DYFED ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN (INCLUDING HER DISASTER PLAN)



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This document has been prepared in order to ensure that Dyfed Archaeological Trust ('DAT') continues to operate in the event of a disaster. It is in four sections. The first section sets out keys points of what to do in the event of a disaster, the second is Risk Assessment, the third a Disaster Plan and the fourth a Business Continuity Plan.

KEY POINTS OF WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER

- Don't panic
- Alert the Emergency Services (999) follow normal evacuation procedures before doing anything else
- Alert the Disaster Managers:

DAT CEO (K Murphy 01558 825991 or 07597 299189)

Office Manager (J Holland 01267 780815 or 07398136989)

HER Officer (F Sage 07845 724419)

• Alert the Trust Chair:

Judith Wainwright 07774 782996

- Don't take risks nobody should enter any part of the building unless it is safe to do so and unless their presence is known to and approved by a member of the emergency services
- Protect yourself wear appropriate protective/high visibility clothing
- Don't attempt salvage by yourself. Be wary of doing something unwise, and perhaps irreparable.
- Confirm who will deal with the press/media enquiries
- Leave things where they are if they are not in any further danger
- Do not talk to the media direct media enquiries to the Disaster
 Managers or Trust Chair

RISK ASSESSMENT

Potential level of risk

High level of risk = total loss of offices and all equipment, materials and data within the building, and possible loss of life or serious injury. A risk of this severity would threaten the ability of DAT to operate in the short- and medium-term.

Medium/High level of risk = loss of part of the building and loss damage to equipment, materials and data. A risk of this severity would threaten the ability of DAT to operate in the short term and possibly medium term.

Medium level of risk = Loss and damage to some equipment, materials and data. Possible minor damage to building. A risk of this severity would threaten the ability of DAT to operate in the short term.

Low/medium level of risk = Some loss and damage to some equipment, materials and data. This should not affect DAT's ability to operate.

Low level of risk = Minor loss and damage to some equipment, materials and data. This would not affect DAT's ability to operate.

Risk Assessment Table

Risk	Nature of impact	Level of risk	Mitigation
Fire	Loss of personnel; loss of access to building; loss of computer equipment, loss of non-digital material; loss of specialist software; loss of artefacts	High	Smoke detectors, fire alarms and intruder alarms comply with standards. Fire extinguishers regularly tested. Staff are aware of emergency and evacuation procedures; all insurances are up-to-date. Implement Business Continuity Plan to enable continuity of service provision; Maintain register of software licences.
Flood	Loss of access to part of the building, loss of computer equipment, loss of non-digital material; loss of specialist software; possible loss of artefacts	Medium/High	Staff are aware of emergency and evacuation procedures; all insurances are up-to-date. Implement Business Continuity Plan to enable continuity of service provision; Maintain register of software licences
Severe weather damage	Loss of access to part of the building, loss of computer equipment, loss of non-digital material; loss of specialist software; possible loss of artefacts	Medium/High	Staff are aware of emergency and evacuation procedures; all insurances are up-to-date. Implement Business Continuity Plan to enable continuity of service provision; Maintain register of software licences; Implement Business Continuity Plan to enable continuity of service provision
Theft / Vandalism	Loss of some equipment and possibly digital and non-digital data.	Medium	Intruder alarms comply with standards; insurances are in place; digital back-up systems are in place; Implement Business Continuity Plan to enable continuity of service provision
Loss of digital data on main server due to Cyber Attack or similar	Temporary loss of digital data.	Medium	Back-up systems in place.

DISASTER PLAN

What to do in the event of a Disaster

Raise the Alarm

Alert the Emergency Services: Dial 999 and give details of the emergency

Alert the Disaster Managers:

Ken Murphy 01558 823705 or 07597 299189

Judith Holland 01267 780815 or 07398136989

Felicity Sage 07845 724419

Alert the Trust Chair:

Judith Wainwright 07774 782996

Don't take risks: nobody should enter any part of the site unless it is safe to do so and unless their presence is known to and approved by a member of the emergency services.

All staff and visitors being 'exposed to serious and imminent danger' should be evacuated from the building and assemble at a safe meeting point.

What Disaster Managers should do on arrival:

Liaise with the Emergency Services: seek and follow the advice of the Emergency Services before entering the building after a disaster.

