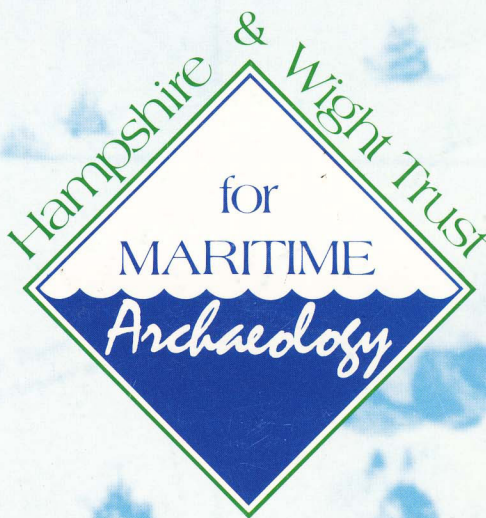


Annual Report 1991/92



THE HAMPSHIRE AND WIGHT TRUST FOR MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY

President

The Lord Mottistone, CBE

Vice Presidents

The Rt Hon Earl Jellicoe, KBE, DSO, MC, FRS, PC

Lt Col Sir James Scott, Bt

Chairman

Councillor D A Keep, Chairman, Hampshire County Council

Vice-Chairman

Mr E W Hibberd, MBE

Management Committee

Councillor D A Keep (Chairman)

Mr E W Hibberd, MBE (Vice Chairman)

Mrs V Fenwick

Mr M Drummond, OBE, JP, DL

Dr M B Collins

Mr C McMurray

Councillor R O Smith, Isle of Wight County Council

Mr R A Yorke

Mr D Court

Mr A Firth

Officers

Mr B Sparks, OBE (Director) *

Mr J Scotford, County Treasurer, Hampshire County Council (Treasurer)

Mr F R Hetherington, County Secretary and Solicitor, Isle of Wight County Council (Secretary)

Mr M F Hughes, County Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council

Dr K Brown, Director, Cultural Services, Isle of Wight County Council

Dr D J Tomalin, County Archaeologist, Isle of Wight County Council

Ms S Draper (Field Officer) *

* Denotes full time staff

FOREWORD

The launching ceremony for the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology took place on board Red Funnel's Red Jet 1 in the Solent on 19th June 1991.

The ceremony was attended by The Baroness Blatch, then Minister for Heritage, Department of the Environment, The Lord Mottistone, the Trust's President, Trust members, representatives of industry, Local Authorities, Harbour Authorities, the University of Southampton and many others.

In October 1991 the Trust appointed its first Director, Brian Sparks, and an office was established on the Highfield Campus of the University of Southampton, where the Trust has been made to feel most welcome by the Vice Chancellor and his staff.

A corporate plan for the Trust was drawn up and, with initial funding from Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight County Council, and a grant from the Department of the Environment's Special Grants Programme, the Trust has been able to embark on an ambitious programme of maritime archaeological and related projects, and to appoint Sarah Draper as the Trust's Field Officer.

Support in various kinds has also been forthcoming from many other authorities, societies, companies and individuals to whom we are greatly indebted. Such support bodes well for the future and I have every confidence that, with an appropriate level of funding, the Trust will play an increasingly useful role in the promotion of maritime archaeology both locally and nationally.

Councillor D A Keep

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Keep', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

August 1992

THE TRUST'S POLICY STATEMENT

The Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology will:

- Promote maritime archaeological study of the sea areas Solent and Wight and immediate hinterlands in accordance with professional archaeological and museum codes of conduct and practice.
- Seek the protection of important underwater archaeological sites.
- Support national initiatives for improvements to the legislation regarding the preservation and management of the maritime archaeological heritage.
- Promote a greater public awareness of the maritime archaeological heritage of the Solent and Wight areas.
- Ensure that maritime archaeology plays an important role in the integration of coastal planning and management and policies for the land and sea for the Solent and Wight areas.
- Provide for on-shore and underwater training facilities in order to promote archaeological awareness and competence amongst divers.
- Support and, where possible, assist in the publication of the results of maritime archaeological investigations, surveys, and research undertaken in the Solent and Wight areas, in accordance with the principles of publication as laid down in Management of Archaeological Projects (English Heritage, 1991).
- Liaise with other local, regional and national organisations involved in maritime archaeology and related disciplines.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAMME

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP

While the plans, policies, budgets, general activities and business of the Trust are overseen by the Management Committee, a separate Archaeological Working Group has been set up to initiate, monitor and advise on a comprehensive programme of archaeological projects.

The Working Group held its first meeting in October 1991 and has met regularly throughout the year, under the Chairmanship of the Trust's Director. It is proving a valuable forum, not only for developing the archaeological programme but also for its members to exchange information and ideas.

In addition to the Director, the Working Group comprises the County Archaeologists of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Director of the Royal Naval Museum, the Trust's Field Officer and representatives of the Nautical Archaeology Society, the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, and the Departments of Archaeology and Oceanography of the University of Southampton.

