

HDAS archives and where to find them

Three parts of the HDAS archive covering Society activity since 1956 have been deposited at the Heritage Quay archive centre at the University of Huddersfield.

The archive has written records of all the major explorations carried out by the Society along with associated research material and thousands of digital photographs.

NB - at this stage the archive does not contain any objects or artefacts from excavations. These are mostly still in the safe keeping of members of HDAS, but a small selection of the more date-critical pottery from the 2007-08 excavations in the Slack *vicus* have been accessioned into the Tolson Museum.

You can access the HDAS section of the University's large and growing archive by going to the Heritage Quay website - <http://heritagequay.org/archives/HDAS/>

There is a direct link to the HQ site on the 'Latest News' page of the HDAS website.

TIPS FOR SEARCHING THE HDAS ARCHIVE

1. The first page shows a broad outline of what is in each part of the HDAS archive and if one clicks on the "view more" button this brings up a brief history of the Society.
2. On the left you will see a search box and the most useful section is the one headed 'Reference Number'
3. Enter HDAS/1 in that box and press 'Go'. This reveals the main contents of the Archive. It is hoped that this section will be developed later to allow access to digital records.
4. Enter HDAS/2 in the 'Reference Number' box and press 'Go' brings up much more detail of the contents of the many Boxes holding the HDAS documents. This is in three sections:-
Section 1 contains the contents lists for Box No.1 and Boxes Nos. 10 to 18.
Section 2 contains details of Boxes Nos. 19 to 25 and Nos. 2, 3 and 4.
Section 3 contains the contents lists for Boxes Nos. 5 to 9.
5. Enter HDAS/3 in the 'Reference Number' box and press 'Go' for the Bonwell Spence archive. Bonwell (Bon) Spence, founder member of HDAS, kept a meticulous record for more than 50 years of the explorations and discoveries of the Society. It can be examined in the following parts.
Part 1. Sites local to Huddersfield.
Part 2. More extensive site reports.
Part 3. Collection of Aerial Photographs.
Part 4. Collection of 35mm slides.
Part 5. Articles & Technical Studies.
Part 6. Miscellaneous papers.
Part 7. Maps and copy maps
6. Searches can also be made from the 'Title or description' or 'Place name' sections.

NB - at this stage no documents can be viewed on line but this should change in the future.

VISITING

If you wish to examine reports, maps, drawings and similar documents, or any of the digital photographs, you will need to arrange to visit the Heritage Quay.

To do this, click on the 'Visit' box on the menu at the top of the screen and details will appear explaining how to do it.