

e-Application for Scheduled Monument Consent

Form A Supplemental

Section 5 Description of proposed works

The proposed works would consist of seasonal field walks to prevent loss of archaeological information of cultural and national significance from objects at risk from ploughing. The information from the finds will be used to build a structured database for future research.

The field walking would be undertaken by The Ancrum and District Heritage Society (the Society) which was formed in April 2016 with the following aims :-

1. To promote the study of the history, archaeology and heritage of Ancrum and surroundings.
2. To advance the conservation and understanding of the archaeological heritage of Ancrum and surroundings and to communicate this knowledge to the wider community.

The community and the Society have been concerned at the loss, to the plough, of archaeologically significant objects despite the best efforts of the landowner. As more archaeologically significant objects are appearing each year the Society, with the cooperation of the landowner, would like to encourage good stewardship of the Mantle Walls site and endeavour to record the information of the archaeologically significant objects as they become available.

The Society would involve the community in field walking the site and provide the finds database generated and other information on the site as an educational resource for the community and the Society

The methodology for the field walks would be :-

1. Field walk the site and mark any finds with a suitable flag.
2. Photograph the find insitu and record the GPS location.
3. Bag or tag the find with suitable bags or tags.
4. Record find number, location and type.
5. Remove the find to a suitable storage location.
6. Clean finds following archaeological best practice.
7. Take detailed photographs of the find in studio conditions.
8. Agree a finds discard policy that is acceptable to HES, TTU and SBC Archaeology Service.
9. Assemble a structured archive in accordance with TTU Guidance and the Treasure Trove Code of Practice Appendix M