

# Mary Neale

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**CURRENT POSITION:** **Manager and Senior Heritage Consultant**

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## **SUMMARY PROFILE:**

**Over 16 years' professional experience in the archaeology and historic buildings sectors.**

Primary experience relates to:

- negotiating with local authorities on heritage constraints
- settings assessments
- listed building and conservation area assessments
- surveying historic buildings
- archaeology surveys and preliminary investigations
- managing detailed archaeological investigations
- working with fieldwork teams to ensure project delivery on time and within budget.

Recent projects include residential, solar farms, anaerobic digestion plants, quarries and crematoriums.

## **EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Full Member	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists	2010
Short professional courses	Project Management and Heritage	2007
MA Degree - 2:1	University College Cork	2001
BA Degree - 2:1	University College Cork	2000

## **KEY POSITIONS:**

Manager and Senior Heritage Consultant	Archway Heritage	2016 - Present
Archaeology and Historic Buildings Consultant	Crestwood Environmental Ltd.	2015 - 2016
Heritage Consultant	Freelance Consultant	2013 - 2014
Archaeology Officer	Reading Borough Council	2006 - 2013
Field Archaeologist	Thames Valley Archaeological Service and short term contracts in Ireland	2001 - 2006

## KEY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/SKILLS:

### Cultural Heritage / Project Management

- **Cultural Heritage Desk-based Assessments:** Conducted numerous assessments for a variety of small and large projects in the energy, minerals and housing sectors. This work included assessments of settings and potential for buried archaeology, or focused on one or the other aspect as appropriate to the requirements of the project.
- **Archaeology Surveys and Investigations:** Managed fieldwork projects, co-ordinated works, assessed results and advised clients, supervising fieldwork and producing reports as evidence for the discharge of planning conditions.
- **Heritage Statements and Historic Building Surveys:** Surveyed structures to assess current conditions, surviving significance and the impact and effects of proposals for a variety of schemes, tailoring the report style and level of detail for each project.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment:** Experienced in delivering cultural heritage reports for planning. Once reports are delivered, resolving issues through discussions with clients and planning consultees.
- **Project Management:** Experienced in producing specifications, tendering, administration, site work and budget control to ensure projects are delivered as specified.

### Cultural Heritage Research and Training

- **Research:** Organised and managed online questionnaires and co-authored reports on the results. Provided recommendations to ClfA on how improvements could be delivered. Produced monitoring reports detailing outcomes for planning managers and in-house reviews of heritage advice. Reports included recommendations to improve the delivery of services.
- **Training:** Provided training and workshops on professional themes at ClfA conferences. Delivered Power Point presentations about heritage to residents, planning officers and clients. Taught courses tailored for adults and secondary school pupils about cultural heritage sites.
- **Community Projects:** Guided and facilitated management of community projects for both schools and local residents and participated in events. Projects included a week-long dig, oral history, historical research and outputs including a report, website, calendar and a Museum Loans Box. Provided regular radio 'questions and answer sessions' live on air. Produced outreach activities and displays.

### Cultural Heritage Planning and Policy

- **Heritage consultations for Planning:** As a consultee, compiled briefs, assessed specifications and monitored fieldwork, assessed a wide range of reports and advised on heritage issues, including heritage at risk and historic monument conservation. Provided practical solutions to deliver mitigation that was proportionate for individual development proposals. In addition, worked to ensure conflict resolution. As a member of the Planning Committee advised on planning guidance including the NPPF, HE guidance and guidance for major infrastructural projects.