STRATEGY

The Working Group recommended, and the Management Committee subsequently endorsed, the need for a structured approach to the proposed archaeological programme, which took full recognition of work that had already been completed or was in progress by other authorities in the area. It was agreed that the Trust should adopt a balance between ship and non-ship activity and between the scientific and the popular.

Bearing in mind the Trust's overall objective, it was decided that the drowned river valley of the Solent and its superb associated and important anchorage would be an appropriate theme for the initial, core programme of work.

PROJECTS

Research Project - Maritime Archaeology and Commercial Surveys

While the relationship between developers and archaeologists on land is becoming well defined, stewardship of the marine environment has barely started. In parallel with work being conducted by the Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee on developing a code of practice for sea bed developers, the Trust's Field Officer, Sarah Draper is undertaking a research project which aims to develop effective procedures for managing the archaeological resource by examining the survey work currently undertaken by users of the maritime environment.

The project is being part funded by a grant from the Department of National Heritage Special Grants Programme 1992/93.

The first phase of the project has included a study of the commercial, regulatory and public pressures on companies undertaking activities on the foreshore or seabed.

Remote Sensing Surveys

Following discussions last winter with Dr Michael Collins of the Department of Oceanography, University of Southampton and the representatives of SIMRAD Hydrospace Ltd., the Trust, with the Nautical Archaeology Society, was involved with and part funded a trial of the recently developed CHIRP sonar system and associated equipment.

The CHIRP is a towed, digital, frequency modulated, sub-bottom profiler, whose resolution could make it a useful instrument for maritime archaeology.

Under the direction of Caroline Hobson, Department of Oceanography, University of Southampton, Jonathan Adams, Training Officer, Nautical Archaeology Society and David Tomalin, County Archaeologist, Isle of Wight, the nine day trial in May/June covered selected areas of the Solent and the results are now being evaluated in detail.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAMME

The trial of the CHIRP system and associated equipment, which included side scan sonar, has enabled the Trust to get off to a good start in some of the areas requiring remote sensing surveys. There is, however, much more work to be done in this field in the longer term.

The Wootton/Quarr Site

The aim of this 27 month project sponsored by English Heritage and the Isle of Wight County Council, is to acquire an overview of the intertidal wetlands and the submerged landscape in this part of the Solent. A particular objective is to construct a sea level chronology which will serve to explain the separation of the Isle of Wight and the drowning of the river valleys of the Hampshire coast.

Working with Nautical Archaeology Society officers and volunteers, the Trust will be involved with and part fund underwater aspects of this project.

The Needles Wreck Site

Although already extensively surveyed by divers, there is a requirement to complete a topographical survey of this area to enable a final publication of the work undertaken by David Tomalin, on behalf of the Isle of Wight County Council, to proceed.

Exploratory dives in the vicinity have been carried out this year by Jonathan Adams (NAS), Sarah Draper (Trust Field Officer) and Paul and Nick Blake (Isle of Wight based divers).

Base Chart of the Solent

Hampshire County Council and the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England are to grant aid a temporary post for the Trust to translate the maritime archaeological information received recently from the RCHME into the Hampshire Sites and Monuments Record.

The data will then be used to produce a distribution map/chart of the Solent and Wight areas of all known underwater archaeological sites and wrecks. Areas for future projects can then be identified and the data compared with that held, for example, by the Crown Estate Commissioners.

Langstone Harbour

Because of the density of known prehistoric and Roman sites and artefacts along the edge of Langstone Harbour and its islands, a programme of fieldwork, core sampling and seabed survey will be undertaken.

The work will be under the direction of Michael Hughes, County Archaeologist, Hampshire and Jonathan Adams (NAS), with assistance from Portsmouth University.

The Mixon Site

Claims by Mr Hume-Wallace that stones from the submerged Mixon reef, off Selsey Bill, were used in the construction of Roman buildings in the region and that there were remains of a defensive wall on the rock outcrop, led Professor David Peacock (Southampton University), Michael Hughes, Jonathan Adams and the Director to visit Mr Hume-Wallace in June and learn first-hand about these potentially exciting discoveries.

As a result of this meeting onboard MV 'Curlew' at Chichester Yacht Basin, a small exploratory party will sail out to the Mixon Site in order to collect some rock samples for Professor Peacock to analyse and to examine the 'defensive wall'.

The Yarmouth Roads Wreck Site

In continuation of the work carried out by the Isle of Wight Maritime Heritage Project and the Isle of Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology, the Trust intends to produce a Final Report on this important wreck site. Work will start with an examination of the archives held at the Isle of Wight County Archaeological Centre. This report will be produced under the supervision of an editorial body, whose members will be drawn from the Trust's Archaeological Working Group.

It is hoped that publication of the evaluation work from the Yarmouth Roads wreck site, in conjunction with the maintenance of a site monitoring programme, will enable the Trust to demonstrate the need to preserve in situ submerged historic monuments of the Solent region.

EXHIBITIONS

The Trust inherited a Maritime Heritage Exhibition at Fort Victoria and, during the course of the year, has been able to make some modest improvements to this exhibition. Additional artefacts, loaned by the Isle of Wight County Archaeologist, Bembridge Maritime Museum and the Royal Navy, an enhanced video, additional graphics and artwork have all added to the interest of the exhibition.

