Historical Research

Understanding the history and context of buildings informs decision making on their future use and sustainable development. This is achieved through the analysis of historical source material such as deeds, maps, inventories and directories.

- Documentary analysis
- Desk-based assessment
- House histories

Other ULAS services

- Consultancy – Environmental Statements
- Survey and Evaluation
- Excavation and watching briefs
- Conservation
- Artefact analysis
- Human and Animal Bone analysis
- Environmental Archaeology

The Historic Buildings Team at ULAS provides a full range of services from rapid assessment to fully analytical survey, consultancy and historical research.

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About ULAS

University of Leicester Archaeological Services is one of the largest independent archaeological contractors in the country, embedded within a leading academic department and a Registered Organisation with the Institute of Field Archaeologists.

Our team, supported by the academic expertise and facilities of the University, offers a comprehensive service building on our proven track record of fieldwork on large-scale, multi-period urban and rural sites.

Historic Buildings Services

The Historic Buildings Team at ULAS has extensive knowledge and experience of recording and interpreting historic buildings and landscapes of all types and periods.

We provide a professional, efficient and cost-effective service to a diverse client base. Whether the project is development led, conservation based or a personal enquiry, we have the expertise and equipment to provide a service tailored to suit the specific needs of the client and the requirements of planning, conservation or other heritage bodies.

Building Recording Services

- Rapid Assessment
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Survey and Recording to all levels defined in current English Heritage guidelines
- Photographic survey including rectified photography
- Reflectorless total station survey and CAD imaging
- Interpretation and reconstruction drawings

Our team has particular expertise in the fields of industrial and vernacular architecture and timber-framed buildings together with experience in recording a wide range of historic building types:

- Domestic
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Military
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Ecclesiastical

Consultancy

In addition to preparing historic building assessments and surveys for submission with planning or grant applications, as part of conservation management plans or environmental impact assessments, ULAS offers:

- Pre-acquisition or pre-planning appraisal service
- Negotiation with planning authorities, government advisors and other stakeholders on listed building and conservation area proposals
- Supporting statements to accompany planning applications
- Expert witness testimony at judicial review