Contact other members of DAT who may be able to help:

Jenna Smith 07712113883

Alice Pyper 01550 721088 mobile 07833 177942

Fran Murphy 01558 823705 07766 180376

Assess the scene and the damage

Assess the extent of the damaged material

Stabilise the environment and break out emergency supplies and equipment where needed (see checklist in Section 7)

Secure undamaged material under immediate threat

Establish salvage areas where materials can be safely removed to, sorted and temporarily stored

Confirm who will deal with media/press enquiries

Consider arrangements for overnight security of Trust offices

Organise salvage teams

Organise volunteers into different teams

Arrange protective/waterproof and high visibility clothing

Arrange heating and lighting equipment

Arrange rest breaks and refreshments for teams

Carry out salvage operations on basis of priorities in Section 4

Devise a communication strategy

Write a press release
Only disaster managers and Chair

Salvage Priorities and Location

High priority

Item	Room Location	
HER Detailed Record Files	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
HER Project Archives	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
HER Plans and Elevations	Map tanks: HER store room	
HER Photographic negatives and slides	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
Photographic prints without negatives	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
HER DVDs	HER Store Room	
Working project archives/data	Staff offices on first floor	
Artefacts from excavations	Finds store in boiler room and staff offices on first floor	
DAT minute books and supporting documents	Locked cupboard in staff office 1 on ground floor.	
Admin files and personnel files	On shelves and locked cupboards/filing cabinets in staff office 1 on ground floor.	
Trust server	Photocopier room	

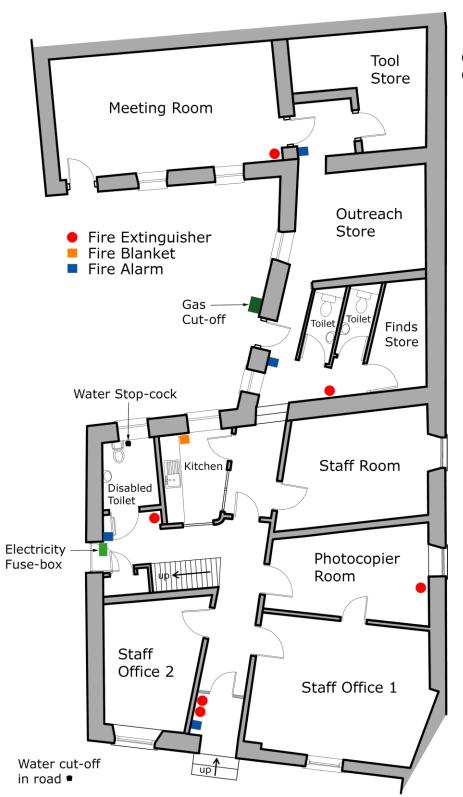
Medium priority

Item and Priority	Room Location	
DAT Reports	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
Development Control files	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
Tithe Maps	Plastic boxes: HER Store room	
Aerial Photographs (Meridians, RAF)	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
Computer equipment	All staff offices	
Survey equipment	Staff offices	

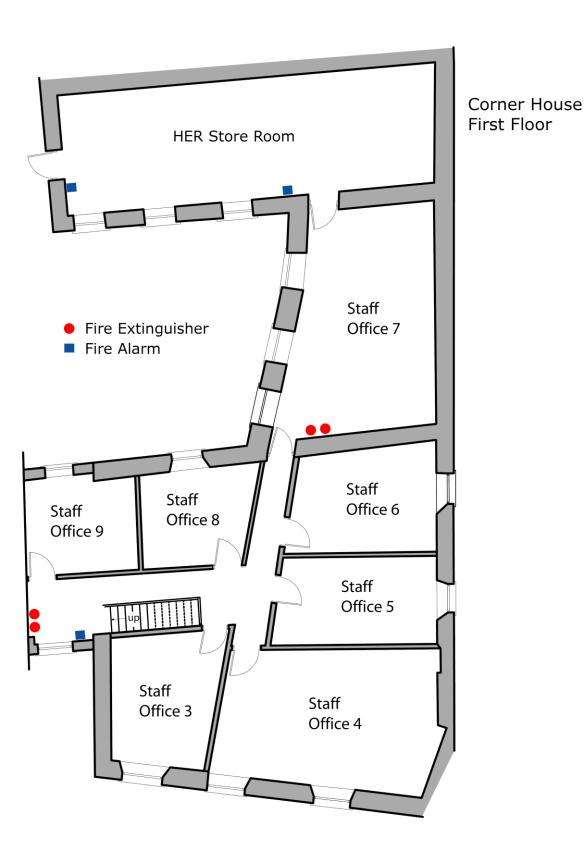
Low priority

Item and Priority	Room Location	
HER reference library and journals	Meeting room	
Off-prints and articles	Rolling shelves: HER Store room	
Exhibition material	Outreach store room ground floor	
Office equipment	All offices	
Excavation equipment	Tool store and cellar below outreach store	

Corner House floor plans



Corner House Ground Floor



Treatment of materials

Emergency Treatment

Items lying immersed in water

Remove to a dry place (except film negatives/microfilm, which should be kept immersed in clean water once wet).

