Centre and Royal Navy divers.</p> <p>Major projects funded by Manpower Services Commission, based at Archaeology Centre, involving fieldwork &amp; recording: Maritime Heritage Project, Maritime Sites and Monuments Records and Historic Buildings Record. Many project staff employed including Rebecca Loader, Alison Gale, Paul Simpson, Marion Brinton and Mark Tosdevin.</p> <p>Fieldwork by Maritime Heritage Project including underwater excavation of Yarmouth Roads Wreck and survey of Bouldnor underwater cliff</p> <p>David Motkin continues the programme of air photography started by David Tomalin. Many new sites located from the air.</p>
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	<p><b>1980</b> <i>The Vectis report: A survey of IOW archaeology.</i> H V (Vicky) Basford</p> <p><b>1987</b> <i>'Roman Wight: A Guide Catalogue'</i> David Tomalin, published IW County Council</p> <p>Excavation by David Tomalin of Newport water pipe. Report on this site &amp; on excavation of Packway Roman corn-drier &amp; Redcliff salt-working sites published in <i>IW Proc.</i></p>
<b>Decade</b>	<b>1990-1999</b>
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	<p><b>1990</b> Planning Policy Guidance 16: Archaeology and Planning (PPG 16) is produced by UK Government to advise local planning authorities on the treatment of archaeology within the planning process.</p>

<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	<p>Following the introduction of PPG 16, the County Archaeology Centre starts to comment on all planning applications affecting archaeological sites (David Motkin lead officer on planning).</p> <p><b>1990</b> IW Trust for Maritime Archaeology founded - later Hampshire &amp; Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology.</p> <p><b>1994</b> Brading Roman villa transferred to a Charitable Trust.</p> <p><b>1996</b> Museum of Isle of Wight History opened at Guildhall, incorporating archaeological material formerly at CCM.</p>
<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>	<p>Rebecca Loader, Ivor Westmore and others employed as project archaeologists on the Wootton-Quarr coastal survey (see below). Kevin Trott and Alan Brading active as a voluntary field archaeologists.</p>
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	<p><b>1990</b> onwards: ‘Wootton-Quarr Project’. Major pioneering inter-tidal survey and fieldwork project based at Archaeology Centre with funding from English Heritage is followed by post-survey analysis and production of report from 1996-1998. Project involved staff of Archaeology Centre and EH funded project archaeologists together with a multi-disciplinary team of specialists.</p> <p><b>1990s</b> geophysical survey and excavation by English Heritage and County Archaeological Centre to inform management plan for Brading Roman Villa. Kevin Trott carries out developer-funded fieldwork and excavation in late 1990s and involved in fieldwalking projects involving IWNHAS members from late 1990s onwards.</p> <p><b>1993 and 1995</b> Geophysical Survey and excavation at Clatterford Roman villa by English Heritage</p> <p><b>1999-2001</b> Isle of Wight Coastal Audit carried out by Rebecca Loader and Frank Basford; the first of the English Heritage funded programme of Rapid Coastal Zone Assessment Surveys.</p> <p><b>Late 1990s</b> HWTMA start further investigation of Bouldnor underwater cliff.</p>
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	<p><b>1991</b> <i>The Story Beneath the Solent: Discovering Underwater Archaeology</i> Alison Gale for IWTMA</p> <p><b>1990</b> <i>Thorley – a parish survey</i> J Margham <i>IW Proc.</i></p> <p><b>1992</b> <i>Freshwater – Man and the Landscape</i> J Margham <i>IW Proc.</i> late 1990s to present day:</p> <p>Numerous articles by J Margham in IWNHAS Proceedings on Anglo-Saxon landscape, IW medieval parish churches and other landscape archaeology topics.</p> <p>Reports by David Tomalin on IW combe-cluster barrow cemeteries, Iron Age ceramics from Mount Joy, Newport &amp; late Iron Age ceramics from Packway, Newchurch appear in <i>IW Proc.</i></p> <p><b>1997</b> <i>Time and Tide: An Archaeological Survey of the Wootton-Quarr Coast</i>, R. Loader, I. Westmore and D. Tomalin</p> <p><b>Late 1990s onwards:</b> reports of developer-funded excavations and fieldwork by Kevin Trott, Southern Archaeological Services and others (including much unpublished ‘grey literature’).</p> <p><b>Late 1990s onwards:</b> Archaeological and Historic Landscape Surveys commissioned by National Trust for properties and sites in NT ownership on IW. (Various authors).</p>
Decade	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2000-2009</b></p>
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	
<b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b>	<p><b>2004</b> Brading Roman villa steel and corrugated iron cover building dating from 1908 is replaced with new cover building of modern design with enhanced visitor facilities.</p>