Separate story lines and graphics have been introduced at the Fort Victoria exhibition for children, along with a competition aimed at the primary school range.

An outline brief for a transportable exhibition, based on the contents of the booklet 'The Story Beneath the Solent', has been submitted to the Hampshire County Museums Service.

The Trust's triple panel display has been exhibited at various locations where it has aroused interest in the work of the Trust and maritime archaeology in general.

AN OPERATIONAL BASE

During the year discussions also took place with Mr Peter Rogers, Managing Director, Fishbourne Quay Boatyard, Isle of Wight, which resulted in the offer of storage space, launching and other facilities at Fishbourne.

It will be invaluable for the Trust to have such facilities at Fishbourne, not least because of their close proximity to the Trust's major Wootton Creek project and, of course, to the Portsmouth/Fishbourne ferry.

This generous offer by Mr Rogers is very much appreciated and will greatly facilitate the operational activities of the Trust.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE COASTLINE

At the invitation of Mr David Court, the Director and Field Officer of the Trust have attended both Full Conference and Officers' Working Group Meetings of SCOPAC. Liaison with SCOPAC has become increasingly relevant since that organisation's decision to become involved in the wider issues of coastal zone management.

On 22 October 1992 Dr David Tomalin will be putting the Maritime Archaeologist's viewpoint in a paper he is presenting to a one-day seminar aimed at further improving the co-ordination between the many Authorities and other Agencies concerned with managing the coastal zone of the UK.

The Seminar is being mounted by SCOPAC and follows the Government's response to the House of Commons Environment Committee's critical report on the existing arrangements for Coastal Zone Protection and Planning.

PROJECT WIGHT

During the winter, discussions took place with Trust member, Mr David Guy, MBE, who offered help in his capacity as Deputy Chairman of the Isle of Wight Training and Enterprise Council with a view to the Trust utilising the services of certain unemployed people who wished to maintain their craft or trade skills.

Meetings were subsequently held with Isle of Wight Training and Enterprise Council and Advisory Service Employment Training staff which resulted in the Trust accommodating through Project Wight an artist, a graphics person and two boat handlers/mechanics. Projects including improvements to the Fort Victoria exhibition and a comprehensive overhaul of the Trust's boat and engine were thus supported.

The Trust has been singularly fortunate in receiving this support from the Isle of Wight Training and Enterprise Council, the Advisory Service Employment Training and its Project Wight..

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE

The Trust's first annual public lecture will be given by Mr Jonathan Adams, BA, MIFA, Training Officer, Nautical Archaeology Society and Dr David Tomalin, BA, PhD, County Archaeologist, Isle of Wight on 'Aspects of Maritime Archaeology'.

The lecture will take place at 7pm on Thursday 12 November 1992 at the Medina Theatre, Mountbatten Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight.

EVENING CLASSES

Following a combined initiative by the Trust, the Nautical Archaeology Society and the Adult Education Department, University of Southampton, a series of evening classes has been arranged at the University in the Autumn Term 1992. Lecturers from the Nautical Archaeology Society will review recent advances in Underwater and Maritime Archaeology and lectures will include:

- History, development and scope of archaeology underwater
- Principles of archaeology and their application underwater
- Organisation and management techniques, conservation, preservation
- Submerged landscapes. The archaeology of the ship
- Nautical archaeology - evidence from inland
- Boats of NW Europe before AD400
- The Mary Rose - a review and current research
- The Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Chairman and Management Committee gratefully acknowledge the following Grants and Donations in kind and services:

GRANTS

Department of National Heritage

Hampshire County Council



*Hampshire
County
Council*

Isle of Wight County Council

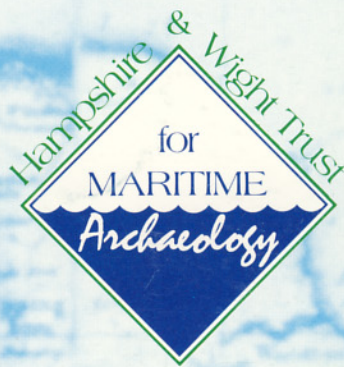


DONATIONS IN KIND AND SERVICES

Hampshire County Council
Isle of Wight County Council
University of Southampton
Nautical Archaeology Society
Royal Navy
Royal Naval Museum
Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments
of England
The Mary Rose Trust
Harrison Black
Fishbourne Quay

Bembridge Maritime Museum
Project Wight
Red Funnel
Associated British Ports, Southampton
The Crown Estate
Peppers Marquees Limited
Crusader Estates (in Receivership)
Mr P A Bentley
Mr J M Bingeman
Miss R Cooper

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in England - Number 2394244
Registered Office: County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight
Charity Registration Number - 900025
Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Winchester
Auditors: Harrison Black, Pyle House, 136 & 137 Pyle Street, Newport, Isle of Wight



**The Hampshire and Wight
Trust for Maritime
Archaeology.**

Administration Buildings,
University of Southampton,
University Road,
Southampton,
Hants SO9 5NH

Tel: 0703 593290