Keep wet items damp

Do not assist any items to dry out, but allow water to drain off, until professional advice has been received. Do not artificially heat or blow-dry salvaged material. Do not attempt to close wet books or to unfold wet documents – leave them as found.

Do not clean or wipe anything

This may cause irreparable damage.

Longer-term treatment

Seek professional advice from conservators and archivists once materials are in a secure environment.

For more information on emergency treatment see:

https://collectionstrust.org.uk/spectrum/procedures/emergency-planning-for-collections-spectrum-5-0/

https://collectionstrust.org.uk/spectrum/procedures/damage-and-loss-spectrum-5-0/

Checklist of emergency equipment and materials

Emergency Equipment and Materials

There are currently no stockpiles of emergency equipment or materials.

The following are simply checklists of equipment and materials that it may be helpful to assemble at short notice in the case of an emergency.

Protective clothing and materials

Overalls/ waterproofs
Dust masks
Fire blankets
Safety goggles
Safety boots/ Wellington boots
Protective gloves
Fluorescent jackets/ vests
Helmets
Ear protectors

Equipment

Emergency lighting equipment
Torch (check batteries regularly)
LED headlights (check batteries regularly)
Extension leads

First aid kit

Tarpaulin/roll of plastic sheeting

Rope/ string

Personal injury forms and accident book

Stanley knife

Pipe sealing tape (water leaks)

Hammer

Pliers

Screwdrivers

Crowbar

Clipboards

Tie-on labels

Duct tape

Wet recovery materials

Mop

Bucket

Dustpan

Cloths/ sponges

Paper towels

Brushes, long and short handled

Blotting paper

Water spray

Carrying crates

Recording and Packing Materials

Tissue paper (acid free)

Bubble wrap

Plastic bin bags

Self-seal plastic bags

Sticky tape

Storage boxes

Notepad

Pencils

Marker pens

BUSINESS CONTINUNITY PLAN

This section of the Disaster Plan sets out the current minimum requirements needed for DAT to operate and the minimum requirements in the event of a disaster– see table below. Although currently office space is a minimum requirement, in an emergency home working or the use of another physical space would be a short-term stop gap.

Process	Number of staff	Current minimum requirements	Minimum requirements in an emergency
Maintenance and enhancement of HER services	2	Office, computers, access to internet, server, emails and physical HER	Access to internet, server and emails
Provision of development control advice	2	Office, computers, access to internet, server and emails	Access to internet, server and emails
Provision of Heritage Management advice	2	Office, computers, access to internet, server and emails	Access to internet, server and emails
Outreach activities	2	Office, computers, access to internet, server, emails and some physical resources	Access to internet, server and emails
Administration of DAT	3	Office, computers, access to internet, server, emails and some physical resources	Access to internet, server and emails and ideally some physical resources
Provision of field services		Office, computers, access to internet, server, emails and physical resources, including tools and equipment	Access to internet, server, emails, physical resources, including tools and equipment, and possibly office space/storage

Action Plan

Note: record all actions

First 24 hours

Arrange meeting of disaster managers and trustees Agree response requirements Agree initial impact of service delivery Agree initial emergency procedures Contact DAT's insurers and get an assessor on site asap Contact DAT's IT support Contact all DAT staff Devise communication strategy

Action over next 2 to 5 days

Inform DAT clients of the situation

Obtain permission from insurers to purchase/lease key equipment

Arrange with IT support to supply new server and upload data from back-ups, and to supply staff PCs with access to the internet and email.

Arrange with staff to work from home and set up computers in their homes with access to internet, emails and the server

Seek out temporary office space/storage for retrieved documents

Start to retrieve documents and equipment, if appropriate

Seek out more permanent office space

Long term

Obtain quotations etc to restore the office

KEY PERSONNEL AND KEY CONTACTS

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HER Officer (F Sage 07845 724419)

Other Key DAT staff

Jenna Smith 07712113883 Alice Pyper 01550 721088 mobile 07833 177942 Fran Murphy 01558 823705 07766 180376

DAT Chair

Judith Wainwright 07774 782996

DAT Insurers

Zurich
Drayton House, Drayton Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 2EW
Tel 01243 832011

DAT IT support

Flotek helpdesk@flotek.io

Specialist conservation advice

National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth 01970 632800

Council for Museums, Cardiff 02920 225432

National Museum Wales, Cardiff 02920 397951

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales 01970 621200

Cardiff University Head of Conservation, 02920 874249