HS2 Archaeology

COPA

Cotswold  Oxford  Pre-Construct

Archaeology
**who we are**

We are a consortium formed of three of the largest and most successful commercial archaeological contractors in the UK: Cotswold Archaeology, Oxford Archaeology and Pre-Construct Archaeology. We have a combined turnover of c £25m and, between us, a total of 92 years in business. This joint arrangement brings together three highly experienced Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) Registered Organisations, each with a long established track record of delivering large-scale and high-quality projects.

**why we formed**

We came together to allow us to bid for elements of the archaeological work required during the HS2 Phase 1 Enabling Works and beyond, and in response to the likely scale and programme constraints of the works. Our shared values, commitment and experience make us a natural fit – COPA as a whole will be far greater than the sum of its parts. Our combined capacity and expertise will help ensure success, both in terms of the resource levels required but also in terms of the innovative and responsive approach that will be needed on archaeological works of such an unprecedented scale.

**our experience**

Our strength comes from our experience of working on some of the most important infrastructure projects undertaken in this country, including HS1, Crossrail, Thameslink Borough Viaduct & London Bridge Station Improvements, the Glasgow M74 Completion, A46 Newark to Widmerpool, Bexhill to Hastings Link Road, East Kent Access Road, the 2012 Olympic Park, Kings Cross Regeneration, Hinkley Point C New Nuclear Power Station, and the Milford Haven to Brecon Gas Pipeline, South Wales. In addition Cotswold Archaeology have had a major input to the Cultural Heritage aspects of the Environmental Statement for HS2.

All three companies have significant experience of working together to deliver challenging projects across the UK, and have also demonstrated ability to work in partnership. For example, OA-PCA is in its sixth year, during which we have worked on three significant projects, including the Thameslink Programme, where fieldwork has been completed and the post-excavation process is well underway. CA-PCA has recently published its monograph on the results of excavations at the Broadmead Expansion Project in Bristol. OCA (Oxford Archaeology -Cotswold Archaeology) is currently working on a 10ha site on the outskirts of Thame, Oxfordshire.
Client: Crossrail Ltd  
Project: Contract 254 - Western Section  
Archaeology/Publication of Buildings and Railway Heritage for entire project  
Contractor: Oxford Archaeology - Ramboll  
Task: Works designs, building recording, evaluation, excavation, watching briefs, public outreach and publications  
Outcomes: OA in conjunction with its partner for Crossrail (Ramboll UK) provided a range of services to Crossrail Ltd, culminating in the production of three monographs and journal publications

Client: Balfour Beatty and Highways Agency  
Project: A46 Newark to Widmerpool Road Scheme (Nottinghamshire)  
Contractor: Cotswold Archaeology - Wessex Archaeology  
Task: Major programme of archaeological recording in tandem with construction works  
Outcomes: Archaeological works on route not previously available for prior evaluation completed to time and within budget. Production of popular and detailed technical reports

Client: Bristol Alliance (Hammerson and Land Securities)  
Project: Cabot Circus Shopping Centre Development (Bristol)  
Contractor: Cotswold Archaeology - Pre-Construct Archaeology  
Task: Large scale excavation of complex urban medieval and post-medieval deposits, some waterlogged  
Outcomes: Archaeological work closely phased with development programme. Highly successful public open day and production of detailed technical report, the most substantive publication on the archaeology of Bristol to date
some recent work

Client: Hochtief Taylor Woodrow Joint Venture
Project: Bexhill to Hastings Link Road (Sussex)
Contractor: Oxford Archaeology
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Tasks: Implementation of large-scale complex excavation within limited time and budgetary constraints alongside construction of new road
Outcomes: Excavation of multiple areas. Wide-ranging public outreach programme undertaken in parallel with excavation. Full publication of excavation results

Client: Network Rail
Project: Thameslink Borough Viaduct and London Bridge Improvement Works
Contractor: Oxford Archaeology - Pre-Construct Archaeology

Tasks: Archaeological investigations to enable the construction of the new Thameslink Borough Viaduct, including deeply stratified Roman, medieval and post-medieval sites
Outcomes: Preparation of large numbers of technical reports, involvement in public archaeological events, and the production of a monograph series on the project results

Client: EDF Energy
Project: Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station (Somerset)
Contractor: Cotswold Archaeology

Tasks: Extensive programme of archaeological evaluation, large scale recording project of identified sites, and rapid reaction to new discoveries made during groundworks
Outcomes: Successful compliance with rigorous health and safety and security requirements, completion of recording work, and participation in public outreach, including production of films

Client: Olympic Delivery Authority
Project: The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Park
Contractor: Pre-Construct Archaeology - Museum of London Archaeology Service

Tasks: Georarchaeological, building and landscape surveys and 140 set-piece excavations across the 2.5 square-kilometre park area.
Outcomes: Understanding of a complete urban landscape from the prehistoric periods through to its 19th century industrialisation and use during the Second World War for the defence of London. Production of detailed technical reports

Client: King’s Cross Central General Partner Limited
Project: Kings Cross Regeneration Project, London
Contractor: Pre-Construct Archaeology

Tasks: Major programme of historic building and landscape recording, archaeological recording and mitigation works of the urban landscape. Significant public engagement
Outcomes: Archaeological works completed to time and within budget. Production of popular and detailed technical reports including a monograph series

Client: Volkerfitzpatrick Hochtief
Project: East Kent Access - Phase II (Kent)
Contractor: Oxford Archaeology - Wessex Archaeology

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how we are formed

Our consortium is contractually bound and its members will be jointly and severally liable. It will be overseen by an Executive Team, as shown in the organogram. The Executive will appoint a Management Team consisting of the Operating Officers from each company. The Management Team will in turn appoint the Project Delivery Team, to be led by the Project Director who will report directly to the Enabling Works Contractor.

This governance structure is based on the successful approach already implemented for our current and previous joint arrangements.
In addition to our combined capacity of over 650 staff, together we have offices in London, Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge (x2), Winchester, Andover, Market Harborough, Cirencester, Exeter, Lancaster and Durham.

We currently employ 16 Senior Managers, 79 Project Managers, 148 Project Officers and Supervisors, 26 Surveyors and Geomaticians, 23 Illustrators, 62 Specialists (covering a very wide range of finds and environmental specialisms, as well as osteoarchaeology, geoarchaeology and historic buildings), 6 IT Officers, 7 H and S Advisors, 30 Finance and Admin staff and 255 Field Archaeologists (all CSCS holders). All are employed on a full time basis.

We undertake:

- Early stage planning advice
- Desk-based assessments
- Environmental impact assessment
- Historic building assessment and conservation management plans
- Liaison with statutory bodies
- Geophysics
- Fieldwalking
- Evaluation
- Excavation
- Watching briefs
- Historic buildings survey
- Historic landscape survey
- Topographical survey
- Geoarchaeology
- Industrial archaeology
- Burials archaeology
- Maritime archaeology
- Community and outreach
- Research
- Post-excavation and publication
- Archiving