



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

TR13: CLASP's Policy on the disclosure of archaeological locations.

This policy paper was agreed at the April 2017 CLASP Organising Committee following earlier discussion about whether reports should always be published and if locational information should be provided. (Some Landowners may be willing to allow access to their property but would be nervous that information about this would lead to unauthorised access).

CLASP's normal approach is to publish all its research:

Fieldwork research has a potential adverse impact on any archaeology and therefore there is a need to write-up and publish the research to ensure any information gained is available to anyone in the future. Much of CLASP's work is authorised by bodies such as Historic England or Northants County Council and there is an obligation to publish.

CLASP submits all its reports online to the (National) Archaeology Data Services administered by the University of York so that its research can be accessed in the future, although we can request a two year delay before it is made public. ADS will only accept a report if a map reference is given.

CLASP is creating a digital archive that ultimately will be accessible to anyone doing an internet search by Parish or map reference.

CLASP's current workload is extensive so there is normally no need to carry out research where the Landowner places restrictions on publication. Before any work commences agreement should be obtained from the Landlord that location information can be published.

In exceptional circumstances, when the Landowner is reluctant to allow publication, CLASP may still decide an initial investigation may be very helpful in completing the jigsaw. This should be agreed in advance by the CLASP Organising Committee and the work should be of a non-invasive nature e.g. Geophysics.

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