UK-level data collection
ADS and OASIS, workflow and best practice

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The ADS: Who we are and what we do

- Founded 1996
- Department of Archaeology, University of York
- Collections
  - 1,100,000 metadata records
  - 30,000+ unpublished fieldwork reports
  - 700+ rich archives
- Guides to Good Practice
- DPC Decennial Award 2012
OASIS is like a transit lounge

... and currently about this old too!!
What OASIS does now

- Research projects
- Grey literature library
- Geophysical Survey database
- Web service
- OAI-PMH
- Radiocarbon Dating Recording Form
- DES Form

Related organizations:
- Federation of Archaeological Managers & Employers (FAME)
- Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers
- English Heritage
- Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
- Historic Scotland
- Alba Aosmhor
- Data.gov.uk
- Marine Environmental Data Network (MEDIN)
Unfortunately we have to deal with some problems too…

There’s a problem of flow in and out of the transit lounge

And in some places it isn’t used enough!
HERALD project

- HERALD built on Pye Tait Survey 2012
- User needs survey:
  - Online questionnaire & telephone interviews
- Product:
  - detailed specification for a redeveloped OASIS system based on survey results
- ALGAO & CBA were partners in the project
- Finished March 2015
What the survey tells us:

- Ongoing communication
- Flexible workflows
- Different levels of interaction
- Archiving and dissemination of reports
- Inclusion of Museum curators
- Record specialist data when appropriate
- Move focus from archaeology to historic environment
- Include simple to use import and export systems
Different for almost everyone:

- some want to start and complete the record
- some want units to do it
- some want a mini record
- some want a very rich record
- some want access to richer records but may not use them
- some want the museums involved....

...so no one size fits all!!
Records remain ‘OPEN’ with alerts when core fields are completed

- **OASIS BASIC**
- **OASIS PLUS**
- **Environmental**
- **VAG**
- **Geophysics**
- **Other modules: BIG ANCHORS**
- **Pottery**

**Bibliographic record & Report uploaded by HERs or contractors**

- Constitutes a basic HER record
- Creates a rich metadata record for specialist / project specific recording
OASIS in Wales

HER Wales

SWORD

- Enhanced bibliographic record
- Grey literature report

OASIS

- ADS archives
- mints DOI

Grey literature library

DOI

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