

Curriculum Vitae

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Experience

Triskele Heritage: October 2016 – present

Archaeological Consultant, Lecturer and Author

- *Freelance archaeological consultancy providing heritage services including historic building survey, community archaeology, archival research, historic stonework analysis and heritage interpretation.*
- *Clients include Allen Archaeology (Lincoln Cathedral), Archangel Heritage (Compton Park, Wilts) Involve Heritage (Dronfield Barn & Kelham Revealed HLF projects), Trent & Peak Archaeology (Nottingham Castle), National Trust (Knole & Tattershall Castle, The Jessop Consultancy (Hassop Hall) and Urban Archaeology (Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton, Gloucs).*

University of Nottingham: October 2016 – December 2021

Doctoral Researcher: Tattershall Castle: Building a History

Arts & Humanities Research Council funded Collaborative Doctoral Award with the University of Nottingham and the National Trust. The project on Tattershall Castle began with a standing building record which developed to include the historiography, biographies of major patrons, investigation into elite landscapes and the architectural context, influences and legacies of the building.

MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology): May 2011 – September 2016

Senior Archaeologist (Built Heritage) & Historic Stone Specialist

- *Specialist in standing building surveys, AutoCAD, historic stone recording, historic graffiti survey, archival research, historic environment assessments and statements of significance*
- *Responsible for project costings, budget, staffing management and report delivery*
- *Clients included Historic Royal Palaces, National Trust, Crossrail, Galliard Homes, City of London Corporation, Argent, Skanska and Vinci.*
- *Wide-ranging knowledge of architecture from tenth to twentieth centuries including vernacular, military, ecclesiastical, domestic, industrial, agricultural and civic structures*
- *Led projects at the Tower of London, Knole (Kent), Southwark Cathedral, London Guildhall, St Alphage (London), Winchester City Mill, Banqueting House (Whitehall), King's Cross Goods Yard, Merton Abbey, Esplanade (Jersey), Deptford Pumping Station, Royal London Hospital, St George's Brewery (Whitechapel), Connaught Tunnel (Docklands).*
- *Community outreach co-ordinator for the excavation at Shakespeare's Curtain Playhouse.*

Videotext Communications: April 2011

Archaeological Consultant

Project development and design, specialist archaeological and historic buildings advice plus on screen expert for Channel 4's Time Team filmed at King John's Palace, Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire County Council: January 2004 – August 2010

Archaeological & Historic Buildings Assistant

- *Officer responsible for the Castles of Nottinghamshire Project 2004-8.*
- *Author of conservation management plan for Rufford Abbey, Nottinghamshire.*
- *Archaeological and historic research, condition survey, conservation project officer on the twelfth to fifteenth century royal palace at King's Clipstone, Nottinghamshire.*
- *Community archaeologist directing woodland survey in Sherwood Forest.*
- *Excavation supervisor/director at Gateford, Worksop (Romano British enclosure, Fox Wood, Calverton (Iron Age hillfort) and Bathley, Newark (Iron Age torque find spot).*
- *Outreach work including conference organisation and speaking, public lectures, guided tours, design of interpretation panels and booklets.*

Nottingham City Council: January 2001 – December 2003

Conservation Stonemason

Practical stone conservation of historic properties including Wollaton Hall, Nottingham Castle and Newstead Abbey. Construction of celebrated steeplejack Fred Dibnah's tombstone.

Trent & Peak Archaeology: September – December 2000

Field Archaeologist

Archaeological excavation and recording in a commercial company working on Early Neolithic – Post-Medieval sites ranging from gravel quarries to National Trust properties.

Qualifications

- PhD Archaeology (University of Nottingham, 2016-21)
- BA (Hons) Archaeology (University of Nottingham, 1996-9)
- NVQ 3 Stonemasonry (Weymouth College, 2001-3)
- 4 A Levels & 9 GCSEs (St Joseph's College, Trent Vale 1989-96)

Professional Body Memberships

- Society of Antiquaries of London
- Institute of Historic Building Conservation

Heritage Committee Memberships

- Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire (2018 – present)
- Nottinghamshire Local History Association (2017 – 2021)
- Council for British Archaeology: East Midlands (2006 - 2008; 2017 – 2019)

Selected Continuing Professional Development

- Building Survey Week (University of Oxford & English Heritage)
- Repairing Traditional Stonemasonry (University of York)
- Introduction to Oral History (British Library)
- Supervising Safely (Institute of Occupational Safety and Health)

Awards

- British Archaeological Awards: Best Archaeological Project - Archaeology at Knole

Selected Publications

- 'Tattershall Castle and the Newly-built Personality of Ralph Lord Cromwell' in *The Antiquaries Journal* Vol. 101 (Society of Antiquaries / Cambridge University Press, 2021)
- 'Ritual Protection Marks in the King's Tower' in Cohen, N. & Parton, F., *Knole Revealed* (National Trust / MOLA, 2019)
- 'The Anglo-Scandinavian Grave-cover from Nottingham Castle' in *Transactions of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire* Vol 122
- 'Cultural anxieties and ritual protection in high-status early modern houses' in *Hidden Charms* (Northern Earth, 2017)
- *A Palace For Our Kings – The archaeology & history of a Mediaeval royal palace in the heart of Sherwood Forest* (Triskele Publishing, 2016)
- *Castles of Nottinghamshire* (Nottinghamshire County Council, 2008)

Public Speaking / Teaching

Proficient public speaker with over fifteen years of experience speaking for organisations including the University of Nottingham and Arts Society. Certificates from Nottingham Graduate School, Disclosure and Barring Service, Foundation Online Learning in Prevent and Safeguarding.

Broadcasting, Podcast & Blogs

Specialist consultant with Channel 4 (*Time Team*, *The Great British Dig*), Discovery Science (*Unearthed*), Smithsonian Channel (*Mystic Britain*), BBC Radio 4 (*Hidden History of the Staircase*). Podcast guest (*Ask an Archaeologist*, *Behind the Trowel*, *The Folklore Podcast*) and blog writer (*Mediaeval Building Myths*, *History the Interesting Bits*, *MOLA*, *Graveyard Junkies*).