

Joe Abrams

Key Experience

Director with over 20 years' experience in the commercial archaeological sector.

Obtained a Degree in Archaeology in 1995 and has worked in the commercial archaeological sector since 1998. Joe is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA) and was the responsible postholder for Archaeology Collective with the ClfA.

Joe has special expertise in change management. He has worked in large infrastructure projects being the point of contact between Heritage/Archaeological works and the Quantity Surveyor for the lead client. He has skills in change recognition and the management of change through agreed reporting procedures. Typically these would highlight areas where a variation in time/budget was legitimate and where it was not.

Between 2016-20 Joe built a consultancy team covering the UK from bases in London, Manchester, Leeds and Cardiff. He was Operations Director of HCUK Group (offering Planning, Heritage, Archaeology and Landscape advice). While mentoring and growing that team, Joe continued providing consultancy advice via Archaeology Collective. This involved giving expert archaeological advice, particularly on the appropriate methods of data-gathering needed to inform development proposals. The preparation of budgets and programme data for archaeological works needed as part of development projects.

He has worked extensively with all types of archaeological remains including scheduled monuments, burial grounds, highland/lowland zone, coastal and terrestrial sites.

Joe was Operations Director (HCUK Ltd 2019-20) covering 4 companies, operating across the UK. The companies specialised in Planning, Landscape Architecture, Heritage and Archaeology. Joe line managed the Directors in each team and was responsible for quality control and effective joint working.

Experience includes written representations, archaeological assessments and statements, advice on the agreement of scheduled monument consent/s, impact assessments and environmental statement chapters. Joe has written articles for archaeological journals, and he has authored monographs and magazines. He has managed the field investigation and assessment and publication stages of many projects. He has researched, written and edited several hundred commercial archaeological and heritage reports.

Qualifications

BA Archaeology (Institute of Archaeology, University College London)

Professional Affiliations

Professional Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA)

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London (FSA)

Member - International Advisory Panel, Foundation for Jewish Heritage

Member – Advisory Council, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

Specialisation

Management of Teams
Project Management and
Communication within teams
Budget Management

Position

Director

Year of Joining

2020

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Relevant Employment History

2020 - present	Abrams Archaeology Director
2019-2020	Operations Director (HCUK Ltd)
2016 - 2020	Archaeology Collective Director
2011 - 2016	Headland Archaeology Regional Manager South and East of England
2004 – 2011	Albion Archaeology Project Manager
2002 – 2004	Archaeological Services & Consultancy Project Officer
2000 – 2002	AFU (Cambridgeshire County Council) Supervisor (Archaeological Field Teams)
1998 – 2000	MOLA/Cambridge University/English Heritage/ Carlisle City Council / PCA/ Southampton City Council/ Various Archaeological Companies in UK - Field Archaeologist

Experience Record (Selected Projects)

A428 Road (Infrastructure) Archaeological Project Manager for evaluative and mitigation stages of this roadscheme west of Cambridge.

Staffordshire Alliance (rail) Archaeological Project Manager during this significant rail improvement scheme.

Vine Farm (Solar Farm) Archaeological Consultant advice given from the feasibility stage, through planning application and to project completion.

Thames Tideway Tunnel (Infrastructure) Deputy Director for MOLA Headland Infrastructure on the mitigation stage of works.

A14 (Infrastructure) Deputy Director for MOLA Headland Infrastructure on the evaluation stage of works. Long running project, main contribution was tender preparation, tender interviews and setting up the practicalities of successful joint working between MOLA-Headland.

Dyers Hall, City of London (Commercial Property) Consultancy advice required during re-development which revealed complex, deeply stratified remains of Roman buildings.

St Peters Church, Petersham (Burial ground) Consultancy advice during development works in churchyard, adjacent to existing church. This involved the sensitive removal and reburial of human remains within the terms of a Faculty.

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