

Commercial Archaeological Geophysics Seminar Bradford | July 2026

After a 12-year break, CAGS returns.

Thursday – The State of the Science

Where does commercial geophysics stand today? Surveyors, consultants, commissioners, planners and regulators in the same room – sharing, debating, challenging.

Friday – The Road Ahead

The future of geophysics in commercial archaeology. Emerging technology, new approaches, and the conversations that will shape the next decade.

Themed Sessions | Roundtable Discussions | Equipment Exhibitors | Social

 Commercial Archaeological Geophysics Seminar

 Bradford Arts Centre

 Two-day ticket: £50

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DAY 1 – Thursday 9 July: The State of the Science

Where are we now?

Day one takes stock of commercial archaeological geophysics in 2026. Across four sessions, we will hear from surveyors, consultants, commissioners, regulators and planners on the reality of geophysical survey in the developer-led sector today – what works, what doesn't, and what the industry needs from itself.

Sessions will cover:

- Geophysics and the planning process – the view from the LPA, the consultant and the excavator
- Guidance, standards and archiving – where are we and where do we need to be?
- International perspectives – what can we learn from approaches across Europe?
- The relationship between survey, report and outcome – are we getting what we need from each other?

DAY 1 – Thursday 9 July: Evening Social

Seminar Social & BBQ Thursday 9 July · Magnitude Surveys, 3 Captain Street, Bradford BD1 4HA
Round off day one of CAGS 2026 with BBQ, Indian street food, and drinks from The Corn Dolly.
An informal evening of good food and good company – a short walk from the Seminar Venue.
Tickets £20 through Eventbrite.

DAY 2 – Friday 10 July: The Road Ahead

Where are we going?

Day two looks forward. The morning is given over to the speculative, the experimental and the aspirational – followed by a panel discussion reflecting on all the sessions and closing what promises to be a thought-provoking couple of days.

Sessions will cover:

- Emerging and complementary techniques – what is possible and what is practical?
- Technology, AI and data – opportunity or threat?
- Geophysics at landscape scale – new demands, new approaches
- Panel discussion reflecting on the event and the future of the sector, including the proposed ClfA Geophysics Network