Overview

OASIS and Historic Building Recording

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Overview

• What is OASIS supposed to do?
• Why is it useful?
• The mock-up
• Tell us what you think!
Historic Buildings and the new OASIS

• Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland support the OASIS system and have invested in its future development.

• It is recognised that in the future OASIS needs to be more buildings-friendly.

• To help generate discussion we were commissioned to create a mock-up of what a new system will look like.
What is OASIS supposed to do?

Fieldwork input ➔ Print out ➔ Post ➔ Backlog ➔ Local govt

National agency ➔ Backlog ➔ Post ➔ Print out
OASIS is like a transit lounge...

(... and currently about this old too!)
Create once, use many times

- DES Form
- Radiocarbon Dating
- Canmore

Web service
OAI-PMH
Geophysical Survey database
The ADS Library

• Currently referred to as the ‘Grey Literature Library’ will be re-launched as the ADS Library incorporating BIAB this year.

• Current link:  
  http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/greylit/

• Future:  
  http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/
What’s the benefit?

- Rapid and easy access to information, free-of-charge
  - faster response times (to clients, to requests for information)
  - Joined-up information
  - National searching
  - Thematic searching
  - Better decision-making
  - Digitally preserved, archived reports
Assessment in advance of conversion from bookshop to sandwich shop (A1 to A3).

Late C17th and c1760, later modification to Petergate in 1771. 19th Century shop front.
Themes

- Thematic searches e.g. ‘Steel’
  - Former Corus Steelworks, Tipon
  - Former Corus Steelworks, Oldbury, Sandwell
  - Former Mary Street Steelworks, Sheffield
  - Stocksbridge Steelworks, Sheffield
  - The Former Corus Steelworks Site, Workington, Cumbria
• Thematic searches – Churches / Chapels
  • Brixworth Church Survey
  • Christ Church Spitalfields (crypt) 1984-1987
  • Scawby Methodist Chapel, Lincolnshire
  • 170 reports on Friends Meeting Houses in England (The Architectural History Practice).
What is OASIS+buildings?

OASIS+buildings is an online submission form. OASIS+buildings allows historic buildings investigators to document details about work they have done – the who, the what, the where, the when and the why of their work, along with the results of this work – the report they have generated. The purpose of the system is to feed other information resources, principally Historic Environment Records. The report uploaded will be passed to the HER but also included in the ADS Library, where it will join over 3000 other reports detailing historic building investigations nationally.

Who should use OASIS+buildings?

Anyone conducting an investigation of the historic environment, whether this be simply taking a few photographs for interest, to full building recording survey. OASIS+buildings is a module of the wider OASIS system, which encompasses the whole of the sphere of historic environment investigations, including below-ground archaeology, landscape survey and remote sensing. The system has been designed to be as intuitive as possible so that all forms of practitioner, whether professional or voluntary, can submit information. OASIS+buildings will help to inform strategic decisions for the historic environment by compiling a national picture of investigative work undertaken as part of the planning process and pre-planning process, (implemented through the National Planning Policy Framework), or in the voluntary sectors. As such, its use will be promoted and encouraged as best practice by National and Local Historic Environment bodies.

How does OASIS+buildings work?

OASIS+buildings is essentially a process. It collects information from the people who understand the work the best: the people who conducted it, and feeds it to places where the information can be made available and searched.
Project summary

Event type

Location

Project details

Associated Ids

Report upload

Keywords

Research outcomes

Project creators

Archive details

OASIS ID towers1-135790

Start typing the type of event and matching entries from the FISH Event Types Thesaurus will appear. Click on Add to select. Repeat the steps above for projects with multiple event types.

**Event type** e.g. building survey

Architectural Survey

**Event types selected:**

- Architectural survey
- Measured survey

Next page
Site name *e.g.* Auchnafree Lodge extension

Enter the name of your site

Site code *e.g.* TOW-AUCH-16

Enter your organisation's site code

Do you have a GIS boundary file for your site?

- **Yes** - this will take you to a page to upload your boundary file
  
  **Browse for your boundary file**

- **No** - this will take you to a page where you can enter your project location

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Location  e.g. PH6 2LA or Dunira

Enter your location

○ Grid reference
○ Place
○ Postcode

Find

Back
You have selected:

Location: DH1 3RW

Address:
- Palace Green
- Durham City
- County Durham
- DH1 3RW

Eastings: 427312
Northing: 542366

County: County Durham
District: County Durham
Parish: County Durham, unparished area

Drag the marker to centre the map on your project location

OASIS ID: towers1-135790

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Historic Environment Record

The following HERs cover the area for your project location. Please select which you would like to inform of your project.

