

18.2 OUTSIDE BODY AND CONFERENCE FEEDBACK REPORT

Name of Body	Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee (DAAC)
Date of Meeting	24 June 2026
Member in attendance	Ken Smith
Supporting Officer	Anna Badcock
Issues raised at the meeting of significance to the Authority	
1.	The meeting began with DAAC's AGM. Existing officeholders were re-elected: Chair – Martha Jasko-Lawrence (DCC); Secretary - Steve Baker (DCC); Treasurer - Anna Badcock (PDNPA)
2.	Principal item of discussion was the annual publication, <i>Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire and the Peak District</i> (ACID), released across Derbyshire and the Peak District, through various channels, after Derbyshire Archaeology Day (next on 30 January 2027). This free magazine costs c.£5.5k to produce and securing these funds has become increasingly difficult in recent years, given the resourcing issues at the two funding bodies, DCC and PDNPA. There is currently no budget provision at PDNPA which means that, with currently available resources, it may be a digital-only publication this year, if it can be produced at all.
3.	Reports on archaeological activities and initiatives were received from various membership bodies, including DCC and PDNPA; the universities of Derby, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield; York Archaeology; Creswell Crags Museum and Heritage Centre; the Portable Antiquities Scheme; Buxton Museum; Sheffield Museums; Historic England; Hunter Archaeological Society.
4.	Following the closure of the Archaeology Department at Sheffield University several years ago, the trend continues with all staff at Nottingham University's archaeology department all at risk of redundancy as part of a university-wide initiative to reduce staffing numbers by 2500+. These developments increasingly threaten access to research, fieldwork and other partnership projects that contribute positively to conservation management of the cultural heritage of the National Park.
Issues on which the views of Authority Members are sought	
1.	None.
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Relevant documents such as reports and hyperlinks	
1.	None.
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