

Archaeological Services for Ports & Harbours

Wessex Archaeology is a market leader in the provision of archaeological services at sea, at the coast and on land. We have worked on a wide range of port and harbour schemes where the historic environment has been a key consideration and an integrated approach has been required.

With a unique combination of experience and ability we can provide a comprehensive range of archaeological services anywhere in the UK – from consultancy and desk-based research to geophysical and other assessment surveys as well as mitigation, publication and outreach.



Experience

Ballylumford Harbour Dredging

RPS Consulting Engineers on behalf of Larne Borough Council

Archaeological watching brief during dredging works

Harwich Harbour

Royal Haskoning on behalf of Hutchinson Ports UK Ltd

Consultancy, geophysical survey, diving investigation and historic building recording

Hayle Harbour

Carillion Civil Engineering

Historic structure recording and watching brief

London Gateway Port

P&O, DP World and Port of London Authority

Consultancy, geophysical survey and interpretation and desk-based research, diving investigations, analysis and publication

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Port of Rotterdam

Attendance during geophysical survey and interpretation of geophysical data

Manchester Ship Canal

Peel Holdings Ltd

Consultancy

Poole Harbour

Royal Haskoning on behalf of Poole Harbour Commissioners

Environmental Impact Assessment including desk-based study, interpretation of vibrocores, archaeological interpretation of geophysical data and diving investigations

Stear Compensation Land

Bristol Port Company

Consultancy, Environmental Impact Assessment, desk-based assessment and landscape assessment, geophysical survey, watching brief, and trial trench evaluation



Capability

Consultancy

Engaging with stakeholders and communities
 Scoping, EIA and desk-based research
 Written Schemes of Investigation
 Protocols for archaeological discoveries

Geophysics

Unique onshore-intertidal-offshore survey capability
 Advice on surveys and data management
 Industry leader in archaeological interpretation
 In-house Coda GeoSurvey with Seismic +
 Fledermaus multibeam data interpretation
 Specialists in high resolution archaeological surveys

Geoarchaeology

Onshore and offshore survey attendance
 Staged assessments
 Scientific dating
 Palaeo-environmental analyses
 Deposit modelling

Offshore Development

Advice and call-outs
 Intertidal and diver surveys
 HSE Inland/Inshore diving contractor
 ROV surveys
 Offshore attendance and watching briefs

Onshore Fieldwork

Land-based geophysics
 Evaluation trenching
 Excavation
 Strip, record and sample
 Watching briefs
 Historic building assessment and recording

Learning & Access

Popular booklets
 Community projects
 School programmes
 Academic publication



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