

## **GEOPHYSICS SUPERVISOR – ROLE SPECIFICATION**

### **ROLE ATTRIBUTES**

- As a geophysicist, your role will include using learned and practiced techniques to survey archaeological sites using specialist equipment in a number of different locations and on a variety of geologies this will include Marine Geophysics. Each geophysicist is responsible for capturing data accurately as this creates the permanent record essential for the interpretation of the potential for archaeological remains and is used to inform the need for a further stage of fieldwork.
- Wessex has a commitment to creating a high-quality product, this is achieved through not only standardised process but also by the efficient, reliable and excellent work each individual is expected to encapsulate. As a geophysicist, this will include creating accurate, well interpreted and researched records and data which may eventually contribute to published material. As a supervisor, you will also contribute to the preparation of fieldwork projects, creating and preparing method statements and project designs, this experience will provide you with an insight into the fieldwork and give you some responsibility for the delivery of the project.
- Data gathering for the geophysicist will not only be in the field, there will also be tasks undertaken in post-fieldwork which will include processing data both geophysical and navigational and learning in these specialist areas how to maximise the information and why careful and meticulous recording from start to finish ensures a high-quality end product. On occasion, this data will be purchased from external contractors you are responsible for ensuring the quality of the data produced in the final document meets the high standards of Wessex Archaeology.
- As a supervisor, you make decisions on interpretation of geophysical data, you should ask for guidance and assistance, this is the responsibility of those more senior, to help you understand how, why and what you do is important.
- Communication is essential in your role as an archaeologist, to your peers; they will share their experiences with you. With junior staff, you have to guide and teach them, your role is key, you are likely to be the first point of contact and will act as a bridge between them and a site director or manager, they will look to you for mentoring and coaching and as an example of what an archaeologist is.
- As a supervisor, you must be respectful and mindful of your audiences and act appropriately it is important we share our knowledge with everyone.

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### **Behaviour**

#### **BEHAVIOURAL ATTRIBUTES**

A supervisor is expected to:

- Be open to learning and receiving direction;
- Provide support, guidance and advice to those under your supervision.
- Communicate appropriately and respectfully;
- Be responsible and accountable for your work, actions and decisions