



Emily Mercer

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Emily has worked at a senior level as a heritage professional for 18 years. In her early career, Emily was initially involved within large archaeological landscape projects, and has a commercial and research background in archaeological geophysics. Within the past 14 years, Emily has focused attention on Heritage Management providing advice to a wide variety of clients on all matters regarding heritage issues concerning archaeological remains and built heritage, and has extensive experience at working with multidisciplinary teams.

Experience

Emily is experienced in providing archaeological and heritage consultancy services with multi-disciplinary teams within the private and public sector. During her career, Emily has worked throughout the UK and abroad on archaeological sites and as a senior geophysicist, and her interest in architecture has, in the past ten years, led to her involvement in built heritage projects.

Emily has managed a diverse and complex range of projects in both a rural and urban/brownfield context, including contaminated former industrial sites. With a detailed understanding of heritage and archaeology within the planning system, she is able to offer advice in the early client planning stages and undertake consultation with the relevant authorities or statutory bodies pre-application and provide guidance during the design stages. Emily is also experienced at providing advice regarding proposals within Conservation Areas and the settings of Listed Buildings

Once underway, Emily can provide written schemes of investigation and reports for client's projects, such as Archaeological Desk-Based Assessments, Heritage Assessments, input into Environmental Impact Assessments and preparation of Environmental Statements, as well as Impact Assessments and Technical Notes. Emily can also tender and manage the fieldwork on behalf of the client and oversee it through to the final stages of reporting, publication and the discharging of planning conditions.

Emily is one of the key members of staff based in the Manchester office from where she can carry out projects to north Cumbria and Northumberland through to Staffordshire, and from Wales to the East Yorkshire coast. Emily has a thorough knowledge of the curators' requirements throughout the north of England. However, with assistance from her colleagues and their available resources in our other offices, she can undertake projects nationwide.

Key Projects

RHS Bridgewater, Salford Royal Horticultural Society

Provision of an archaeological and built heritage assessment, and on-going advice regarding Listed Buildings, for a proposed new 63ha RHS garden.

Goetre Uchaf, Bangor Redrow NW

14ha residential development within which there was a Scheduled Bronze Age Barrow, liaising with the Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service and CADW.

Furness Abbey, Cumbria Historic England

Archaeological input into provision of an engineering solution of the imminent collapse of the Presbytery walls which survive to full height.

Chester Renaissance, Chester Cathedral Quarter and The Rows BDP

Overseeing the provision of input into the Conservation Management Plans and the archaeological excavation of the Cathedral cemetery.

Baron's Quay, Northwich, Cheshire

Broadway Malayan

Input to the EIA to accompany the planning application for the regeneration of a 10ha site on the north side of the historic town centre.