Guidance Sheet No. 13: SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Rock Art Records

You will be provided with NMR, SAM, and HER references for the rock art panels to be recorded, based on preliminary searches carried out by the CSI Project Team. These have not been individually verified and it is recommended that they be confirmed. Consulting the various data sources will also help you gain a better understanding of the rock art panels, and help you to write more complete descriptions in the Notes fields.

National Monuments Record (NMR)

The NMR brings together a range of unique archive and information resources and services, including over 12 million photographs, plans, drawings and reports. Since 1 April 1999, the NMR has been designated as the public archive of English Heritage and is responsible for curatorial and dissemination services associated with heritage datasets and archives corporately. The archives repository and main customer services activities are based in the National Monuments Record Centre in Swindon, Wiltshire. The public access point is a website called *Pastscape* (see below). For more information see:
http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/archives-and-collections/nmr/enquiry-and-research-services/

Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM)

'Scheduling' is shorthand for the process through which nationally important sites and monuments are given legal protection by being placed on a list, or 'schedule'. English Heritage takes the lead in identifying sites in England which should be placed on the schedule by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. A schedule has been kept since 1882 of monuments whose preservation is given priority over other land uses. The current legislation, the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, supports a formal system of Scheduled Monument Consent for any work to a designated monument. Scheduling is the only legal protection specifically for archaeological sites.
See also http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/what-can-we-protect/scheduled-monuments/

Historic Environment Record (HER)

HERs (formally known as Sites and Monuments Records or SMRs) are databases maintained by local authorities, and also by some National Parks. They contain information including photographs and archives of all known archaeological sites in the area, including those listed on the NMR. They are used to inform land management decisions, for development and planning control, and for research. Unfortunately rock art, is not always indexed in a consistent way: some records relate to a single panel, others to groups of panels or larger areas. Keywords also vary from 'rock art' to 'cup and ring marked stone' with lots of variations. Some HERs are available online through the Archaeology Data Services website (see http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/search/keyRes.cfm). The HER for West Yorkshire is maintained by West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service (see http://www.archaeology.wyjs.org.uk/wyjs-archaeology-her-r.asp) located at the Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 2DE. The records are not yet available online and can only be viewed by appointment. Please see the website for details or call 01924 306797 during office hours.

Other Online Information

A number of additional online resources may be useful to you during the project. Three are described here.

Pastscape (http://www.pastscape.org.uk)

Pastscape is the online access point for the NMR archives maintained by English Heritage. It contains nearly 400,000 records of archaeological sites and finds from the prehistoric through to the19[th] century, in addition to buildings with various designations. There are a number of ways to search the records on Pastscape, the easiest of which is a location search and detailed below;

1) If you have a six figure grid reference for your area of interest, click on *Location Search* on the left menu bar.
2) On the next webpage ensure the box next to '6 Figure OS Grid Reference' is checked and enter your reference, e.g. SE128461, in the box.
3) Next, select the desired radius of the search by changing the distance on the drop-down menu on the box above the map
4) Click the 'Search' button to proceed. Records relating to all periods will then be shown in the Results list, so you will need to select the relevant records. It is also worth noting that single records can contain details of several different monuments types such as enclosures, cairns and rock art, and not every rock art panel will have an individual entry.

Other searches by fields such as *Monument Number, District, Parish,* or *Monument Type* can be carried out through the Advanced Search option on the left hand menu bar. Note that when searching using *Specific Monument Types*, rock art has been categorised using several different identifiers such as Rock Art, Cup Marked Stone, Cup and Ring Marked Stone, Rock Carving and Carved Stone (all yielding different results). Using a *Location Search* is the quickest and easiest option.

Magic (http://magic.defra.gov.uk/)

MAGIC, which stands for *Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside,* is an interactive map which uses a geographic information system (GIS) to allow users to view and query data on key environmental schemes and designations. MAGIC contains data from six government organisations with responsibilities for rural policy-making and management including DEFRA, English Heritage, Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission and Local Government. Data such as Scheduled Monuments, Countryside Rights of Way Act (access), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) can all be queried and layered on maps which can be reduced to a scale of 1:500.

A short tutorial and a comprehensive training manual can be found on the MAGIC home page.

Google Earth (http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/index.html)

Google Earth (GE) is a virtual globe that maps the Earths surface using varying resolutions of both satellite imagery and aerial photography. It is also a powerful GIS application allowing users to create their own waymarks, overlay their own maps or data and see the topography of areas in 3D using Digital Elevation Models (DEMs). Location data such as grid references and tracks can also be downloaded directly onto GE from popular models of GPS's such as Garmin and Magellan via the GPS option under the 'Tools' menu. The applications also includes a very useful 'Ruler' feature which enables the user to measure distances between points with an excellent level of accuracy. This ruler feature will prove invaluable when completing some sections of the CSI Recording Form when use of tape measure may be difficult out in the field due to the distances involved. (e.g. B1. Proximity to Water, B4, Location Sketch and B5, Conservation and Management Information). Where possible. However, the Location Sketch should be planned out in the field, with Google maps providing a back up.

Once the application has been loaded, a comprehensive user guide can be found under the Help menu, Keyboard Shortcuts.