<b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b>	<p>At County Archaeology Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Waller: County Archaeologist</li> <li>• Rebecca Loader: Historic Environment Record Officer</li> <li>• Owen Cambridge: Planning Archaeologist</li> <li>• Frank Basford: Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Vicky. Basford: Historic Landscape Characterisation Project Officer</li> </ul> <p>Alan Phillips: leader Archaeology Section IWNHAS</p>
<b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b>	<p><b>2001</b> ‘Time Team’ excavation at Yaverland of Iron Age defensive site with later occupation. County Archaeology Service &amp; IWNHAS members involved in dig.</p> <p><b>2002-2006:</b> Isle of Wight Historic Landscape Characterisation Project funded by English Heritage</p> <p><b>2003</b> Isle of Wight incorporated within national Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). From this date Isle of Wight metal-detected finds have been consistently recorded online on PAS database <a href="http://www.finds.org.uk">www.finds.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>2003</b> members worked on excavations at Brading Roman Villa before construction of new building.</p> <p><b>2006-2008</b> Isle of Wight Coastal Assessment Enhancement Project funded by English Heritage</p> <p><b>2006-2009:</b> Isle of Wight Historic Environment Action Plan Project</p> <p><b>2008-2010</b> Brading Roman Villa excavations led by Prof Barry Cunliffe (IWNHAS members helped excavating and finds processing)</p> <p>Excavations at site of Newclose cricket ground.</p> <p><b>2009:</b> Below The Ground Project: Magnetometer and Resistivity machine bought with grant from LEADER to investigate sites of potential archaeological interest. Delian Backhouse-Fry, Jackie Hart and Mike Cahill worked with County Heritage Service to create the successful bid for funding. Training by Wessex Archaeology.</p> <p>Developer funded surveys and excavations carried out throughout the decade</p>
<b>Publications and Reports</b>	<p><b>2000</b> <i>Excavations at Carisbrooke Castle 1921-1996</i>. Christopher Young for Wessex Archaeology</p> <p><b>2000</b> onwards: reports by K Trott on local fieldwalking published in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2000</b> onwards: Various reports by David Tomalin in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2006</b> Isle of Wight Archaeological Resource Assessments for various periods. Ruth Waller, Rebecca Loader, Vicky Basford, Owen Cambridge &amp; others (grey literature produced for the Solent Thames Archaeological Research Framework).</p> <p><b>2007</b> <i>The Portable Antiquities Scheme in the Isle of Wight</i> Frank Basford in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2008</b> <i>Isle of Wight Historic Landscape Characterisation</i>. Vicky Basford for IW Council &amp; English Heritage.</p> <p><b>2008-2015</b> <i>Isle of Wight Historic Environment Action Plan</i>. Various reports by Vicky Basford &amp; others for IW Council and AONB.</p>
<b>Decade</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2010-2019</b></p>
<b>National (legislation etc)</b>	<p><b>2013</b> National Planning Policy Framework replaced PPG 16 (revised 2018).</p> <p><b>2015</b> Monument protection role of English Heritage now under Historic England.</p>

<p><b>Isle of Wight (organisational)</b></p>	<p>IOW Archaeology Service downsized. In advance of the sale of Archaeology Centre at Carisbrooke in 2017, the IW Council rehoused the Archaeology Service at Westridge. Frank Basford moves to Museum of Isle of Wight History which is now the base for Portable Antiquities Scheme.</p> <p>Museum of Isle of Wight History at Guildhall, Newport under threat. Closed for a short while but re-opened with ‘Visit Wight’ staff operating ticket sales from Tourist Information Centre. In late 2019, Visit Wight staff move out. Museum is currently open 2 mornings a week, manned by Heritage Service staff.</p> <p>Maritime Archaeology Trust (formerly HWTMA) take over management of the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum based at Arreton Barns and owned by Martin Woodward.</p>
<p><b>Archaeologists/ Curators</b></p>	<p>At County Archaeology Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca Loader: Senior Archaeologist</li> <li>• Rosie Lansley Archaeological Officer</li> <li>• Rebecca Bevan, part time Assistant Archaeologist</li> </ul> <p>Delian Backhouse-Fry: leader Archaeology Section IWNHAS.</p>
<p><b>Excavations, Fieldwork and Projects</b></p>	<p>Geophysical and fieldwork projects carried out by Archaeology Section of IWNHAS including:</p> <p><b>2014-16</b> HLF funded excavations carried at Quarr Abbey directed by Matt Garner (Southampton City Council Archaeological Unit) with assistance from IWNHAS Archaeology Section</p> <p>Developer funded excavations and surveys carried out by several contractors. Below The Ground Project continues. 2019 new gradiometer purchased with grant from IWNHAS.</p> <p>Research using LIDAR, by David Marshall, is the latest tool for identifying sites of potential significance.</p> <p>Excavations at Quarr as part of HLF funded Two Abbeys Project.</p> <p>Small excavations at Crocker St, Newport, Newtown, Quarr.</p> <p>Residential field trips to Orkney, Dartmoor, North Yorkshire.</p> <p>Members help cataloguing exhibits at Arreton Barns Shipwreck Centre.</p>
<p><b>Publications and Reports</b></p>	<p><b>2010</b> onwards: various reports by David Tomalin in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2011</b> <i>Mesolithic occupation at Bouldnor Cliff and the submerged prehistoric landscapes of the Solent</i>, G. Momber <i>et al</i> Council for British Archaeology</p> <p><b>2012</b> <i>Coastal Archaeology in a Dynamic Environment: A Solent case study</i>. David Tomalin, Rebecca Loader &amp; Robert G Scaife for English Heritage</p> <p><b>2013</b> <i>The Roman villa at Brading: The excavations of 2008-10</i>. Barry Cunliffe.</p> <p><b>2013</b> <i>Late Prehistoric settlement features at Northwood, Cowes</i>, A.B. Powell in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2014</b> <i>Distinctiveness and Diversity: Historic Land Use and Settlement on the Isle of Wight</i>. Vicky Basford in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p> <p><b>2015</b> <i>Below the Ground Project: a geophysical survey at Hill Farm, Newchurch, IW</i> David Marshall in <i>IW Proc</i>.</p>