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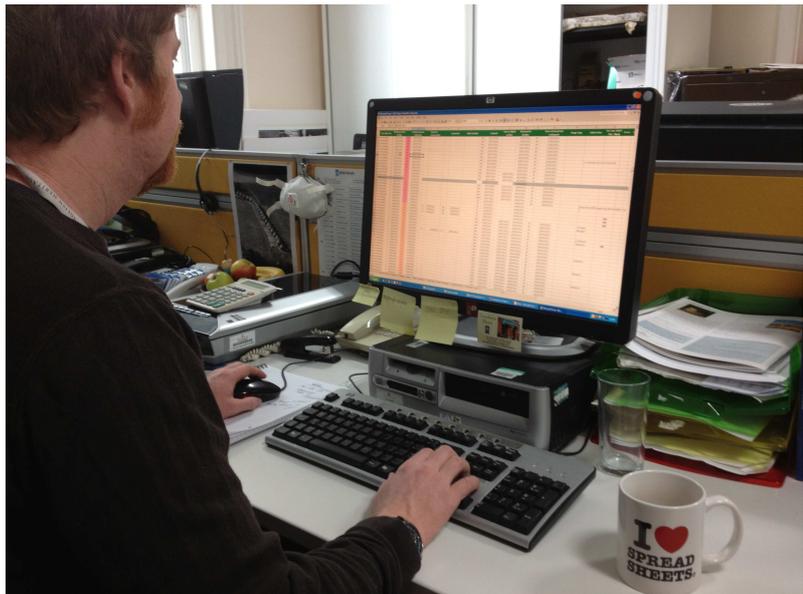


JOB PROFILE: Project Officer

Hi, I'm Hefin; I am the Britain from Above Project Officer. My job involves keeping track of the project spending, recording the statistics that track project progress, and generally providing administrative support across the project.

Career path

I always enjoyed visiting museums as a child. After volunteering at various local museums in my teens, doing everything from writing text for displays to washing ancient bits of pottery, I decided to study archaeology at university. Prior to taking up my current role at English Heritage I have worked in a variety of roles in the heritage industry, including working as a field archaeologist on sites across the UK and abroad, and working as a specialist in a Museum.



Cons of being a Project Officer

The heritage industry can be a very rewarding field to work in. The work is very interesting and everyone I work with takes pride in what they do. The down side is that there is little long term work available, and rates of pay are not particularly high. If you are looking to start a career in the heritage industry, you will need to be prepared to travel extensively, and most jobs will only have very short term contracts. The role I have here is for 2 years, and after over ten years of employment, this is the longest contract I have ever had.

Pros of being a Project Officer

Despite the shortcomings, I really like my job and take a great deal of satisfaction in the work that I do. I really enjoy working as part of a team, and enjoy being part of a project with a worthwhile goal. I deal with correspondence from members of the public on a regular basis, and I really like hearing about the pleasure that people get from using the website we have created.