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The Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME) is the trade association for professional archaeological practices in the UK. Our members comprise the majority of medium to large employing organisations and include all the major archaeological contractors carrying out development-led archaeological investigation and research.

Since our formation, FAME has worked closely with the CBA and we recognise the vital role it plays in providing a focus for public involvement and enjoyment of archaeology and a campaigning voice, able to mobilise support and opinion and able to speak directly to those who make decisions about safeguarding and protecting archaeology for the future. The CBA has a unique role within British society representing the interests of a public fascinated by our shared past and offering them a point of entry for discovery and learning.

FAME participate in the The Archaeology Forum with the CBA and others and we rely on the CBA to co-ordinate and bring to bear their expertise in liaison and consultation across organisations in the historic and natural environment sectors and crucially with central government. As archaeological employers, our members view as vital the work done by the CBA to publicise archaeology, including the results of members work, bringing new knowledge and discovery to the widest possible audience and enthusing a new generation who will become the archaeologists of tomorrow.

FAME would fully support measures designed to provide for the sustainability of the CBA with more efficient and effective business processes and a more reliable income to enable it to continue its work.

Yours sincerely

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