- Durham HER
- National Trust HBSMR

Durham HER

OASIS Participation: **OASIS LITE**

HER requirements for OASIS users

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**Project name**

The following project name has been suggested from details completed so far:

- Architectural Survey at Palace Green, Durham City, County Durham DH1 3RW
- Other, please specify

**Type your project name here if different from above**

**Project description**

Please enter a short description of your project

**Project dates**

Start date [ ]  End date [ ]
OASIS+ buildings

LIST OF PROJECTS  NEW PROJECT  RECENT ACTIVITY  YOUR PROFILE  SEARCH

Project Summary
Event type
Location

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Methods and techniques
- Annotated Sketch
- Dendrochronological Survey
- Laser Scanning
- Measured Survey
- Photogrammetric Survey
- Photographic Survey
- Rectified photography
- Survey/Recording Of Fabric/Structure

Prompt
What was the reason for the investigation?

Current Land use
What is the current land use of the site or area?

Site status
Select the site’s status from the list or leave blank if not applicable

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**Associated Identifiers** e.g. HER No

Please enter all known identifiers for the project

Enter the Id number or code

Add identifier

And select the type from the list below:

- Internal/organisation site code
- HER event no
- Museum accession id
- NHLE no
- NRHE no
- OASIS form id
- Planning application no
- Pre-planning reference no
- Related HER event no
- Scheduled Monument no

**Associated Identifiers entered:**

- Internal/organisation site code: BD2016
- HER event no: 123456
Project Summary
- Event type
- Location
- Project details
- Associated IDs

Report upload
- Report upload

Keywords
- Keywords

Research outcomes
- Research outcomes

Project creators
- Project creators

Archive details
- Archive details

OASIS ID towers1-135790

Upload report files
- report.pdf
- report2.pdf

Add files
Uploading...
Check the contents of the report

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Report name</th>
<th>Architectural Survey at Palace Green Durham City County Durham DH1 3RW</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Author</td>
<td>Anne Towers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Palace Green Durham City County Durham DH1 3RW</td>
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</table>
Subject & period terms

Start typing a keyword and matching entries from the FISH Thesauri will appear. Click on Add to select. Repeat the steps above to add more than one term.

Keyword e.g. Chandelier or 18th Century

Keywords selected:
- Railing
- Oven
- Sandstone

OASIS ID towers1-135790
Research frameworks

Does the project brief or Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) refer to a particular Research Framework?

Choose a Research Framework

Add

Research outcomes

Please enter the findings of your project in relation to the research aims
Project summary
Event type
Location
HER details
Work undertaken
Report upload
People involved
Keywords
What was found
Archive details
Additional Info
OASIS ID: towers1-135790

Is there an archive for this project?
- Yes
- No

Archive details 1
Archive location before deposition
- Towers Surveys (your organisation)
- Other, please specify: Location

Archive location (final)
Location

Archive Id or Museum accession Id
Archive / museum Identifier

Expected deposition date
4/22/2012

Quantity
Contents
Other contents
Notes
- Boxes / Mbs
- Contents
- If other, please specify
- Additional info

Archive deposited
4/22/2012

Archive accepted
4/22/2012

Upload contents list
Back
Add another archive part
Next page
Archive Notes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Author (Date)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Is there a particular format for the archive contents spreadsheet</td>
<td>Anne Towers 03-12-2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes you can download a template from the archive information page on</td>
<td>Anne Curator 05-12-2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>the OASIS website</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Can we delay the deposit of the archive for 3 months?</td>
<td>Anne Towers 24-10-2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Add a new note

Add a message for the archive or ask a question
Project summary - towers-135790

- HER: Durham HER
  OASIS Participation: OASIS LITE
  Reviewing reports before release: No
  HER Number: 123456

- Archive: Durham County Record Office
  OASIS participation: Yes

- ADS Library: awaiting upload
  Preview the entry in the ADS library and get the report DOI

- Report DOI: created on upload to ADS Library
  What is a DOI?

- Research framework summary: awaiting upload
Bibliographic reference of your report:

Towers, A. (2016) 'Architectural Survey at Palace Green, Durham City, County Durham DH1 3RW'

Abstract from your project description and research outcomes:

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Location:
Palace Green, Durham City, County Durham DH1 3RW

Keywords:
Chapel, Stable, Courtyard, Bakehouse, Brewhouse, Church, Gatehouse, Granary, Royal palace, Window, Gallery (Secular), Arch brick, Ceiling, Cellar, Room, Cloister, Roof, Frieze, Staircase, Stone, Decorative plaster, Brick

Identifiers:
Internal/organisation site code: BD2016
HER event no: 123456
Organisation Profile: Towers Surveys

Project completion statistics
What stages have your projects reached?

24 projects with incomplete core fields
10 awaiting report upload
32 awaiting archive deposition
83 completed projects
139 total projects

Organisation description
This text and logo is used to describe your organisation in the ADS Library


Upload your organisation logo

Members:
An admin user can add members to an organisation

- Anne Towers - admin user
- Joe Bloggs - normal user
- Valerie Volunteer - normal user

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