

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society
NEWSLETTER – Spring 2016

BAS Website Report 2015

Some notable changes were made to the BAS website during 2015. A summary of these is set out below. The web pages themselves are, however, much more interesting than the summary: the website's 'home page' is at www.bucksas.org.uk and all other pages are accessible from there.

Items on the website	New	Updated
Web pages	15	38
Documents for downloading	54	5
On-line Records of Bucks articles	77	-
Index data	7	-
Images	28	-
News items	7	-
TOTALS	188	43

The most active area of the website was On-line Records of Bucks, where John Dodd's work with a commercial IT company has speeded up the scanning of back volumes enormously. Six more volumes went on-line in 2015 – for the years 1859, 1930 and 1971-4 – bringing the total to 29 on-line volumes. Go to <http://www.bucksas.org.uk/onlinerecords.html> to access these.

However we now have 'an embarrassment of riches'! Having cracked the problem of scanning the articles, we now cannot process these on to the website fast enough! So if any BAS members have skills in editing PDF files, writing HTML for web pages, or producing index data, I would be pleased to hear from you. My e-mail address is chair@bucksas.org.uk

Another valuable addition was Diana Gulland's new index to Records volumes 6-10, which means that the on-line index allows full subject searching of all articles in volumes 1-49. The new index to Records 51-55 is in process.

A new section was added to the website in January 2015 covering the activities of the society's Active Archaeology Group. This includes the Hogshaw and Hillforts projects, and Nigel Wilson's report on Westbury Causeway. Go to <http://www.bucksas.org.uk/aag.html> to see these pages. They are now due for an update.

The third growth area of 2015 was the BAS Newsletter, where both Spring and Autumn editions were added to the website soon after the printed versions had been sent out to society members. Adding 48 articles to the website, this gives greater visibility to all areas of society activity – and it is through our activities that we will win new members for the society. The Newsletters can be found at <http://www.bucksas.org.uk/newsletter.html>

All areas of BAS activity were covered by updated pages, including BLHN, Summer Outings, the Winter Lecture series, and HS2.

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